



## MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Meeting November 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 1:34 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 Controller Guthrie, District Engineer Keller (via Zoom), District Consultant N. Keller, District Legal Counsel Cooper (via Zoom), District Legal Counsel Mauritson (via Zoom).

### 2. Public Comment.

None.

### 3. Additions or Amendments to Agenda.

None.

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

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

Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director Loeffler, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 14, 2025, were approved.

#### b. Authorize Payment of Claims for October 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.**  
Controller Guthrie reviewed the income statement and balance sheets for October. The Board accepted the statements as presented.
- 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 has completed all tie-ins, and the final paving and clean-up is being completed. It was also reported that USDA is still off work with the Government shutdown.
  - ii. **Review and Consider Progress Payment #7 for the Phase 2 Project.** Manager Wallace reported that the progress payment was still not ready, and President Imoto tabled the item for a future meeting.
  - iii. **Review and Consider Authorization to File a Notice of Completion.** Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director Loeffler, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorization to file a notice of completion pending final Manager, Legal, Engineer and USDA approval.
- e. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Tonyville Pipeline Replacement Project.**
  - i. **Project Status Update:** Manager Wallace updated the Board that the notice of completion was filed on the Generator Project and that the contractor continues to work on the pipeline project. The mainline installation is complete, and the temporary tie-in and testing of the new line will commence.
  - ii. **Review and Consider Progress Payment #5 for Travioli Construction:** Manager Wallace reviewed the final progress payment #5. Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler, and unanimously carried, the Board approved progress payment #5 in the amount of \$19,218.50.
  - iii. **Review and Consider Change Order #1 for Travioli Construction:** Manager Wallace reviewed change order #1. Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Warson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved change order #1, which includes a no cost extension of the contract by 179 days.
  - iv. **Review and Consider Progress Payment #8 for DG Construction:** Mr. Keller reviewed progress payment #8. Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George, and unanimously carried, the Board approved progress payment #8 in the amount of \$69,728.74.

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v. **Review and Consider Change Order #4 for DG Construction:**

Mr. Keller reviewed change order #4. After discussion, and upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Williams, and unanimously carried, the Board approved change order #4 in the amount of \$10,170.75 to account for a leaking County Storm Drain Line that impacted our work.

f. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's High-Level Zone Pipeline Replacement Project – 2024.**

i. **Project Status Update:** Mr. Keller updated the Board that the project is still in the design phase.

g. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Upper Lewis Creek Recharge Project.**

i. **Project Status Update:** Mr. Keller updated the Board that the project is still in the design phase and would expect a bid next spring.

h. **Review and Consider Documents of the District's Rancho de Kaweah Project.**

Manager Wallace informed the Board that the consultant continues to work on finalizing some documentation on the recharge as well as continuing to wait for the Bureau staff to return to work.

i. **Review and Consider Membership in the Tulare County Farm Bureau.**

Controller Guthrie presented a request to join the Tulare County Farm Bureau as a Business Member. After discussion, and upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director George, and unanimously carried, the Board approved joining the Tulare County Farm Bureau.

j. **Review and Consider Draft Livestock Water Service Contract.**

Manager Wallace presented the recommended contract language for the Livestock Water Service Contract. There was discussion and direction on suggested small edits. Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Livestock Water Service Contract pending final Legal edits and Manger review.

k. **Review and Provide Direction on Draft Update of the Rules and Regulations of the District.**

Manager Wallace presented the current draft of the Rules and Regulation and asked the Board to review and submit any comments prior to the Ad-hoc Committee making their final changes for a future meeting.

**Review and Consider Alleged Violations of District Rules and Regulations.**

Manager Wallace reviewed a request from Mrs. Bedolla to allow additional time to pay the fines. The Manager also reviewed the alleged violation of Mr. James Orr, which includes the lack of communication and apparent abandonment of the Property. Finally, staff reported on a new violation of

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Mr. Villarreal that had just been discovered and informed the Board that alleged violation would be reviewed at the next meeting. After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- i. **Request from Mrs. Bedolla to extend the time to pay their fines:**  
Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Warson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request to extend the required time to pay the fines to 4-months at an interest rate equal to the current CAMP rates in the District's investment account.
- ii. **Meter X17333-3 in Strathmore Treated Water Area Violation by Mr. Orr:** Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Williams, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a fine of \$10,000 for illegally tapping the District Distribution System and directed the meter be removed and service shut-off at the main until the fine is paid.

### 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. Staff also reported on the recent rain events verbally gave the update from Wutchumna that was not included in the Manager Report. Information from the water report for the 2025-26 water year is shown below:

<b>Water Type/Source</b>	<b>Amount in Acre-Feet</b>
Wutchumna Water Pumped	5,361
Wutchumna Water Used	5,361
Rescheduled Water Used	1,502
Transfer In	700
Transfer Out - Recirc. & URF	1,510
Class I Used	15,631
Total Water Pumped at Trauger	<b>23,194</b>
Well Water Pumped	0
Total Water in System	<b>23,194</b>
Transfer Out	7,826
Total Water Available	<b>4,043</b>

### 6. Power Projects

- a. **ESPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the meeting was scheduled for Wednesday and that he will only attend a small portion of the meeting as it conflicts with the Wutchumna meeting.
- b. **FPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the QL generator is being shipped back to California and will be reinstalled once received later this month, while a long-term solution is found for the generator.

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

- a. **2025-26 Friant Operations.** – Manager Wallace updated the Board that all operations continue to run normally on the canal and reported that the Water Quality Program cost the District slightly over \$1.00/af once the costs were trued up for the 2025 fiscal year. Staff also reported that FWA staff will utilize the grant money to fix some of the constraint at the Belmont area of the canal this winter. It was also reported that the BOR had awarded the Sack Dam Construction Project and work is beginning.
- b. **Update on CEO Activities.** – Manager Wallace reported that Mr. Phillips continues to work on preparing for the Director’s meeting scheduled the following week.

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

Manager Wallace reported that the Audit was approved and the budget hearing is set for December 5<sup>th</sup>. As reported earlier, SWRCB is scheduled to vote on returning the EKGSA to DWR at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### **9. General Manager Report.**

- a. **General update on September monthly activity.** – Manager Wallace reported on a pilot project the District is looking to do with Wildeye that would allow for remote metering on irrigation meters and would report back in the future. Staff also reported on the Division Boundary Update and that an end-of-year dinner and meeting was planned on December 19<sup>th</sup> for the employees and directors.

**Adjourn to Closed Session:** The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:01 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. Friant Water Authority et al. v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Tulare, Case No. 298214.
  - iv. Porterville Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU314672.

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- v. Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al. Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 317284.
- vi. 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 & Legal Counsel Under Negotiation: Terms of Agreement.
  - i. *Property: Water Wheeling Agreement.*
    - 1. *Negotiation With: Strathmore Public Utility District.*
- e. Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Government Code § 54956.8: District's Designated Negotiator: General Manager Under Negotiation: Terms of Agreement.
  - i. *Property: Kaweah River Supplies.*
    - 1. *Negotiation With: Tulare Irrigation District.*

**Return to Open Session:** The Board returned to open session at 2:55 p.m. President Imoto reported there was no reportable action during closed session.

### 11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Imoto adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.



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Craig N. Wallace, Board Secretary