



MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Meeting April 09, 2024

Location: 23260 Round Valley Drive, Lindsay, CA 93247

1:30 PM

1. Call to Order

President Tienken called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Attendance:

Directors Present:

President Tienken, Vice President Imoto, Director George, Director Warson (Arrived at 2:36), Director Loeffler.

Directors Absent:

None

Others Present:

General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Wallace, Operation and Maintenance Superintendent Cosenza, Controller Thomas, District Legal Counsel Aubrey Mauritson via Zoom, Trelawney Bullis representing AC Foods.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Additions or Amendments to Agenda.

None.

4. Review/Discuss/Take Action on Potential Action Items:

a. Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held March 12, 2024.

Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Imoto and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2024, were approved as amended.

b. Authorize Payment of Claims for February 2024.

The outstanding claims against the District, already approved by the finance committee were allowed and payment thereof authorized by the following Directors:

Ayes: Directors Tienken, Imoto, George, Loeffler.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Warson.

c. Review Income Statement and Balance Sheet.

The income statement and balance sheets for March were presented by

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Controller Thomas and accepted for filing.

- d. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Pipeline Replacement Project – 2018.**
 - i. **Project Status Update.** Manager Wallace updated the Board on the status of the Phase 2 project documents and final close out of the WM Lyles emergency work.
- e. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Tonyville Pipeline Replacement Project.**
 - i. **Project Status Update:** Manager Wallace informed the Board that Mr. Keller's office is reviewing and responding to comments received by DWR on the 90% complete drawings and that staff would discuss the needed right-of-way for the project with the affected landowners.
- f. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project – 2024.**
 - i. **Project Status Update:** Manager Wallace updated the Board on the status of the Biological and Cultural Studies and the survey progress.
- g. **Review and Consider First Amendment to Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows in Lower San Joaquin River with Friant Water Authority.**

Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Imoto and unanimously carried, the Repayment Agreement Amendment was approved.
- h. **Review 2024 Water Supply Outlook and Consider Allocation Adjustments.**

Manager Wallace presented the updated water supply information. Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director George and unanimously carried, the Board approved removing the prorate for the 2024-25 water year.

5. Water Report.

Manager Wallace presented the District water report and discussed the current allocation of water from the Bureau and availability of supply from the Kaweah. Information from the water report for the 2024-25 water year is shown below:

Water Type/Source	Amount in Acre-Feet
Wutchumna Water Pumped	0
Wutchumna Water Used	0
Rescheduled Water Used	336
Transfer In	0
Transfer Out - Recirc. & URF	0
Class I Used	0
Total Water Pumped at Trauger	336
Well Water Pumped	0
Total Water in System	336
Transfer Out	27
Total Water Available	29,411

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6. Power Projects

- a. **ESPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the Solar RFP for individual Districts is awaiting responses.
- b. **FPA:** Manager Wallace reported that all generators were running, and revenue should be better than budgeted due to the increased water availability.

7. Review/Discuss/Take Action on Friant Water Authority (FWA) Board Actions and/or Various FWA Committee Actions and Recommendations.

- a. **2023-24 Friant Operations.** – Manager Wallace gave an update on the construction project and reported on the current schedule. Staff also reported that the canal will need a short slow down to install permanent plugs in the old canal and that the Deer Creek Gates were being tested.
- b. **Update on CEO Activities.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that the SLDMWA updated JPA had been approved by FWA & SLDMWA and gave an update on the Drought Plan MOU and tasks remaining for that program to be successful.

8. Review/Discuss/Take Action on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Manager Wallace reported on the GKGSA subsidence update and updated the board on the Tule basin public meeting in Porterville along with updating the board on the upcoming SWRCB probation hearing for Tulare Lake.

9. General Manager Report.

- a. **Rancho de Kaweah Project update.** – Manager Wallace reported that initial layout continues and review with the entire consultant team will happen in April.
- b. **General update on February monthly activity.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that the District is looking to hire two more maintenance staff so the District can work to replace meters, install services and try to handle some of the small capital replacements that can be done by staff.

Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:34 p.m.

10. Closed Session:

- a. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1):**
 - i. NRDC v. Murillo, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-cv-01658-JAM-GGH.
 - ii. City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L

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- iii. Noe v. Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Tulare, Case No. 298214
- b. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2): Two potential cases (Possible exposure to litigation).
- c. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4): Two potential cases (Possible initiation of litigation).
- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Government Code § 54956.8:
District’s Designated Representative: General Manager
Under Negotiation: Terms of Agreement
 - i. Property: Kaweah River Supplies
 - 1. Negotiation With: Tulare Irrigation District

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to open session at 2:49 p.m. President Tienken reported the following actions during closed session: Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Imoto and unanimously carried, the board rejected the amended claim submitted by the Camacho’s.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tienken adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.



Craig N. Wallace, Board Secretary