

April 13, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Terra Bella Irrigation District met this day in regular session, the meeting was teleconference from the District Office located at 24790 Avenue 95, Terra Bella, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Wheaton called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

ATTENDANCE participating in this meeting remotely and in person:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Wheaton, Doyel, Galloway, Martinez

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Fowler

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, General Manager
Albert Smith, District Operations Superintendent
Ann Nelms, District Secretary-Treasurer
Nick Keller, Consulting Engineer
Steve Jackson
Larry Wilkson
Ron Paternoster
Freddie Espinoza
Charles Richie

AGENDA – CONSIDER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the posted agenda.

CONTINUING SUSPENSION of Public Meeting Location Resolution No. 2022-04-01 – Consider approval of resolution continuing suspension of public meeting locations pursuant to AB 361.

Upon motion by Director Doyel, seconded by Director Galloway, the following Resolution was passed and adopted:

**TERRA BELLA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2022-04-01 RE CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC
TELECONFERENCING LOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, as modified by Assembly Bill 361, *Government Code* § 54953(e)(1) permits local agencies to dispense with the requirements for teleconference locations contained in *Government Code* § 54953(b)(3) under the conditions specified herein;

WHEREAS, the Board has reconsidered the state of emergency issued by the State of California in connection with COVID-19, and has found that the declared state of emergency remains in effect;

WHEREAS, local and state officials continue to recommend and, in some cases, require, social distancing measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board shall, consistent with *Government Code* 54953(e)(1), continue to operate without physical, public meeting or teleconference locations.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Terra Bella Irrigation District Board of Directors on this 13th day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Wheaton, Doyel, Galloway, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Fowler

/s/ Edwin L Wheaton
Edwin L. Wheaton, President

ATTEST:

/s/ Ann Nelms
Ann Nelms, Secretary
Certificate of Secretary

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Terra Bella Irrigation District, a special district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors thereof at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held on the 13th day of April, 2022,

at which meeting a quorum of the said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remains in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Certificate on this 13th day of April, 2022, Terra Bella, California.

/s/ Ann Nelms
Ann Nelms, Secretary

PUBLIC INPUT

President Wheaton asked for public input. Guests present had no questions at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING – Members of the public may provide comments to the Board on the proposed 2022 Budget and Water Rates.

President Wheaton adjourned the regular meeting, and called the Public Hearing to order at 9:12 am.

President Wheaton asked for public input on the 2022 Budget and Water Rates. Manager Geivet and Mr. Keller informed the board of USBR letter received April 1, 2022 notifying changes to the Bureau of Reclamation 2022 CVP Water Rates for irrigation water, it states that the irrigation water rate is expected to increase to \$122.00 per acre foot, an increase of \$93.89 to each Irrigation water zone on the TBID proposed rates sheet included in the Board packet. Discussion followed on aligning the USBR water charges to corresponding water year.

President Wheaton adjourned the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:28 a.m.

2022 BUDGET AND WATER RATES – Consider adopting the 2022 Budget and Water Rates.

The Board reviewed the draft budget and water rates for the 2022 adjusted by the Bureau increase to irrigation water and set a new Public Hearing for June 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office, after which the budget and water rates will be adopted:

	Untreated Domestic & Irrigation	Untreated M&I
Zone 9	\$ 295.31	\$209.42
Zone 1	\$322.82	\$236.93
Zone 6 & 7	\$339.96	\$254.07
Zone 4 & 8	\$386.35	\$300.46
	<u>> 5 Acres</u>	<u>< 5 Acres</u>
WQIP Rates	\$507.82	\$421.93

Upon motioned by Director Doyel, seconded by Director Galloway to set another Public Hearing for June 8, 2022 for the 2022 Water Rates and the 2022 Budget as proposed with the Bureau rate increase beginning with the water year March 1, 2022.

AYES: Wheaton, Galloway, Doyel, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Fowler
ABSTAINS: None

(A copy of the 2022 Budget as proposed is on file in the office of the District.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/U, Galloway, Martinez to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 regular meeting as mailed.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS Review and discuss outstanding bills.

M/S/U Doyel, Martinez to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Treasurer Nelms reviewed with the Board the financial status of the District, including TBID Investment Policy Review in Compliance with SB 564 and SB 866. Included in the review; monthly statements from California Bank & Trust, Local Agency Investment Fund, Friant Power Authority revenues and

expenditure summary worksheet. Delinquent water account report was reviewed and discussed. Included in the board packet was 2021 Crop Report.

TBID balance sheet as of February 28, 2022 as well as Income Statements for the same period, including year-to-date statements were reviewed.

Albert Smith, Operations Superintendent, presented his monthly operating activities report for March 2022. Mr. Smith stated no accidents or injuries to report.

Equipment maintenance and repair included installing new air release valve on pump #2 at station #9, repacking pumps number 1 and 3 at station #8, greased all pumps and motors at station #7, #8, and #9, repacked pump numbers 1 and 3 at station #7, Car #2 had the radiator air dam replaced. Operations maintenance and repair report included weeding and cleaned up at stations #7, #8, and #9. Replaced all c12 tubing at the treatment plant, started up station 6, there was a power outage at station #9 on March 29, 2022. Employees attended in person 2-day training of February for confined space entry, traffic control and flagger safety and Trenching and excavation at Saucelito Irrigation District.

WTP average flow through the plant is around 300 gpm. Pulled first quarter THM samples, removed trees from the backwash ponds.

The total precipitation is 7.74 inches YTD. USA locates: 28. Back flow's Tested: 25

Roger Everett entered the Boardroom at 10:11 am.

Mr. Keller presented the monthly water report. The Bureau allocation for Frait Contractors Class I water is still at 15% or 4,350-acre feet for TBID, TBID's carry over is 2,877-acre feet and 9,180 LTRID Class I for a total 16,407. Discussion followed on the water year allocation and the possibility of increase or decrease. Manager Geivet TBID will call a special meeting if the Bureau allocation changes and if other water sources are needed, at this time TBID will not need wells or allocations.

Larry Wilkinson and Charles Richie departed the Boardroom 10:15a.m.

Frait Water Authority are working on the capacity correction project and water supply.

Frait Power Authority has nothing new they will be replacing the transformer when the canal de-waters.

Status of Authorities; ESPA, DCTRA, ACWA & AECA: DCTRA is on the agenda

Eastern Tule GSA: continuing to work through program process and updating.

BILL SHANNON WHEELING APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT Review and consider approval of 2022-23 wheeling application and agreement.

The Board reviewed the wheeling and transfer agreement for 60-acre feet for 2022-23 water year for Bill Shannon

M/S/C, Galloway, Doyel, to approve 2022-23 wheeling agreement with Bill Shannon and authorize manager to sign the agreement.

ALFREDO GONZALEZ WHEELING APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT Review and consider approval of 2022-23 wheeling application and agreement.

The Board reviewed the wheeling and transfer agreement for 50-acre feet for 2022-23 water year for Alfredo Gonzalez

M/S/C, Galloway, Doyel, to approve 2022-23 wheeling agreement with Alfredo Gonzalez and authorize manager to sign the agreement.

DCTRA - Review and consider authorizing the Agreement Amongst Members of the Deer Creek Tule River Authority for the Distribution of Certain Authority Property to the Members.

The Board reviewed and authorized the DCTRA's Distribution Agreement to authority members as written.

M/S/C, Galloway, Doyel, to authorized the DCTRA's Distribution Agreement to authority members as written.

DCTRA - Review and consider approving Addendum to Resources Exchange Agreement Between Terra Bella, Lower Tule River, and Saucelito Irrigation Districts.

The Board reviewed the DCTRA's Resources Exchange Agreement and authorized approval with legal recommendation.

M/S/C, Doyel, Galloway to authorized the DCTRA's Resources Exchange Agreement and authorized approval with legal recommendation.

DCTRA - Review and consider authorizing Agreement to Terminate Land Use Agreement Between Deer Creek Tule River Authority and Terra Bella Irrigation District.

The Board reviewed and discussed the DCTRA's Termination Agreement and authorized approval with legal recommendation.

M/S/C, Doyel, Galloway to authorized the DCTRA's Termination Agreement and authorized approval with legal recommendation.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (20 Number of Potential Cases: Three

No closed session was required.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L.*

No closed session was required.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. by President Wheaton.

Ann Nelms, Secretary