

March 11, 2026

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 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE participating in this meeting remotely and in person:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean Geivet, General Manager
Albert Smith, Operations Superintendent
Ann Nelms, District Secretary-Treasurer
Nick Keller, Consulting Engineer
Aubrey Mauritson, Legal Counsel
Doug Jackson
Micheal G.

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 February 11, 2026, regular meeting as mailed.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS Review and discuss outstanding bills.

M/S/U Doyel, Parsons 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 January 31, 2026, as well as Income Statements for the same period, including a year-to-date statement, was reviewed.

Albert Smith, Operations Superintendent, presented his monthly operating activities report for February 2026 Mr. Smith stated no accidents or injuries to report.

Equipment maintenance and repair greased pumps and motors at Stations #1, #4 and #6. Car #11 was serviced. Serviced both backhoes. Pull pump motor #1 at station #9 for repair.

Operations maintenance and repair report included weeding and cleaning up at Stations #7, #8, and #9.

No main line leaks.

WTP average flow through the plant is around 250 gpm. Repacked treated water pumps, 1, 2, 3 and #4. Pull first quarter THM's.

The total precipitation is 10.02 inches YTD. USA locates: 61, Back flow's Tested: 13

Manager Geivet presented the monthly reports to the Board. Mr. Keller reviewed the current water delivery schedule with the Board noting the usage for February.

Friant Power Authority: General Manager Geivet reported nothing new for FPA.

Status of Authorities; ESPA & AECA: ESPA working on solar plant projects. **AECA** getting emailed newsletters. **Eastern Tule GSA:** In the process of closing. **Friant Water Authority:** CEO Johnny Amaral is sending out his newsletter.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY: Status Report, Consider Approval of the continuing groundwater management resolution.

M/S/U, Parsons, Doyel to approve Resolution of the Board of Directors for continuing groundwater management resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONTINUING GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Terra Bella Irrigation District (“District”) has served as a member agency of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a joint powers authority (“ETGSA”), since approximately 2017, and currently remains a member of ETGSA;

WHEREAS, prior to the Tule Subbasin Probationary Hearing on September 17, 2024, eight GSAs were deemed exclusive by the Department of Water Resources within the Tule Subbasin;

WHEREAS, the Final Staff Report for the Tule Subbasin Probationary Hearing reviewed six GSPs submitted by the Tule Subbasin in 2022 for purposes of evaluating probationary status;

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2024, ETGSA adopted a 2024 Amended GSP, along with the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement;

WHEREAS, the District adopted the ETGSA 2024 Amended GSP and the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement at the August 28, 2024 ETGSA special meeting;

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2024, Alpaugh Irrigation District GSA adopted a 2024 Amended GSP, along with the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement;

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2024, Pixley Irrigation District GSA adopted a 2024 Amended GSP, along with the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement;

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, Lower Tule River Irrigation District GSA adopted a 2024 Amended GSP, along with the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement;

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare GSA jurisdictional area was and is covered by the Tri-County Water Authority GSA and GSP(s);

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the Kern-Tulare Water District GSA - Tulare adopted a 2024 Amended GSP, along with the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement;

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2024, the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District GSA adopted a 2024 Amended GSP but did not adopt the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement, instead relying on the prior—and now outdated—2022 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement previously adopted by all GSAs within the Subbasin;

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, Tri-County Water Authority GSA circulated a draft 2024 Amended GSP and the draft 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement and set a public hearing on August 26, 2024 to adopt the drafts. Because Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District GSA refused to adopt the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement, Tri-County Water Authority GSA canceled its public hearing scheduled for August 26, 2024. Tri-County Water Authority GSA continues to work collaboratively with the balance of the Tule Subbasin and had previously agreed upon presenting to its board the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement;

WHEREAS, all GSAs within the Tule Subbasin either adopted, or recommended to their respective board, to approve the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement, except Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District;

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2025, the District elected to serve as a groundwater sustainability agency for the area within its jurisdictional boundaries;

WHEREAS, the District is in the process of adopting a new GSP that builds off of and supplements ETGSA’s 2024 Amended GSP to suit the change in jurisdictional boundaries occasioned by the District’s election to serve as its own GSA, and anticipates submission of that draft amended GSP by the end of March, 2026 for public review and comment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,

Until the GSP is adopted by the District, the District will continue to follow and implement the ETGSA 2024 Amended GSP and the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement as it pertains to its jurisdictional boundaries, including all specifically-identified quantitative thresholds, procedures, and methods prescribed in both of those documents.

ADOPTED this 11 day of March, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Wheaton, Doyel, Galloway, Parsons, and Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Attest:

/s/ Ann Nelms,
Ann Nelms, Secretary
President

/s/ Edwin L. Wheaton
Lorren Wheaton,

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Terra Bella Irrigation District, an irrigation 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 of said District at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held at the office of the Terra Bella Irrigation District on the 11 day of March, 2026, at

which meeting a quorum of 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 hereunto set my hand and the Seal of Terra Bella Irrigation District this 11 day of March, 2026.

/s/ Ann Nelms
Ann Nelms, Secretary

INVESTMENT POLICY – Review and consider affirming the TBID Guidelines for Local Agency Investments.

Mr. Geivet explained the Board is required to annually adopt “Guidelines for Local Agency Investments”. The current policy was reviewed.

M/S/U, Galloway, Doyel to adopt the “Guidelines for Local Agency Investments” as follows:

TERRA BELLA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENTS

ADOPTED MARCH 11, 2026

I. PURPOSE AND GOALS

This statement is intended to outline the policies for maximizing the efficiency of the District's Cash Management System, for prudent investment of the District's funds, and to provide guidelines for suitable investments.

The ultimate goal is to enhance the economic status of the District while protecting its funds.

The District's Cash Management System is designed to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues, thus enabling the District to invest funds to the fullest extent possible. The District shall attempt to obtain the highest yield, provided that all investments meet the criteria established for safety and liquidity.

The investment policies and practices of the District are based upon Federal, State and Local law and prudent money management. The primary goals of these policies are:

1. To assure compliance with all Federal, State and Local laws governing the investment of monies under the control of the District's Treasurer or chief financial officer.
2. To protect the principal monies entrusted to this office.
3. To generate the maximum amount of investment income within the parameters of this Statement of Investment Policy and the guidelines for suitable investments.

II. SCOPE

All monies entrusted to the District will be pooled in an actively managed portfolio in accordance with Government Code 53601. The Investment Pool or "Portfolio" will be referred to as the "Fund" throughout the remainder of this document.

III. OBJECTIVES

A. Safety of Principal

Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the District. Each investment transaction shall seek to preserve the principal of the portfolio, whether from institutional default, broker-dealer default or erosion of market value of securities. The District shall seek to preserve principal by mitigating the two types of risk: credit risk and market risk.

Investments shall be undertaken in a manner which first seeks to ensure the preservation of principal in the Fund. The Treasurer or chief financial officer shall evaluate or cause to have evaluated each potential investment, seeking both quality in issuer and in underlying security or collateral and shall diversify the portfolio to reduce exposure to loss.

1. Credit Risk

Credit risk, defined as the risk of loss due to failure of an issuer of a security, shall be mitigated by investing in only very safe institutions and by diversifying the Fund so that the failure of any one issuer would not unduly harm the District's cash flow.

2. Market Risk

The risk of market value fluctuations due to overall changes in the general level of interest rates shall be mitigated by limiting the weighted average maturity of the District's Fund to five years or less. It is explicitly recognized herein, however, that in a diversified portfolio, occasional measured losses are inevitable, and must be considered within the context of the overall investment return.

B. Liquidity

Liquidity is the second most important objective. Investments shall be made whose maturity date is compatible with cash flow requirements and which can be easily and rapidly converted into cash without substantial loss of value.

C. Return on Investment

Investments shall be undertaken to produce an acceptable rate of return after first considering safety of principal and liquidity.

IV. PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS

Government Code 53601, as amended in 1995 by SB 866, Chapter 784 of the 1995 Statutes, prohibits a local agency from investing in any of the following:

"Inverse floaters, range notes, or interest only strips." Note: These are not defined in the Code.

Securities that could result in zero interest accrual if held to maturity. However, this limitation does not apply to shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 80a-1).

V. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** (Government Code Sec. 53646 as amended by SB 564, Chp. 783 of 1995 statutes)

If the District has placed all of its investments in the Local Agency Investment Fund or California Asset Management Program (CAMP), created by Section 16429.1 through 16429.3 and Section 53601 of Title 5, Division 2, Chapter 4 of the Government Code, or in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-insured accounts in a bank or savings and loan association, or any combination of these, the Treasurer or chief fiscal officer will comply with Government Code Section 53646 by supplying to the governing body, chief executive officer and the auditor of the District the most recent statement or statements received by the District. For any other combination of investments, the requirements below apply.

- The report must be given quarterly, within 30 days after quarter end. However, the governing body of the District may elect to require the report specified in Sec. 53646 to be made on a monthly basis instead of quarterly.
- Contents of the report must include type, issuer, maturity date, par and dollar amount invested in all securities, market value weighted average, investments and monies held by the District. This includes any funds, investments or programs, including loans, that are under the management of contracted parties. The report must also state compliance of the Fund with the statement of investment policy, or the manner in which the Fund is not in compliance.
- Include a statement denoting the ability of the District to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months or an explanation as to why sufficient money will not or may not be available. A subsidiary ledger of investments may be used in accordance with accepted accounting practices.
- The Treasurer or chief financial officer shall report whatever additional information or data may be required by the governing body of the District.

Agricultural Energy Consumers Association – Consider authorizing payment of the annual dues in the amount of \$1,000 to AECA.

M/S/C, Galloway, Parsons to approve membership in the Agricultural Energy Consumers Association and to authorize payment of the annual dues in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Doug Jackson, and Micheal G., departed from the meeting 10:07 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)) **1. Porterville Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU314672. 2. Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 317284 3. Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Haaland et al., United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:25-CV-00112-EPG. 4. Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU327112.**

Adjourned into closed session at 10:07 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

President Wheaton reconvened the regular meeting at 10:36 a.m. and stated there was no reportable action taken during closed session the above-entitled action.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1); 1 item) **5. NRDC v. Rogers, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-CV-1658-JAM-GGH.**

Adjourned into closed session at 10:07 a.m.

A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1); 1 item)

NRDC v. Rogers, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-CV-1658-JAM-GGH.

Report out: The Board unanimously approved the Stipulation as presented in closed session and authorized the execution of the same provided no material or substantive changes are made thereto.

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

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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

Adjourned into closed session at 10:07 a.m.

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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 10:36 a.m. by President Wheaton.

Ann Nelms, Secretary