Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Orange Cove Irrigation District Financing Corporation held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors: David A. Brown, Chairman

Arlen Miller, Vice-Chairman

Kevin Orlopp Andrew Brown Brian Hixson

Officers:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Chief Executive Officer

Keith Clem, Assistant Manager

Roger Paine, Treasurer

Others:

None

#### 1. Call to Order

The regular (annual) OCID Financing Corporation Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chairman David A. Brown at 11:34A.M.

## 2. Approval of the Minutes

The Board considered for approval draft minutes from the OCID Financing Corporation meeting held on January 12, 2022. Vice Chairman Miller motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

### 3. Public Comment

No Public comment.

### 4. Report on Status of Projects

Manager Morrissey reported no active projects.

### 5. Appointment of Officers

Director Miller motioned to appoint Chairman David Brown as Chairman of the Finance Corporation and Controller Paine as its Treasurer. Director Orlopp motioned that Director Miller serve as Vice Chairman of the Finance Corporation. Director Hixson seconded both motions and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motions and second. Manager Morrissey will remain as Chief Executive Officer

# 6. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

# 7. Adjourn

With no further business, at 11:38 the annual OCID Financing Corporation meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2024 at the District Office at 11:30 A.M.

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary

OCIO FINANCE CORP Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday January 11, 2023. Director called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown

Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, Assistant GM

Roger Paine, Controller, Treasurer

Public:

None

#### 1. Call to order

Director David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M., with all Directors in attendance.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approval of draft December 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes were considered by the Board. Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval.

# 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures from December 3, 2022 through December 30, 2022 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$79,708.15. Director Miller motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second.

#### 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. The list of Delinquent Standby assessed landowners continues to be reduced through the effort of Controller Paine which was very pleasing to the Board. There is a single deficit water users with a very small overage. 76 af was delivered in the District in December and a 5% allocation increase to Class 1 a few days ago was granted by Michael Jackson, leaving a residual Contract Year quantity of approximately 5,500 acre feet available for use through February 2023 and for use in Contract Year 2023.....potentially (as Carryover).

Regarding Carryover, it was noted that residual supplies are not at risk until after March 1, 2023 and at the end of the first Uncontrolled Season (if there is one after March 1). At this time, it seems inevitable at least some of the Carryover will be lost, unless the Uncontrolled Season lasts through June of 2023 which is possible. Right now, the snowpack in the Upper SJR watershed has reached and exceeded the April 1 average with half of the precipitation year remaining and flood releases into the SJR are occurring at a rate of 7,000 cfs.

Only the Fishwater Release powerplant is running and generated a total revenue of approximately \$23,700 for the month of December.

The District's reserve balance was discussed as was the amount of a possible rebate once the Contract Year is over (end of February). The District is confronted with the possibility of some very large charges (\$15,000,000), due to repairs needed on the Delta Mendota Canal resulting from subsidence caused by groundwater overdraft within the San Luis Unit. Given the uncertainty of the magnitude of those costs, the Directors consider it prudent to retain significant reserves for that possibility, but still are considering a water user rebate.

Chairman Brown asked staff to put together a list of District capital projects that may be undertaken in the next 5 years so that those costs would be considered along with the aforementioned, in evaluating the level of rebates to water users this March.

Chairman Brown also asked for an update on the status of Mill Creek for the next Board meeting. *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

#### 7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey discussed various issues, noting the Mid Pacific Water Users Conference in Reno in two weeks as a great opportunity for all Directors to engage in in-depth conversations with other districts, Friant staff and Reclamation. At this time, Director Miller plans to attend. Manager Morrissey noted that the next FWA BOD meeting is scheduled for Monday January 30, 2023.

Several Directors are interested in a tour of the Middle Reach Capacity Correction construction project soon. Manager Morrissey noted that he would coordinate with Friant staff, such an event. *No action was taken*.

## 8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for February 8, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the February Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday January 31, 2023. Director called the meeting to order at 12:17 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, Assistant GM

Roger Paine, Controller, Treasurer

Public:

None

#### 1. Call to order

Director David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:17 P.M., with all Directors in attendance.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approval of draft January 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes were considered by the Board. Director A Brown motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for the January 2023 minutes.

# 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures from December 31, 2022 through January 27, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$267,193.63. Director Orlopp motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second.

# 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. The list of Delinquent Standby assessed landowners based on the December 2022 billing was provided and discussed. January collections were short of the total billed amount by approximately 1.4%. Longer term delinquencies amount to approximately 0.6% of the annual Standby billing. Those hold over delinquencies continue to be reduced through the effort of Controller Paine. There is a single deficit water users with a very small overage. January total deliveries are not available at this time, however the usage was negligible due to the abundant precipitation. A small amount of frost water was delivered.

Regarding Carryover, it was noted that residual supplies are not at risk until after March 1, 2023 and at the end of the first Uncontrolled Season (if there is one after March 1). At this time, rescheduled supply will be at risk after March 1. Utility of rescheduled supply will depend on the skill of Reclamation maintaining Uncontrolled Season for as long as possible. Year to date rainfall measured by the district at end of January was 13.06" as compared to the average year to date at 6.12". The snowpack in the Upper SJR watershed has reached and exceeded the April 1 average with close to half of the precipitation year remaining

Only the Fishwater Release powerplant is running and generated a total revenue of approximately \$23,000 projected for the month of January 2023.

The District's reserve balance was discussed as was the amount of a possible rebate once the Contract Year is over (end of February). Several options for the amount of rebate and the method for calculating its distribution were discussed. Staff will provide more precise recommendations/options at the March 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Staff estimated capital project needs over the next 5 years will be on the order of \$1,000,000.

Manager Morrissey updated the Board on the status of Mill Creek water rights and opportunities relating to this supply being put toward Voluntary Agreement flows. Follow up on this is to be provided at the March Regular meeting.

FPA revenue distribution for January 2023 are not yet available.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey discussed various issues associated with the major issues confronting the Friant Division at this time. It was noted that Kirsten White has been chosen to replace Deputy Regional Director Collejo beginning in approximately 2 months. Eastern Tule GSA transitional pumping payments, or lack thereof, was discussed as were the details associated with a potential Temporary 215 Contract point of diversion at Mendota Pool for this year when flood releases exceed all other priority obligations for Friant supply. No action was taken.

# Water Users Conference Brief

Director Miller and Manager Morrissey attended the Conference in Reno. The Board was briefed on some of the discussions and presentations. No action was taken.

Resolution 2022-07 - Temporary 215 Contract.

The Resolution for the 215 Contract for the 2023/24 Contract year was considered by the Board. The following roll call vote was taken after a motion and second to adopt the Resolution by Directors Orlopp and A. Brown:

Director Orlopp - Aye

Director A. Brown - Aye

Director Hixson – Aye

Director Miller - Aye

Director Brown - Aye

As a result of the noted vote, Resolution 2022-07 was unanimously approved and the executed 215 Contract will be returned to Reclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for march 8, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the February Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday March 8, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown

Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Andrew Hart, Booth Ranches

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M., with all Directors in attendance.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approval of draft February 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes were considered by the Board upon review. Director A. Brown motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for the February 2023 minutes.

#### 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from January 27, 2023 through February 24, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$456,201.17 including a capital expenditure of \$3,063.48 for KRS. Director Orlopp motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying the expenses.

## 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. The list of Delinquent Standby assessed landowners as of February 28, 2023 was reviewed. Controller Paine noted there was a buyer for the Gunner property, which is the longest standing delinquency on the District's books. The Standby delinquency total for the current year is just over \$15,000 and represents 0.62% of the total Standby billing.

January total in-District water deliveries was 36 af and for February was 280 af. Cumulative in-District deliveries for the year came to 23,856 af, representing 61% of the District's Contract Supply. In addition to in District deliveries, 8,000 af of late season allocated Class 1 supply was banked with Lower Tule River ID for return in a dry year.

The snowpack in the Upper SJR watershed may surpass the historical record going back to 1896. The 2023 Water Year is going to be a memorable one.

Much will be said of the degree of whiplash California has experienced, hydrologically and this variance will be, by many, attributed to climate change.

Only the Fishwater Release powerplant is running and generated a total revenue of approximately \$16,398 for the month of February 2023, a 30% reduction from last month as Millerton Lake's stored water is evacuated to make room for high runoff from the spring melt....there will be flooding.....and Uncontrolled Season will persist well into July this year.

KRSH was brought up by the Board as they do not see the utility of keeping this facility operational. Staff will determine options and cost of options and report back in the next couple of months. AGM Klem will start discussions with Friant Operations staff to see if the plant may provide operational flexibility for FWA, in which case the plant, sans the electrical equipment,

may be left in place as a check structure bypass feature. Other options will be complete removal of the facility. The requirements of the latter will be dictated by Reclamation, as the District is a licensee of Reclamation, and the facility is entirely on the FKC right of way.

FPA Hydro 1 Unit remains off-line as the new transformer is installed.

Hydro 2 revenue for the month of February was \$53,420.81, approximately \$10,000 above January's revenue.

Legal expenses for the full 2022 Fiscal Year came in just shy of \$49,000.....primarily for action against the United States relating to the JDA group's breach of contract claim against Reclamation for 2014 operations.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. Most of the discussion was on strategy for efforts to repair a section of pipeline immediately downstream of Turnout 3. At this location, a 36-inch RCP is leaking whenever the FKC's water level is very high elevation. Various options, including complete replacement, installation of bands, and even the use of sawdust was discussed. At this time, staff will monitor the degree of leakage, which even when the FKC elevation is high, is negligible in terms of quantity and nuisance.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

#### 7. Liability and Auto Insurance Coverage

Controller Paine covered the options for insurance coverage at this time. At the present time, the 6 month coverage under Cal Mutual's JPRIMA is ending. The Water Plus Program offered by Allied World Specialty Insurance Company was not able to quote on the renewal because they were still in process of obtaining approval from Department of Insurance for their insurers. It was staff's recommendation that a one year policy be effectuated with JPRIMA. Director Brown motioned to extend the JPRIMA policy for another year. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### 8. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey discussed a few FWA issues with the Board.

FWA Board will soon take up deliberation of options associated with covering the shortage of funds available to pay timely bills due for the FKCMRCCP. The shortage is somewhere around \$9 million and its timing is sometime toward the end of FY 2023 (end of September 2023). The District Board was unanimous that no additional funds, under a loan or some other allocation, would be offered by OCID to alleviate the funding shortfall. The Board considers the "Family Plan's" \$50 million contribution as a final. Barring lack of other options, the District Board's perspective is that beneficiaries have the ultimate obligation if they wish the project to continue.

Also discussed was the notion of incorporating off-stream storage options into the Phase 2+ capacity correction. FWA has indicated the cost of such study would be covered under existing budgeted funds, allocated based on OM&R in the amount of approximately \$150,000. The Board did not raise any objection to this course.

Failure for the ETGSA to pay as expected for transitional pumping was discussed in general. There is a high degree of frustration among the Board. This will undoubtedly be the subject of much FWA discussion and given the rejection of ETGSA's GSP by the state, the future is very uncertain.

No action was taken.

# 9. JPIA Director Appointment

Director Miller nominated Director's Hixson to serve as the JPIA Director and Director Orlopp as Alternate Director. Director A. Brown seconded the motion. Director's Orlopp and Hixson, did not object to the nomination and the Board voted unanimously in favor of Director Hixson assuming the role of Director representative of the JPIA Board and Director Orlopp serving as alternate Director of same.

### 10. Reserve Disposition.

Controller Paine reviewed the status of funds that could be rebated to District landowners, based on funds considered held in excess of reasonably foreseeable expenditures in the next few years. Also considered in the discussion were the need to set aside funds for capital projects in the next 5 years. AGM Clem noted the following funds should be set aside for capital expenditure (total of \$1,000,000):

- 10.2. Office Roof / HVAC \$150,000
- 10.3. System 6 Regulating Reservoir \$250,000
- 10.4. Vehicles \$200,000
- 10.5. SCADA / PLC Upgrades \$200,000

#### 11. Water User Rebate

After review of options by Manager Morrissey and considering the foregoing discussion, Director Miller motioned and Director Hixson seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of rebating \$1.25 million to landowners of record during the 2022/23 Fiscal year based on their pro rata share of water use during the period. In addition to this \$1.25 million rebate, the Board had previously taken action to rebate funds generated from URF supply dedication to those in need within the District, at approximately half the market value of the water at that time. With this URF rebate and the surplus reserve rebate, landowners will receive just over \$3 million in rebates (based on water use) available as a check or as a credit to their account.

AGM Klem will perform the necessary calculations and send out a certificate to water users to solicit their preference (cash or credit).

12. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for April 12, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

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Minutes of the February Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday April 12, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:55 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Jared Plumlee, Booth Ranches Andrew Hart, Booth Ranches Matt Caviglia, Landowner

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 11:55 A.M., with all Directors in attendance.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approval of draft March 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board upon review. Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Hixson seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for the March 2023 minutes.

## 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from February 25, 2023 through April 7, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$554,002.92. After going through the bills, Chairman Brown asked that review of line items be discussed at the request, or in response to Director(s)' request for explanation verses automatically. *Director Hixson motioned, and Director Miller seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period.*The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying the expenses.

# 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through separate reports on; delinquent Standby and water user payors, miscellaneous receivables, water deliveries to date for the current Contract Year, power plant operations and revenue, reserve investment status, LAIF balance, Friant Power Authority distributions and legal expenses.

March 2023 total in-District water deliveries was 18 af for fertigation.

Kings River Siphon Hydro and the Fishwater Release Hydro powerplants ran and generated a total revenue of approximately \$8,922 and \$22,630, respectively for the month of March.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board providing a wish list of capital expenditure items. The Board requested the list be put into a prioritized rank list for the next meeting for further discussion.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

#### 7. Water Management

Manager Morrissey discussed options with the Directors concerning efforts by staff or knobs to turn (figuratively speaking) that could be taken to maximize the use of surface water in the District under the robust water supply conditions afforded by this year's hydrology. The input received from the Board will be put into communication to District landowners with an active email address known to the District. The Board did not suggest any price reduction, rather the

importance of stressing, in a communication, that the condition of the groundwater warrants maximizing delivery of surface water resources, when the District has a great water supply....particularly under the looming threat of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency. *No action was taken by the Board.* 

# 8. Draft Investment Policy Statement

Manager Morrissey provided a draft Investment Policy Statement update for the coming year. By action of Director A. Brown and a second by Director Miller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Investment Policy Statement update without modification to the draft included in the Board Packet.

9. Resolution 2023-01 – Inclusion of CAMP as an optional vehicle for Investments provided for in the approved Investment Policy Statement.

Manager Morrissey provided the Board with CAMP's (California Asset Management Program) detailed description and investment summary. Following a motion by Director Miller and a second by Director Orlopp to include CAMP as an investment alternative, the following Roll Call vote was taken representing unanimous approval of inclusion of CAMP in the District's suite of investment alternatives:

Director A, Brown – Aye Director Orlopp – Aye Director Hixson – Aye Director Miller – Aye Director D, Brown – Aye

# 10. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey discussed a few FWA issues with the Board. *No action was taken*.

### 11. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session to discuss the District's personnel needs including initial discussion on potential staff reorganization.

## 12. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session and disclosed no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

## 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M., setting the next Board meeting for the third week of May because the ACWA Conference takes place during the second week of May. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for May 17, 2023 at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the May Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday May 17, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

None

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M., with all Directors in attendance.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approval of draft April 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board upon review. Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for the April 2023 minutes.

#### 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from April 8, 2023 through May 5, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$164,525.49 including a capital expenditure of \$4,712.81 for work on Turnout #8's 100 horsepower motor. The remaining bills were routine in nature; conveyance charges, General Membership dues, energy charges, water charges, and payroll. Director Hixson motioned, and Director Orlopp seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying the expenses.

# 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. The list of Delinquent Standby assessed landowner payments as of April 30, 2023 was reviewed. Total delinquencies for the current year were reduced from the previous month by approximately \$253 to \$8,264.17 and the total outstanding Standby delinquencies stand at \$27,186.38. April total in-District water deliveries was 1,139 af with cumulative in-District deliveries for the Contract Year of 1,157 acre feet.

The Board requested that Manager Morrissey send a reminder via email to all water users (for whom we have email contact information) to remind them of the importance of using surface water this year to the maximum extent possible given this year's bountiful snowpack.

Kings River Hydro generated a revenue of \$15,540.80 for the month compared to the last 5 year average of \$608 for the month of April. The Fishwater Release facility generated \$13,885.80 for the month of April, compared to last year's revenue of \$23,294.78. Hydrology explains the noted departure from recent generation norms (higher flow for KRSH than normal, and lower Millerton Lake elevation to make as much space as possible to accommodate snowmelt runoff in order to minimize peak flows into the SJR).

FPA Hydro 1 Units on the 70kV line (Madera and FKC and RO1) are back on-line with the new transformer installation complete. Low Millerton Reservoir levels are thwarting the opportunity to generate a lot of energy at this time, but it is good to have the facilities back up and ready as Millerton will fill to the top in the coming weeks. The Friant Power Authority did an excellent

job navigating the challenges of getting this project up and running, between contractor, PG&E, and CAISO issues.

Hydro 2 revenue for the month of April for the District was \$45,507.06, approximately \$2,500 above March's revenue. Flows to the SJR remain at flood stage, so the QLPP has been operating at maximum flow, albeit at limited head due to low Millerton Lake elevation to make room for the incoming runoff.

Legal expenses were \$2,416.40 for the month of April, associated with the Districts' Joint Defense Agreement.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. Fortunately, there were no major items to discuss, and general maintenance was routine in nature. *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

#### 7. Friant Water Authority

Director Miller and Manager Morrissey updated the Board on various general and informational topics concerning the Authority. *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

## 8. Investment Policy Statement

Controller Paine covered the suggested minor change to the 2023 IPS adopted by the Board in April. After reviewing that adopted Policy by King Capital, suggestions were made regarding details in the Policy associated with Certificates of Deposit. Those changes were considered by the Board and by motion of Director Orlopp and a second by Director A. Brown, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the change to the Policy, one that was consistent with the previously adopted Policy.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for June 21, 2023 (the third Wednesday of June) at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

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Minutes of the May Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday June 21, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:12 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

**Directors Present:** 

David Brown Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Matt Caviglia

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:12 P.M., with all Directors in attendance.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

## 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approval of draft May 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board upon review. Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for the May 2023 minutes.

# 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from May 6, 2023 through June 16, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$1,689,418.10. A substantial portion of the disbursements were associated with water users' credits associated with last Contract Year's operations. Director A. Brown motioned and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying the expenses.

# 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. The list of Delinquent Standby assessed landowner payments as of May 31, 2023 was reviewed. The total number of delinquencies is eight, one of which is slated to be included in the next Fresno County auction. At this time total delinquencies for the current year and all previous years is \$19,700.51.

May total in-District water deliveries was 4,613 af with cumulative in-District deliveries for the Contract Year of 5,770 acre feet.

The Board requested an email be sent to water users suggesting to them to shift usage to the weekends when possible. The message previously sent to growers to use surface supply has been successful, with many of the Districts delivery systems running at or near capacity during the week. Usage on the weekends drops to about 50% of that during the week and on the weekends there are no capacity limitations.

Kings River Hydro generated a revenue of \$7,833.21 for the month. The Fishwater Release facility generated \$9,165.97 for the month of May.

Legal expenses were \$949.56 for the month of May, associated with the Districts' Joint Defense Agreement.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. Fortunately, there were no major items to discuss, and general maintenance was routine in nature. Time was spent reviewing

a prioritized list of capital expenses considered over the next 10 years. A rough estimate of cumulative project costs of approximately \$1.5 million dollars was discussed. Direction was given to fast-track SCADA upgrade projects, with a hardware cost on the order of \$200,000. The District's existing system is approximately 25 years, with some parts not available for purchase as new. The work to upgrade the District's system will be undertaken over the next year with all work done in house.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Workers Compensation Insurance

Controller Paine received four quotes for the District's Workers Compensation insurance coverage for the next 12 months. *Director A. Brown motioned, and Director Miller seconded the motion to continue coverage with AMTrust, (current provider) for the next 12 months at the same premium cost as last year.* 

8. Friant Water Authority

Director Miller and Manager Morrissey updated the Board on various general and informational topics concerning the Authority. *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

9. Closed Session

Manager Morrissey discussed staff performance with the Board. By motion of Director Miller and a second by Director Orlopp, the Board voted unanimously in favor of merit increases recommended by Manager Morrissey.

**10.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for July 12<sup>th</sup> at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the July Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday July 12, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:55 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

**Directors Present:** 

David Brown Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Andrew Hart (Booth Ranches, LLC)

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 11:55 A.M., with all Directors in attendance.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approval of draft June 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board upon review. Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for the June 2023 minutes.

#### 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from June 16, 2023 through July 14, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$432,949.19. A substantial portion of the disbursements were associated with energy costs for system delivery, water purchases from the USBR, local and non-local conveyance charges, rebates to water users from last year's operations, and payroll. Director Orlopp motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying the expenses.

# 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

June total in-District water deliveries was 5,983 af with cumulative in-District deliveries for the Contract Year of 11,753 acre feet. Water users are responding very well to the urging of staff to use available water supplies.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

# 7. Resolution 2023-02 Certificates of Sale

The Board reviewed the list of delinquent Stand-by payments from District landowners prepared by Controller Paine. The Board considered adopting Resolution 2023-02 providing for the District to arrange for the posting of a public notice of said delinquencies and for the initiation of the Certificate of Sale process. By motion of Director Miller and a second by Director Hixson to adopt the Resolution, the following roll call vote was taken, and the Resolution 2023-02 was adopted unanimously:

Director Orlopp	Aye
Director A. Brown	Aye
Director Hixson	Aye
Vice-Chairman Miller	Aye
Chairman Brown	Ave

# 8. Friant Water Authority

Director Miller and Manager Morrissey updated the Board on various general and informational topics concerning the Authority. *No formal action was taken by the Board*.

# 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for August 16<sup>th</sup> at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the August Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday August 16, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Johnny Amaral, FWA COO

Marla Borges, M. Green and Company, LLC Manny Gonzalez, M. Green and Company, LLC

Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

Matt Caviglia, Landowner

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M., with a quorum of Directors in attendance for the meeting duration.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

# 4. Minutes

Approval of draft July 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board upon review. Director A. Brown motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for the July 2023 minutes.

## 5. 2022/23 Fiscal Year Financial Audit

Ms. Borges a Partner with M. Green and Company, LLC presented their firms Audit Report for the District's previous fiscal year, ending February 28, 2023 and February 2022 to the Board of Directors. The bottom line to the report was that the 2023 District operations resulted in a change in total assets of \$3,495,449 and an increase of \$411,731 in Net Position.

Ms. Borges indicated that through their auditing process, the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their audit opinion, namely, that the District's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District and cashflows thereof for the years audited ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as well as accounting systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and state regulations governing special districts.

Following discussion by the Board and Ms. Borges and Mr. Gonzalez with M. Green, Director Miller motioned to accept the aforementioned audit report. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of accepting the Audit Report prepared and provided by M. Green and Company, LLC.

### 6. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from July 15 – August 11, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$874,799.64 including a capital expenditure of \$8,316.20 for a traffic box cover over an air vent in the Fishwater Hydropower Plant's Tailrace Pipeline. The remaining bills were routine in nature; conveyance charges, energy charges, water charges, and payroll. Director Orlopp motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying payment of the expenses.

## 7. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. The list of Delinquent Standby assessed landowner payments as of July 31, 2023 was reviewed. Total delinquencies for the current year were reduced from the previous month by approximately \$8,691 to \$9,815 and the total outstanding Standby delinquencies stand at \$25,018. July total in-District water deliveries was 7,597 af which is approximately double last year's July deliveries. Cumulative in-District deliveries for the Contract Year are 19,350 acre feet compared to last July's cumulative delivery of 7,655 af (this July used last years cumulative volume (March through July).

Kings River Hydro generated no revenue due to high FKC flows during July. The Fishwater Release facility generated \$27,847 for the month of July, compared to last year's revenue of \$22,651. Hydrology explains the noted departure from recent generation norms (higher flow for KRSH than normal, and higher Millerton Lake elevation during the peak July inflow period.

FPA Hydro 1 Units on the 70kV line (Madera and FKC and RO1) are back on-line with the new transformer installation complete. Hydro 1 Revenue distribution for July was just under \$20,000.

Hydro 2 revenue for the month of July for the District was just over \$32,500.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. The traffic vault on Friant Road for the FWR Hydropower Plant Tailrace was discussed. The Board asked Manager Morrissey to explore issues associated with potential liability associated with loss of function of the Tailrace pipeline.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

#### 8. Friant Water Authority Issues

Friant Water Authorities Chief Operations Officer Johnny Amaral joined the District Board meeting and briefed the Board on various issues in which the FWA is engaged on behalf of the Friant Division. There was a good general discussion, and no action was taken during said discussion.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-03, adopting Responsible Agency finding pursuant to the CEQA and approving *The Cooperative Agreement for the Implementation of the New Guidelines for Accepting Water into the Friant-Kern Canal*. A motion to both adopt finding as a Responsible Agency and recognize concurrence with the terms and conditions of the *Cooperative Agreement* was made by Director Miller and seconded by Director A. Brown. A roll Call vote was then taken with the following outcome:

Ayes

D. Brown, K. Orlopp, A. Brown, A. Miller

Noes

None

Absent

B. Hixson

Abstain

None

By virtue of the noted vote, Resolution 2023-03 was adopted by the District Board of Directors.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for September 13, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the September Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday September 13, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown

Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Andrew Brown Brian Hixson

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

None

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M., with all Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

# 4. Recess for Board of Equalization Hearing

At 12:19 P.M. the Board recessed into its annual Board of Equalization Hearing. The Board reviewed the Assessment Roll, noting there was no change from the previous year's tax roll. There was no public in attendance for this noticed meeting. Director Hixson motioned the Board accept the land/tax relationship as documented in the tax roll. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of accepting the tax roll.

At 12:19 P.M., the Hearing / recess from the Regular Board meeting terminated.

#### 5. Minutes

Approval of draft August 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for August.

## 6. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from August 12 – September 8, 2023, for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$542,572.31. The remaining bills were routine in nature; conveyance charges, energy charges, water charges, and payroll. Director Miller motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying payment of expenses.

#### 7. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. Progress eliminating longer term delinquencies on Standby charges continues thanks to the efforts of Controller Paine.

August in-District total water deliveries was 6,766 af which is falls just short of recent August records. Deliveries to date (March 1) of 26,116 acre feet similarly fell short of the five year record. The unexpected precipitation brought by Tropical Storm Hilary nixed certain delivery records for both the month and the Contract Year to date.

Kings River Hydro generated no revenue due to high FKC flows during August. The Fishwater Release facility generated \$26,705 for the month of August, compared to last August's revenue of \$20,840.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. Research and legal counsel review is ongoing and will be reported on next month *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

## 8. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey briefed the Board on various Friant Water Authority issues. *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

## 9. Regulating Reservoir Study Proposal

The Board and staff discussed the proposal received by Provost & Pritchard (P&P) with the Board. The proposal provided, intended to consider both a 15 and a 60 af reservoir. The Board requested Manager Morrissey revise the P&P proposal to consider a single size option, a 30 acre foot reservoir.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

### 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for October 10, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the October Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday October 11, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown

Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Matt Caviglia – Landowner Representative Andrew Hart - Landowner Representative

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M., with the noted Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

## 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approving the draft September 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for September.

#### 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period from September 9 — October 6, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for that period totaled \$872,802.06. The bills were generally routine in nature and is larger than average due to a large payment to Reclamation for anticipated October use (in District and for banking) (\$546k of the approximate \$873k), local and non-local conveyance charges, energy charges, and payroll. Director Orlopp motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying payment of expenses.

#### 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. September in-District total water deliveries was 6,039 af which is falls 25 acre feet short of the previous 5 year September 2019 high of 6,064 records. Deliveries to date (March 1) of 32,155 acre feet similarly fell short of the f2019 water year record.

Kings River Hydro generated no revenue due to high FKC flows during September. The Fishwater Release facility generated \$19,587 for the month of September which is approximately 10% below last year's September, due to low Millerton Lake elevation during the month.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

### 7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey briefed the Board on various Friant Water Authority issues. *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

## 8. Closed Sesson

8.1. Real Property Negotiations – The Board met with legal counsel in Closed Session. No reportable action was taken.

8.2. Personnel – The Board met in Closed Session with Manger Morrissey regarding his annual performance review. Director Miller motioned, and Director Orlopp seconded the motion to give Manager Morrissey an increase in salary based upon economic inflationary pressures and meeting performance expectations.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for November 8, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the November Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday November 8, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown

Arlen Miller Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Matt Caviglia – Landowner Representative

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 P.M., with the noted Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Minutes

Approving the draft October 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director A. Brown motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Miller seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for October.

## 5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period October 7 – November 3, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for that period totaled \$391,945.91. The bills were generally routine in nature (primarily water payments to Reclamation, PG&E charges for delivery system power, local and non-local conveyance, and General Membership dues to FWA). Director Miller motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying payment of expenses.

## 6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. October in-District total water deliveries was 4,207 af which is a five year monthly record. Deliveries to date (since March 1) of 36,362 acre feet were delivered in the District.

Kings River Hydro generated no revenue due to high FKC flows during September. The Fishwater Release facility generated \$13,890 for the month of October which was 50% of July and August's revenue due to marked difference in Millerton Lake's water surface elevation. The Board discussed status of reserve funds, considering options for a rebate to water users at the end of the Contract Year. In the meantime, the Board suggested reserves be moved from LAIF into short term (3 month and 6 month CDs) pending further discussion as the end of the Contract Year approaches and the need for cash by the District comes into focus.

Friant Power Authority revenues to the District were discussed. From March of 2023 through October the District has received disbursement of revenue totaling \$524,439 from its investment in FPA facilities. This revenue is used to offset cost of water to District growers.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. A suite of potential capital projects was discussed, and Chairman Brown asked that those projects be brought forth for monthly discussion for the next several months to bring the District's need for use of reserves into focus.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

# 7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey briefed the Board on various Friant Water Authority issues. The FWA is having its annual offsite BOD meeting next week in Paso Robles. Directors Miller and A. Brown plan to attend and are looking forward to this very important annual "deep dive" intense meeting.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

# 8. 2024/25 Fiscal Year O&M Budget

Manager Morrissey reviewed the budget prepared by staff for the District's operation for the next fiscal year. In summary, the fixed financial obligations of the District for the upcoming year fully justify the collection of Standby from growers at the established limit of \$86 per acre.

Collection of this assessment does not provide for any cash available for use on capital projects where there is an estimated short term need of \$1.5 to \$2 million dollars within the District. Director A. Brown motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to approve the budget presented by Manager Morrissey that establishes the Standby for the coming fiscal year at \$86 per acre. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and the second.

# 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for Thursday December 7, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the November Minutes of the November Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Thursday December 7, 2023. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:59 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown

Arlen Miller Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Alan Doud – District General Counsel

Andrew Hart – Landowner Representative Matt Caviglia – Landowner Representative

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 11:59 A.M., with the noted Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:01 P.M. to discuss real property negotiations with its General Legal Counsel.

#### 5. Return to Open Session

At 12:51 P.M. the Board returned to Open Session with no reportable action noted.

#### 6 Minutes

Approving the draft November 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director Hixson motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes' approval for November.

# 7. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period November 4 – December 1, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for that period totaled \$265,628.43. The bills were generally routine in nature (primarily water payments to Reclamation, PG&E charges for delivery system power, local and non-local conveyance, and General Membership dues to FWA). Director Orlopp motioned, and Director Miller seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second ratifying payment of expenses.

# 8. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. November in-District total water deliveries was 494 af. Deliveries to date (since March 1) of 36,995 acre feet were delivered in the District.

The Fishwater Release facility generated \$12,372 for the month of November.

Friant Power Authority revenues to the District were discussed. From March of 2023 through November the District has received disbursement of revenue totaling \$532,693 from its investment in FPA facilities. This revenue is used to offset cost of water to District growers.

AGM Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. A suite of potential capital projects was discussed. The Board provided direction to pursue SCADA related project implementation as a priority, with the expectation to complete the project by the end of calendar year 2024. In addition to the SCADA project, pipeline maintenance (bridge crossings and System pumping plant manifold) was considered the next priority that should commence concurrently and performed by outside contractors.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

# 9. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey briefed the Board on various Friant Water Authority issues. Director A. Brown and Miller both summarized their experience at the FWA Board offsite held last month. *No formal action was taken by the Board.* 

#### 10. 2024/25 Contract Year Water Rates

Manager Morrissey recommended the Board make no change to the District's Tier 1 and Tier 2 water rates established last year. Director Miller motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to keep water rates the same as last year, Tier 1 @ \$65 per acre foot and Tier 2 @ \$45 per acre foot. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and the second.

# 11. Rules and Regulations

The Board discussed the draft Rules and Regulations for the upcoming contract year. Edits will be made by staff and brought back for approval consideration in January 2024 at its Board meeting.

### 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for Wednesday January 10, 2024 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman