



## MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Meeting February 11, 2025.

Location: 23260 Round Valley Drive, Lindsay, CA 93247

1:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order

President Imoto called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

#### Attendance:

##### Directors Present:

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

##### Directors Absent:

None.

##### Others Present:

General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Wallace, District Operations and Maintenance Superintendent Cosenza, District Controller Guthrie, District Legal Counsel Fox, Tracy Jones representing Booth Ranches.

### 2. Public Comment.

Controller Guthrie reminded the Board and Staff to update any information on their Form 700's and staff would ready them for signature. Manager Wallace introduced Tracy Jones of Booth Ranches to the Board.

### 3. Additions or Amendments to Agenda.

None.

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

#### a. Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held January 14, 2025.

Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director George, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 14, 2025, were approved as amended.

#### b. Authorize Payment of Claims for January 2025.

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, Williams, 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 January were presented by Controller Guthrie 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 Contractor is continuing work on the Phase 2 project.
- e. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Tonyville Pipeline Replacement Project.**
  - i. **Project Status Update:** Manager Wallace updated the Board that the generator and pipeline replacement projects were both underway with the generator being delivered to the District office and submittals being reviewed for the pipeline project.
  - ii. **Review and Consider Payment Request #1 for the Reliability Project:**  
Manager Wallace presented payment request #1 for the Reliability Project. Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Warson, and unanimously carried, the progress payment was approved.
- f. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project – 2024.**
  - i. **Project Status Update:** Manager Wallace updated the Board that the survey has not been completed.
- g. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Upper Lewis Creek Recharge Project.**
  - i. **Project Status Update:** Manager Wallace updated the Board that the design is pending.
- h. **Review and Consider Resolution No. 2025-01 Authorizing Execution of Contract for Sale of Unreleased Restoration Flows with the Bureau of Reclamation – Agreement No. 24-WC-20-6222.**  
Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 2025-01, authorizing execution of URF Agreement No. 24-WC-20-6222.
- i. **Review and Consider Resolution No. 2025-02 Authorizing Execution of Contract for 2025 Contract Year Temporary 215 Water Service with the Bureau of Reclamation.**  
Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Warson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 2025-02, authorizing execution of a Temporary 215 Water Service Contract.

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j. **Review and Consider Substitution of Trustee and Full Reconveyance of APN 210-150-024 to Dolores Avila Living Trust.**

Manager Wallace presented a request from Chicago Title and researched information from District records. Director Warson provided additional information. Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler, and unanimously carried with Director Warson abstaining, the Board Adopted the request from the Dolores Avila Living Trust pending final legal and management review.

k. **Review and Consider Continued Membership in the Agricultural Consumers Energy Association (AECA).**

Manager Wallace presented an email and proposed invoice for AECA to the Board. After discussion, the Board tabled the item to a future meeting and asked for more information from the AECA prior to continued support.

l. **Review 2025 Water Supply Outlook and Consider Initial Allocation for Contract Year 2025.**

Manager Wallace presented the current water supply outlook and presented allocation options for the Board consideration. After discussion the Board tabled the item until the February 26<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting once more information is received from Reclamation.

m. **Review and Consider Initial 2025 Water Rates.**

Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Warson, and unanimously carried, the Board set the water rates starting March 1<sup>st</sup> at the same maximum approved level as previous years.

n. **Review and Consider Draft Water Rate Study, Budget and Set Majority Protest Public Hearing Date.**

Manager Wallace informed the Board that the notices for the Water Rate Majority Protest had been timely mailed as required. After discussion, the Board approved a Special Board and Landowner meeting be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Lindsay Wellness Center to present information and answer questions on the proposed water rate increase.

### 5. **Water Report.**

Manager Wallace presented the District water report and discussed the current water report from the Bureau and availability of supply from the Kaweah. Information from the water report for the 2024-25 water year is shown below:

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<b>Water Type/Source</b>	<b>Amount in Acre-Feet</b>
Wutchumna Water Pumped	4,228
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Rescheduled Water Used	1,132
Transfer In	2,318
Transfer Out - Recirc. & URF	475
Class I Used	17,597
Total Water Pumped at Trauger	<b>25,275</b>
Well Water Pumped	0
Total Water in System	<b>25,275</b>
Transfer Out	10,027
Total Water Available	<b>1,622</b>

**6. Power Projects**

- a. **ESPA:** Manager Wallace reported that staff is waiting for the Authority before moving forward on the potential solar project.
- b. **FPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the District received a revenue check for \$29,565.95, and that work is continuing on the QL generator for repairs.

**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 FWA staff continued work on a temporary liner above the new canal and discussed the current pilot drought pool. Staff also reported that there is currently no chance of a call on Friant supplies from the Exchange Contractors, and that CVP pumps were currently at maximum capacity.
- b. **Update on CEO Activities.** – Manager Wallace reported that the Tea Pot Dome Agreement regarding the canal subsidence had been approved and reviewed the status of the executive orders from Trump. Staff are still waiting for staff changes in Reclamation.

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

Manager Wallace updated the Board on the status of the Kaweah sub basin and reported that he would be attending the Kern sub basin hearing. Staff also discussed whether the District would make water credits available to EKGSA if they were to request it.

**9. General Manager Report.**

- a. **Rancho de Kaweah Project update.** – Manager Wallace reported that the consultants have been directed to have some documents prepared for the April meeting.

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- b. **General update on January monthly activity.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that he is reviewing a reserve policy to bring up at a future meeting.

**Adjourn to Closed Session:** The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:58 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.
  - iv. Friant Water Authority et al. v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Tulare, Case No. 298214.
  - v. Porterville Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU314672.
  - vi. Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al. Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 317284.
  - vii. Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Haaland et al., United States District court for the Eastern District of California, Case N. 1:25-CV-00112-EPG.
- 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):** One potential case (Possible initiation of litigation).
- d. **Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Government Code § 54956.8: District’s Designated Negotiator: General Manager Under Negotiation: Terms of Agreement of Purchase, Lease or Easement.**
  - i. *Property: APNs: 210-050-004 & 210-050-003.*
    - 1. *Negotiation With: T&J Peltzer Living Trust and Tamara A Peltzer Living Trust.*
- e. **Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Government Code § 54956.8: District’s Designated Negotiator: General Manager Under Negotiation: Terms of Agreement.**

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- i. Property: Kaweah River Supplies.*
  - 1. Negotiation With: Tulare Irrigation District.*

**Return to Open Session:** The Board returned to open session at 3:15 p.m. President Imoto reported that no action was taken during closed session.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Imoto adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.



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Craig N. Wallace, Board Secretary