MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Turlock, California
8 October 2019

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in regular session on the 8th day of October 2019. Present were: Directors Charles Fernandes (President), Rob Santos (Vice-President), Michael Frantz (Secretary), Joe Alamo and Ron Macedo, General Manager Casey Hashimoto and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Director Macedo, seconded by Director Santos, that the consent calendar consisting of the following be approved:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of October 1, 2019.
B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 387529 to 387710, inclusive, in the amount of $2,835,151.19.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was none.

WEEKLY UPDATES

Utility Analyst Olivia Cramer reported on current water conditions as well as a summary of the 2019 water year (water year figures are reset September 1 of each year so the District is currently under the 2020 water year). Accumulated precipitation measured at the three mountain stations in the Tuolumne River watershed from September 1, 2019 to present total 0.32 inches, or 33 percent of normal to date. San Francisco reservoirs contain 555,282 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 570,000 acre-feet of credit. Don Pedro contains 1,700,444 acre-feet. Average combined releases were 1,567 cubic feet per second with 760 cfs to TID canals, 437 cfs to Modesto Irrigation District and the remaining 369 cfs going to the river. Computed natural flow is averaging 149 cfs, and computed natural flow to date for the current water year is 21,521 af or 8.2 percent of average. Turlock Lake contains 30,072 acre-feet of water. The updated weekly watershed report shows Don Pedro decreased by a little over a foot when compared to the previous week. Ms. Cramer noted the first fall pulse flow will be conducted the next day then for several weeks thereafter. She also reviewed her recent 4-day trip on the first snow survey of the season. The survey trip began at
Leavitt Lake then hiking through a lot of mountainous terrain and ultimately ending below Sachse Spring. The group utilized several snow survey cabins, most built decades ago, and require each group to replenish supplies before departing. The snow survey group locate “snow pillows” and meteorological stations near each cabin which give them much needed data for the surveys. Ms. Cramer stated it was a great experience for her to be a part of the snow survey this year and learning how the data is collected. Board members asked questions regarding end of season surveys as opposed to surveys conducted at the beginning of the season and if there is any benefit to aerial surveys to which Ms. Cramer responded.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian reviewed an irrigation summary for September and for the period of September 30-October 6. For the month of September, actual releases through Turlock Lake totaled 51,045 acre-feet, or 1,045 af above projections. Water orders in September totaled 5,804 for the month. For the period of September 30 through October 6, there were 1,119 irrigation orders. Flows ranged between 725 and 630 cfs. Total water requests by day of the week show Monday as the highest day for orders. Mr. Kavarian stated he and staff are currently analyzing irrigation practices and how they impact the system and plans to present a report at a future board meeting which will show how the system changes dependent on irrigation types (flood, micro-drip, etc.) and other factors. Director Santos asked if he could also include tree/crop types in his evaluation and he responded stating he would include that data. Director Alamo requested staff look at year’s 2012-2015 (shown on the graph as higher than average releases through Turlock Lake) since there appears to be extra water in the system towards the end of the irrigation season which may contribute to the increase in water order cancellations while the water could be retained in the Don Pedro Reservoir for the following year. Mr. Kavarian agreed and also stated any water left in the system after it is shut down can be utilized by customers desiring late irrigations at no cost. Director Frantz stated eastside customers in his division are very appreciative of the late irrigations after the official season ends.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 55

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT WARRANTS FROM OCTOBER 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2019

WHEREAS, because the Board of Directors will not hold its regular meeting on October 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 24600 states “No claim shall be paid by the treasurer until allowed by the board, and only upon a warrant signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary”; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the District that the District pay vendors in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District as follows:
1. For the period of October 9 through October 15, 2019 only, the Board of Directors delegates to the President and Vice President of the District’s Board of Directors and either of them, the authority to approve claims under Water Code Section 24600 for payment.

2. At the Board of Directors’ regular meeting on October 22, 2019, the Treasurer or the Accounting Department Manager shall report to the Board all claims paid during that period pursuant to this resolution.

Moved by Director Alamo, seconded by Director Santos, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Santos, Frantz, Alamo, Macedo, Fernandes
Noes: Directors - None
Absent: Directors - None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

General Manager Casey Hashimoto had no new items to report.

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

There was none.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Macedo, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned to closed session:

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**
   California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
   Anticipated litigation: one potential case
   - Mike Kavarian, Water Distribution Department Manager
   - Michael Clipper, Risk & Investment Analyst
   - Tou Her, AGM Water Resources
   - Roger Masuda, General Counsel

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

**REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

The President announced no reportable action was taken in closed session.
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Santos, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors