



MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Meeting June 11, 2024

Location: 23260 Round Valley Drive, Lindsay, CA 93247

1:30 PM

1. Call to Order

President Tienken called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 Mauritsen via Zoom, District Engineering Consultant Nick Keller, District Consultant Anona Dutton and Amir Mani representing EKI.

2. Public Comment.

Manager Wallace informed the Board of the election nomination timeline and of a flyer regarding an upcoming State of the Subbasin meeting.

3. Additions or Amendments to Agenda.

None.

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

a. Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held May 14, 2024.

Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 14, 2024, were approved.

b. Authorize Payment of Claims for May 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 May 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 that the plans are finally out to bid on the Phase 2 project.
- e. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Tonyville Pipeline Replacement Project.**
 - i. **Project Status Update:** Mr. Keller informed the Board that the response to comments received by DWR on the 90% drawings are complete and work on the needed right-of-way for the project is being transmitted to the District to continue working with the affected landowners.
- f. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project – 2024.**
 - i. **Project Status Update:** Mr. Keller 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:** Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Imoto and unanimously carried, the Board Authorized 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.
- g. **Review and Consider Continued Support for the Cultivate California Program.**
The Board reviewed a report from the Cultivate California Program and upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Warson and unanimously carried, the Board approved continued support of Cultivate California Program.
- h. **Review and Consider Addendum No. 3 to The Existing Professional Services Agreement with Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, Inc.**
Manager Wallace presented updated information to the Board and upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George and unanimously carried, the Board approved Addendum No. 3 to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, Inc., pending final manager review.

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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 | 1,287 |
| Wutchumna Water Used | 839 |
| Rescheduled Water Used | 1,132 |
| Transfer In | 1,753 |
| Transfer Out - Recirc. & URF | 0 |
| Class I Used | 120 |
| Total Water Pumped at Trauger | 3,844 |
| Well Water Pumped | 0 |
| Total Water in System | 3,844 |
| Transfer Out | 2,665 |
| Total Water Available | 27,680 |

6. Power Projects

- a. **ESPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the meeting was on May 15th and solar proposals were reviewed along with general updates on the various energy activities. Currently rates for power are near budgeted amounts.
- b. **FPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the meeting had been rescheduled for June 14th to review the budget for the upcoming year. All generators continued to operate as needed, 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 Uncontrolled Season would be ending within the next week. It was also reported that the draft budget process was on-going and currently a significant increase is being projected at about \$13,188,000.
- b. **Update on CEO Activities.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that the CEO had a recent trip to Washington DC for a signing ceremony and was preparing for the annual off-site meeting in November 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, pending comment letter and advised the Board that Director George was unavailable for the upcoming special June 13th meeting of all three GSAs and that Director Tienken might not be available

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either. Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Manager Wallace as an Alternate Director to the EKGSA Board in the event that President Tienken was not available.

9. General Manager Report.

- a. **Rancho de Kaweah Project update.** – Manager Wallace reported that the District was reviewing new task orders from the consultant and was still awaiting a final report on the pilot testing with a fatal flaw analysis. Staff also reported on a couple of meetings with various parties interested in the project.
- b. **General update on May monthly activity.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board on a recent fire at the Wutchumna Pumping Plant that was apparently caused due to failing wiring by SCE on a transformer that was replaced last year. Two of the large Pumps currently can't operate due to damage caused by the outage. Currently the District can only pump about 20cfs. Staff also reported that the Camacho Booster tanks had been replaced and appear to be operating normally.

Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:32 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).**

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to open session at 3:16 p.m. President Tienken reported that no action was taken during closed session.

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11. Adjournment

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

Craig N. Wallace, Board Secretary