

January 08, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Wheaton called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

ATTENDANCE participating in this meeting remotely and in person:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Wheaton, Galloway, Parsons, Doyel and Martinez

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean Geivet, General Manager
Albert Smith, Operations Superintendent
Ann Nelms, District Secretary-Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritson, Legal Counsel
Doug Jackson
Lisa Hansen McEwen

AGENDA – CONSIDER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the posted agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

President Wheaton asked for public input. There was no public input.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/U, Doyel, Parsons to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, regular meeting as mailed.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS Review and discuss outstanding bills.

M/S/U Parsons, Doyel 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, California Asset Management Program and Local Agency Investment Fund, Friant power Authority revenues and expenditure summary worksheet. Delinquent water account report was reviewed.

TBID balance sheet as of November 30, 2024, as well as Income Statements for the same period, including a year-to-date statement, was reviewed.

The Board of Directors reviewed the Operation Activity Report for December 2024 included in the Board package. Reported no accidents or injuries for the month.

Equipment maintenance and repair included Pump motors at station #9 oil changed. Greased all pumps and motors at stations #7, #8 and #9.

Operations maintenance and repair report included weeding and clean up at Stations #1, #4, and #6.

No main line leaks this month.

WTP average flow through the plant is around 400 gpm.

The total precipitation is 2.52 inches YTD. USA locates: 8. Back flow's Tested: 13

Manager Geivet presented the monthly reports and current water delivery schedule to the Board. Manager Geivet report that the initial allocation will be announced by Reclamation on or about February 20th, it will be based on the current conditions.

Fraint Water Authority: Continue to receive Jason's email. **Friant Power Authority:** Nothing new to report **Status of Authorities; ESPA & AECA:** Nothing new to report. **Eastern Tule GSA:** Nothing to report

DISCUSSION OF ELECTION OF DISTRICT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Discussion followed on becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The Board advised Legal Counsel to start the process to notify the public with public notices on becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Doug Jackson and Lisa Hansen McEwen departed from the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), (4)] Number of Potential Cases: two

Adjourned into closed session at 9:38 a.m.

The Board of Directors met while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss the above-entitled action. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

The Board adjourned from closed session at 10:17 a.m. President Wheaton reconvened the regular meeting at 10:17 a.m. the President reported the board unanimously approved the initiation of litigation. The details will be disclosed once initiated.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) *Friant Water Authority v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU306343*

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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.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 (Relating to items not appearing on the agenda)

None to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. by President Wheaton.

Ann Nelms, Secretary