



## MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Meeting July 09, 2024

Location: 23260 Round Valley Drive, Lindsay, CA 93247

1:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order

Vice President Imoto called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### Attendance:

#### Directors Present:

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

#### Directors Absent:

President Tienken

#### Others Present:

General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Wallace, Controller Thomas, District Engineering Consultant Nick Keller.

### 2. Public Comment.

Manager Wallace informed the Board that former Director Rob Williams has passed away and when the funeral services were scheduled and reminded the Board of the deadlines for the upcoming election nomination period.

### 3. Additions or Amendments to Agenda.

None.

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

#### a. Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held June 11, 2024.

Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Warson and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 11, 2024, were approved.

#### b. Approve Minutes of Special meeting held June 27, 2024.

Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George and unanimously carried, the minutes of the special meeting held on June 27, 2024, were approved.

#### c. Authorize Payment of Claims for July 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 Imoto, George, Warson, Loeffler.

**Nays:** None.

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**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Director Tienken.

d. **Review Income Statement and Balance Sheet.**

The income statement and balance sheets for June were presented by Controller Thomas and accepted for filing.

e. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Pipeline Replacement Project – 2018.**

- i. **Project Status Update.** Manager Wallace updated the Board that the phase 2 project bids will be opened on August 02<sup>nd</sup>.

f. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Tonyville Pipeline Replacement Project.**

- i. **Project Status Update:** Mr. Keller informed the Board that the 100% plans are complete and waiting for DWR approval. The District continues to work on acquiring the needed right-of-way for the project.

g. **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. **Public Hearing for Consideration of the Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for The High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project. 2:00 p.m.** The hearing was opened at 2:06 p.m. Staff informed the board that no comments had been received to date and the official close of the comment period was July 11<sup>th</sup>. There being no comments received during the meeting, Vice President Imoto closed the hearing at 2:07 p.m.

- iii. **Review and Consider Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for The High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project and Authorize the filing of the Notice of Determination.** Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the Board Authorized the Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for The High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project pending the closing of the public comment period.

h. **Review and Consider Memorandum of Understanding With FWA for The South of Delta Drought Pilot Program.**

Staff updated the Board that the revised document was just received for review. Vice President Imoto Tabled this item for a future meeting.

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**5. Water Report.**

Manager Wallace presented the District water report and discussed the current potential reduction in allocation of water from the Bureau due to the overrun of uncontrolled season and availability of supply from the Kaweah. Information from the water report for the 2024-25 water year is shown below:

<b>Water Type/Source</b>	<b>Amount in Acre-Feet</b>
Wutchumna Water Pumped	2,366
Wutchumna Water Used	2,366
Rescheduled Water Used	1,132
Transfer In	2,000
Transfer Out - Recirc. & URF	0
Class I Used	2,313
Total Water Pumped at Trauger	<b>7,811</b>
Well Water Pumped	0
Total Water in System	<b>7,811</b>
Transfer Out	3,515
Total Water Available	<b>23,418</b>

**6. Power Projects**

- a. **ESPA:** Manager Wallace reported on a meeting with White Pine Solar to review the revised proposals.
- b. **FPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the District received \$382,331.85 from the Authority in June and revenue will continue to be good for another couple of months.

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

- a. **2024-25 Friant Operations.** – Manager Wallace reported that the construction project phase 1 will not be officially complete until the pump stations have been constructed, but the canal work is substantially complete. Staff are installing water quality devices in the canal to monitor pumping in the canal.
- b. **2025 FY Budget Review.** – Manager Wallace reported on the Friant Budget and that the increase is over 6% above the previous year even coming off a dewatering year. The District share of the budget would be over \$400,000.
- c. **Update on CEO Activities.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that the CEO continues to work on VS’s, Drought Pool Pilot, SLDMWA and continuing to prepare for the annual off-site meeting in November.

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

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Manager Wallace reported that the District comment letter was submitted to SWRCB, and that the GSA submitted a comment letter as well and that there was no review from any of the members prior to that letter being sent. Staff reported on the status of the GSP review and the model review from EKI. Director George reported on the SWRCB tour he attended with the staff and board members.

### 9. General Manager Report.

- a. **Rancho de Kaweah Project update.** – Manager Wallace reported that P&P was instructed to finalize the pilot report & fatal flaw analysis of the project prior to moving forward with the next steps.
- b. **General update on June monthly activity.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board on the above average demands and the operational issues experienced in the El Mirador Pressure Zone. It was also reported that interviews will be scheduled to fill open Maintenance and Pump Operator positions.

### 10. Closed Session: The Board did not enter 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).**

### 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