



## MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Meeting May 14, 2024

Location: 23260 Round Valley Drive, Lindsay, CA 93247

1:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order

President Tienken called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

#### Attendance:

##### Directors Present:

President Tienken, Vice President Imoto, Director George, Director Warson, Director Loeffler.

##### Directors Absent:

None

##### Others Present:

General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Wallace, Operation and Maintenance Superintendent Cosenza, Controller Thomas, District Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper via Zoom and Aubrey Mauritson via Zoom, Landowner Blanca Curillo.

### 2. Public Comment.

Ms. Curillo asked about her pending meter installation request in Tonyville. Manager Wallace informed the landowner that the District has been waiting for the replacement pipeline work to begin and the meter could be installed as part of that project.

### 3. Additions or Amendments to Agenda.

None.

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

#### a. Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held April 09, 2024.

Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director Imoto and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 09, 2024, were approved.

#### b. Authorize Payment of Claims for April 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, Warson, Loeffler.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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- c. **Review Income Statement and Balance Sheet.**  
The income statement and balance sheets for April were presented by 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.
- 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 finalizing the response to comments received by DWR on the 90% complete drawings and continuing to work on 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 project.
  - ii. **Review and Consider Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for The High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project and Set the Public Hearing Date for July 09, 2024:** This item was Tabled until a future meeting.
- g. **Review and Consider Extension of the Exchange Agreement with Tulare Irrigation District.**  
Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Warson and unanimously carried, the Exchange Agreement Extension was approved.
- h. **Consider Resolution 2024-05. Board of Directors Election Order.**  
Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George and unanimously carried, Resolution 2024-05 was approved.
- i. **Review and Consider Addendum No. 3 to The Existing Professional Services Agreement with Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, Inc.**  
After discussion, the Board tabled this item and asked for more information.
- j. **Review 2024 Water Supply Outlook and Consider Allocation Adjustments.**  
Manager Wallace presented the updated water supply information.

### 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:

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<b>Water Type/Source</b>	<b>Amount in Acre-Feet</b>
Wutchumna Water Pumped	0
Wutchumna Water Used	0
Rescheduled Water Used	1,132
Transfer In	0
Transfer Out - Recirc. & URF	0
Class I Used	120
Total Water Pumped at Trauger	<b>1,252</b>
Well Water Pumped	0
Total Water in System	<b>1,252</b>
Transfer Out	2,570
Total Water Available	<b>27,327</b>

**6. Power Projects**

- a. **ESPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the next meeting was May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. **FPA:** Manager Wallace reported that all generators continued to operate, and revenue should be better than budgeted due to the continued 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 that the contractor is beginning the final stages of placing the permanent plugs in the old canal so the new canal can operate fully.
- b. **Update on CEO Activities.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that the CEO was preparing for the annual meeting and continued work on the long-term water supply items previously discussed.

**8. Review/Discuss/Take Action on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**  
Manager Wallace reported on the status of the Kaweah Sub-basin activity related to the SWRCB pending probation process.

**9. General Manager Report.**

- a. **Rancho de Kaweah Project update.** – Manager Wallace reported that the District was awarded a \$400,000 grant to help with the Environmental Design of the Project and the consultant team continues to review the project description and initial layout.
- b. **General update on April monthly activity.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that the District did not receive funding for the Wutchumna Pump Station Upgrade, was asked to supply a support letter for Rainmaker which is a drone cloud seeding company looking to get a grant for work in

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the foothills east of the District and provided an update on the ACWA Conference.

**Adjourn to Closed Session:** The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:39 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
  - 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): One potential case (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 2:56 p.m. President Tienken reported that no action was taken during closed session.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tienken adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.



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Craig N. Wallace, Board Secretary