Minutes of the January Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday January 10, 2024. 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 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 12:10 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. Minutes

Approving the draft December 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director Miler 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 December, 2023.

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures for the period December 2 – December 31, 2023 for Board ratification. Disbursements for that period totaled \$212,596.13. The bills were generally routine in nature; primarily water payments to Reclamation, local and non-local conveyance obligations, and General Membership dues to FWA. In addition, annual support of \$2,500 continues to be provided to the Family Farm Alliance, and lastly of note, \$7,454 to Provost & Pritchard Consulting associated with reconnaissance analysis for an operational reservoir for District Systems 5 and 6. Director Orlopp motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the noted 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:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- delinquencies that remain payable from Fiscal Year 2023 (ending February 2024) totals \$2,534.42.
- A total of \$4,382.17 is past due for water used this Fiscal Year.

- No December in-District water deliveries. Deliveries to date (since March 1) of 36,995 were delivered.
- KRSH did not operate while FWR generated \$17,621 in revenue to the District.
- The District has \$7.8 million in cash / investments at the end of December 2023, including:
 - 1. \$2.2 million balance needed for annual operations starting March 1, 2024, and
 - 2. \$2.0 million set aside for potential CVP cost share/emergency need, and
 - 3. \$2.0 million set aside for 3-5 year term capital projects, and
 - 4. \$0.8 million credits payable to water users.

The difficulty estimating dollars for *potential CVP costs/emergency* need is a subject receiving much discussion. As an example, if there were to be consensus on the \$2 million amount, a surplus of \$800,000 may be in the coffers for potential return to water users following the close of the fiscal and contract year.

• Approximately \$8,500 in FPA distributions.

Klem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. Replacement of motors for pump systems 6 and 4 was noted. A long term O&M project was discussed, where delivery system manifolds are beginning to require replacement. The general plan for their replacement was discussed...configuring them in flanged powder coated shorter sections for longevity and ease of future repair. The time frame for replacing all manifolds in this manner is on the order of three to five years.

Klem also noted he has initiated procuring components for the SCADA system upgrade, starting with one setup. Each delivery System needs its own setup, and testing and validation for a single system needs to occur prior to purchasing everything. Once built, tested and operationally verified, the materials and components and refined design for the rest of the Systems upgrade will be procured. This process is estimated to take a year to 18 months to build all the cabinets. Installation will occur over the next 6 months, based on operational windows. Finally, another seatrain is being secured, which will be placed adjacent to others with a cover to match, for additional under roof and indoor storage.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Temporary 215 Contracts

The Board considered adopting Resolution 2023-04, providing for its Chairman to execute a forthcoming Temporary 215 Water Supply Contract with Reclamation for the upcoming Contract Year. This Contract will allow for the delivery of water to the District during wet conditions, in addition to the District Class 1 Contract. In any year, the District is limited to diverting 10,000 acre feet of supply made available under this contract. After a brief discussion and noting this is a routine action taken by the Board, the following roll call vote was taken:

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

With that the Board voted unanimously in favor of adopting Resolution 2023-04 for a Temporary 215 Contract for the 2024/2025 Contract Year.

8. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey and Director Miller discussed various Friant Water Authority topics. It was noted that later in the month, both Director Miller and Manager Morrissey would be attending the Water Users Conference in Reno. Director Miller noted that he would be joining some other Friant Directors and staff on a trip to Washington, D.C. *No formal action was taken.*

9. Rules and Regulations

The Board discussed the draft Rules and Regulations for the upcoming Contract Year. Director A. Brown motioned to accept the revised draft of the Rules and Regulations provided in the packet. Director Miller seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of adopting the Rules and Regulations for the upcoming Contract Year.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for Wednesday February 14, 2024 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 February 14, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown - Chairman

Arlen Miller - Vice Chairman

Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 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. Minutes

Approving the draft January 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director Orlopp 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 January, 2024.

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed non-recurring expenditures for the period January 1– February 9, 2024 for Board ratification. Disbursements for that period totaled \$317,325.44. The bills were generally routine in nature; primarily water payments to Reclamation, local and non-local conveyance obligations, and General Membership dues to FWA. In addition, system motor repair totaling \$10,215 a total of \$5,500 for a 40-foot long Sea Train for secure storage of O&M supplies.

The Board requested that the summary sheet of disbursements, for which there is backup is all that should be included in the mailed packet, keeping the backup on the table at the Board Meeting allowing for further details and discussion. Controller Paine suggested that he will do a bank reconciliation showing, beginning balances, cash flow and ending balances in order to facilitate Director review of accounting details.

After general discussion on the bills and the process for the upcoming meetings, *Director Orlopp motioned*, and *Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the noted 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:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- A total of \$0 is past due for water used in the current Fiscal Year.
- 7 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in January with deliveries to date (since March 1) of 36,962 acre feet.
- KRSH did not operate while FWR generated \$20,676 in revenue to the District.
- Approximately \$17,000 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined.

AGM Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. Pressure sensor conduit and heat exchanger piping replacement was shown for System 11A, as was the process for replacing motors and pumps for Systems 6 and 4. Staff is in the process of replacing the original delivery operator valves at landowner points of delivery, as the original operators installed during the system rehabilitation are nearing their end of life cycle.

Clem also noted that while at the Fishwater Powerplant during the switching from the lower (River Outlet Penstocks) to the upper (FKC Penstock) a large amount of driftwood was pulled in toward the runner where it blocked flow to the turbine. Clem was able to remove the debris and reestablish power generation.

Capital project costs, emergency reserves, operating reserves, landowner held funds (credits) were discussed for a future agenda item, water user rebate potential, was discussed. *No formal action was taken by the Board.*

7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey and Director Miller discussed various Friant Water Authority topics. Director Miller relayed his experiences in Washington, D.C. with FWA leadership and other District representatives. *No formal action was taken.*

8. Rebate for Water Users from current Fiscal Year Operations

The Board discussed the District's cash / cash equivalent position as of the end of the 2023 Calendar Year. Based on the immediate and short term need for funds, including an unrestricted reserve for emergency purposes, Director A. Brown motioned that at the conclusion of the current Contract and Fiscal Year, staff effectuate rebating water users \$22 per acre foot. Director Hixson seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of providing this rebate. As with past rebates, landowners will have the option to receive payment or an account credit to offset future payment obligations.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for Wednesday March 20, 2024 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 * A.M..

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

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Minutes of the March Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday March 20, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown - Chairman

Arlen Miller – Vice Chairman

Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson Andrew Brown

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Bruce Hayhurst, Landowner

Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 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

Mr. Bruce Hayhurst appeared before the Board to communicate his grievance with the late water application fee of \$50 per acre foot pursuant to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board for the current Contract Year. The Board discussed the matter and will consider taking action to modify the Rules and Regulations at its upcoming meeting in April, 2024.

4. Minutes

Approving the draft February 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director A. Brown 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 February, 2024.

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine reviewed non-recurring expenditures for the period February 10 - March 8, 2024, for Board ratification. Disbursements for that period totaled \$381,284.21. The bills were generally routine in nature; primarily water payments to Reclamation, local and non-local conveyance obligations (two months' worth of local conveyance O&M charges). In addition, capital expenditures of \$33,193.15 were made to rebuild pumps/motors on System 6, System 4 and for a Sea Train for additional secure storage out of the sun.

As requested last month, the summary sheet of disbursements, for which there is backup at the meeting, was all that was included in the packet which was emailed to the Directors. As suggested last month, Controller Paine provided a bank reconciliation statement showing all cash flow and balances of District funds. Director Miller asked that Controller Paine modify the sorting of the cleared checks be done by check number as opposed to date of clearing the bank, as it is easier to spot check gaps. After general discussion on the bills, Director Miller motioned, and Director Orlopp seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the noted 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:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant

- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- Gunner property, for which there is a long standing delinquency, has reportedly being redeemed by the landowner, paying taxes to Fresno County, and expectedly to the District. The property is purportedly to be sold, and it was noted that failure to correct payment delinquencies to the District, will become the obligation of the new landowner.
- 37 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in January with deliveries to date (since March 1) of 36,999 acre feet.
- KRSH generated nearly \$3,700 in revenue while FWR generated \$20,351 in revenue to the District.
- Approximately \$33,700 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received for February 2024 share of operations.

AGM Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. Bridge crossing pipeline replacement quotes have been secured for 3 pipelines. After discussion, it was determined that the cost to coat the inside of the pipe crossings, in addition to the outside of the pipe was warranted given the expected incremental cost justified by increased longevity of service. The crossing will also be modified (improved) to have flanged sections which will make repair or replacement of a portion of the pipeline easier. Pressure sensor conduit and heat exchanger piping replacement was shown for System 11A.

Pump Station manifold pipe replacement was also discussed and will be pursued using 3/8" thick flanged internally coated steel pipe.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Friant Water Authority Issues

The Closed Session item agendized for discussion and action was tabled until April as the documents is not ready for action. No other items of importance came up in the discussion on Friant Water Authority issues. *No formal action was taken*.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for Wednesday April 10, 2024 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the April Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday April 10, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown - Chairman

Kevin Orlopp Andrew Brown

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Mr. Andres Lopez Suarez, Landowner Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 P.M., with a quorum of 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

Mr. Andres Lopez Suarez appeared before the Board during Public Comment. Mr. Suarez asked that the Board consider making an exception for the lack of use (including transfer to others) of water that was secured during 2023/24 Contract Year. This lack of use of 2023 water resulted in financial penalties to Mr. Suarez pursuant to the 2023 Rules and Regulations which provide for penalizing landowners that secure and do not use secured Contract Supply. Due to Mr. Suarez' unique and extenuating circumstances disrupting his farming plans last year, the Board has determined that **on a one-time basis**, it will not enforce collection of penalties pursuant to the 2023 Rules and Regulations for non-use of secured supply.

4. Minutes

Approving the draft March 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes was 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 March, 2024.

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period March 1-24, 2024, for Board ratification. Controller Paine has been working on providing the Board with an improved documentation format, which better summarizes and categorizes monthly cashflow and balances, including bills.

Total disbursements for the period were \$476,790.01. After discussion there were no questions on the bills paid. The Board noted its appreciation for the more robust and simplified process provided to report cash flow details simply and transparently. After a motion by Director Orlopp and second by Director A. Brown to approve the bills as paid, the Board voted unanimously in favor to pay the bills.

6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC

10. FPA Distribution
11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- Gunner property delinquency yet unresolved.
- 194 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in March, the first month of the 2024/25 Contract Year.
- KRSH generated nearly \$5,900 in revenue while FWR generated \$24,506 in revenue to the District for the March period.
- Approximately \$55,027 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received for the March period.

AGM Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. After discussion on new manifold metering options, it was decided to install a new magnetic meter on the gravity line of a manifolded system where one is present. It was also decided to incorporate flanging provisions into the pump lines in a manifold system to facilitate future installation. *No formal action was taken by the Board.*

7. Friant Water Authority Issues

At 1:00 P.M., the Board went into Closed Session to discuss an item of potential litigation with legal counsel. The Board returned to Open Session at 1:10 P.M. and disclosed that no reportable action was taken during Closed Session. *No reportable action was taken.*

8. Rules and Regulations

The Board discussed the penalties associated with submitting a late initial water application, as defined in the 2024/25 Contract Year Rules and Regulations approved last January for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. A motion by Director A. Brown was made to change the penalty for failing to submit a timely initial application (provided application is received prior to April 15 each year), from \$50 per acre foot to \$25 per acre foot furthermore capping the penalty at no more than a total of \$1,000 per entity. This motion was seconded by Director Orlopp and voted all in favor by the Board.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday May 8, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning 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 8, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown - Chairman

Arlen Miller - Vice Chairman

Andrew Brown Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, AGM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

Matthew Caviglia, Landowner

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 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

There were no public comments.

4. Minutes

The draft April 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes was 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 April, 2024.

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period March 25 – April , 2024, for Board ratification.

Total disbursements for the period were \$389,578.701, with \$58,402.32 as a deposit for bridge crossing replacement pipeline being capital. After discussion there were no questions on the bills paid. Upon motion by Director Miller and second by Director Hixson the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills presented as paid.

6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- Gunner property delinquency remains unresolved.
- 605 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in April, the second month of the 2024/25 Contract Year.
- KRSH generated nearly \$8,119.31 in revenue while FWR generated \$24,873.36 in revenue to the District for the April period.
- Approximately \$68,785 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received for the April period.

AGM Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. A variety of activities including repair to high energy electrical protection and relay components at FWR resulting from a blown fuse, replacement of the swamp cooler at FWR, installation of a new power pole at Turnout 14, repair of a leak on a manifold at Turnout 1N, removal of several meter and meter stands on a landowner property (removed at no charge but will be charged if / when reinstalled), repair of a 12-inch buried pipeline that was damaged by a landowner penetrating the pipeline with a post, and various other routine activities. Bids are being received for capital pipeline and system manifold replacement and work will begin in the near term on those facilities, operations permitting.

Manager Morrissey discussed the dynamics of the water supply situation. Millerton is presently in flood operations with at least a several week duration. After discussion, there was consensus from the Directors for staff to communicate to growers the opportunity to divert Contract supply from last year before it is spilled. There is some concern that the residual Class 1 allocation, following flood operations, may be reduced and so using all water available is paramount. *No formal action was taken by the Board.*

7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Various issues being undertaken by the FWA on behalf of Friant Division Contractors were discussed. *No action was taken*.

8. 2024 District Elections – Resolution 2024-01

The Board considered Resolution 2024-01, providing Specifications to both Fresno and Tulare County Election Order for November 5, 2024 General Election. The Resolution makes various stipulations for action by the District that are associated with each County's election process; including but not limited to the cost and payor of an incumbent candidate's statement, newspaper where the notice of election will be posted, requesting and consenting to the respective County Board of Supervisors to permit the County Clerk/Registrar of voters to provide all necessary election services and to canvass the results of the election. A motion adopting Resolution 2024-01 was motioned by Director Orlopp and seconded by Director A. Brown. Directors Orlopp, A. Brown, Hixson, Miller and D. Brown voted aye and the Resolution was adopted by the Board unanimously.

9. Investment Policy Statement

The Board reviewed, discussed and approved the draft IPS provided in the packet, by motion of Director Miller and second by Director Hixson and unanimous vote by the Directors the draft IPS was approved by the Board. Staff will provide the IPS to its financial auditor.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday June 12, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the June Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday June 12, 2024. Vice Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

Arlen Miller – Vice Chairman

Andrew Brown Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M., with a quorum of Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Minutes

The draft May 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. *Director Hixson motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the April 2024 draft minutes' approval.*

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period May 3, 2024 through May 31, 2024 for Board ratification.

Total disbursements for the period were \$370,843.56. Director Miller questioned the payment to Fruit Growers Supply of \$46,344.47 as to purpose. Controller Paine noted it was for 100 four inch diameter and 100 six in diameter butterfly valves purchased for replacement of early 1990's system rehabbed components. After discussion there were no further questions on the bills paid. Upon motion by Director Orlopp and second by Director A. Brown, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills presented as paid.

6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- Gunner property delinquency remains unresolved, while payments were made to satisfy Fresno County taxes. The Board gave direction to start proceedings to execute the Certificate of Sale that the District has maintained on the property, including assuming ownership and liquidating for an amount equal to the outstanding delinquency, relative to the District's Standby Assessments.
- 4,316 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in May. Remaining carryover
 was used during the Uncontrolled Season period in the first few days of June. The

- 2024/25 Contract Year supply, sitting at 100% since April 18, 2024 has therefore begun.
- KRSH generated \$61.39 in revenue while FWR generated \$27,172.87 in revenue to the District for the May period.
- \$121,378.26 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received for the May period, which was close to a record considering both head and flows were substantial for the period, through the Madera Canal Plant, the FKC Plant and the River outlet plants.

Manager Morrissey discussed the dynamics of the water supply situation, noting the District was in a very good position to meet all District demand, including preserving 10% for carryover and completing its URF exchange obligation from 2022. *No formal action was taken by the Board*.

7. Closed Sesson

7.1. Rivers and Landscapes Enforcement Agreement

The Board discussed, with input from legal counsel Doud, the draft Enforcement Agreement to be executed by the FWA for the State Water Resources Control Board. Upon return to Open Session and motion by Director A. Brown and seconded by Director Hixson, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the FWA to execute the EA at the upcoming FWA Board meeting.

7.2. Personnel Evaluations and Pay Adjustment

Manager Morrissey discussed personnel reviews with the Board for all staff, except for a newly hired (5 days ago) employee who is beginning his 6 month probationary period. After discussion, Director A. Brown motioned to increase hourly rates for staff by 7%, given the exceptional performance and collaborative attitude exhibited over the previous year. Director Hixson seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday July 10, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

Arlen Miller, Board Vice-Chairman

Minutes of the July Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday July 10, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:16 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown – Chairman

Arlen Miller - Vice Chairman

Andrew Brown Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, Assistant GM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

Matt Caviglia, Landowner

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 12:16 P.M., with all Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

There were no public at the meeting, however the Board discussed a letter received from landowner Trinidad Macias, regarding the inability of the District to deliver water to land that is not in the legal boundary of the District. After discussion, the Board directed Manager Morrissey to respond to Mr. Macias' letter in a manner consistent with and mirroring the Board's discussion

4. Minutes

The draft June 2024 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 June 2024 draft minutes' approval.

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period June 1, 2024 through June 28, 2024 for Board ratification.

Total disbursements for the period were \$280,984.49. After discussion there were no questions on the bills paid. Upon motion by Director Miller and second by Director Orlopp, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills presented as paid.

6. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

• Gunner property delinquency remains unresolved. Based on the lack of responsiveness from the landowner to resolve their delinquency with the District, the Board directed staff to prepare a letter notifying the landowner that a Deed for

- Termination of Redemption will be executed in 30 days unless the delinquency is resolved. No action will be taken by the Board for at least 60 days.
- 6,258 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in June, with 11,373 af of supply used since March 1. The majority use, close to 8,000 af, has been carryover from last year's allocation. As suggested as a likely outcome at the last Board meeting, the 2024/25 Contract Year supply has been reduced from 100% to 90%, as the residual Declaration available after Uncontrolled Season. Whether or not, or the degree to which this affects District Operations is unknown at this time. It is also possible the allocation increases late next year once low point issues and inflow prorate risks subside. The Board decided not to take any measures to reduce demand at this time, waiting to see how the situation unfolds.
- KRSH generated \$0 in revenue while FWR generated \$26,185.75 in revenue to the District for the June period.
- \$163,970.14 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received by the District for the June period....an all-time monthly record for the District's share of revenue in FPA, due to high head and Uncontrolled Season flows.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Manager Morrissey reviewed the FWA 2025 FY Budget that is out for 60 day review after approval by the Friant Board. There was consensus among the District Board that increasing costs far outpacing the consumer price index is not sustainable. The Board will likely send a letter to the FWA on the draft budget before the 60 day public comment period ends.

Manager Morrissey discussed the Drought Pool with the Directors, taking a slightly deeper dive into the subject as it takes form. The Drought Pool is a complicated arrangement that is not fully defined nor easily understood. The Board requested more information to understand the consequences of participation in the Drought Pool. Manager Morrissey will provide the Board with expert input, from FWA's Ian Buck-Macleod, at the August meeting. Participation is voluntary, and so engaging in the Drought Pool requires additional due diligence in order to make a decision.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

8. Certificate of Sale –

Controller Paine presented Resolution 2024-02 for the Board to consider authorizing staff to file Certificate of Sale/Lien for delinquent Assessment payment landowners, by recording with the respective County Recorder. A list was prepared of properties for which documents will be recorded. After discussion, the following roll call vote, considering approval of filing was taken:

Director A. Brown – Aye Director Orlop – Aye Director Hixson – Aye Director Miller - Aye

Director D. Brown - Aye

By unanimous vote, the Board approved recordation of Certificates of Sale with Fresno and Tulare County for delinquent properties noted on the delinquent list in the Board packet.

9. WAPA Back to Back Contract -

As the final document needing approval to effectuate *WAPA* providing electrical service to the District beginning January 2025, the Board considered approval of a *Back to Back* Contract with WAPA, wherein the District agrees that WAPA's contractual relationship with PG&E for the distribution of WAPA power over PG&E's electrical system, is acceptable to the District, as a third party.

After discussion, the following roll call vote, considering approval of Back to Back Contract SNR-24-03088:

Director A. Brown - Aye

Director Orlop - Aye

Director Hixson - Aye

Director Miller - Aye

Director D. Brown - Aye

With that, the Board approved Chairman Brown's execution of SNR 24-03088 Contract with WAPA.

10. Closed Sesson -

During Closed Session, the Board discussed providing Manager Morrissey with a District vehicle, in lieu of the monetary car allowance currently provided as part of his compensation. Action was taken in Open Session, with Director Miller making the motion and Director Orlopp seconding. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The car allowance payments will cease upon the District providing Manager Morrissey with a District owned vehicle.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday August 14, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of a July Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Tuesday July 30, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown – Chairman

Arlen Miller - Vice Chairman

Andrew Brown Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary (via

Teams)

Keith Clem, Assistant GM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

None

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M., with all Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Cost Allocation Options

The Board discussed options for allocation of MRCCP costs under a shortfall of funds to the Friant Water Authority (FWA) from the Eastern Tule GSA (ETGSA) pursuant to the Settlement Agreement among the parties. The FWA Board will consider cost allocation options next week at a Special FWA Board meeting and so discussion was considered necessary to provide guidance to Director Miller, the District's FWA representative, relative to the potential options.

Following the discussion of the options presented by FWA to its Board at the July regular meeting, there was consensus among the District Board that the allocation of financial shortfall from ETGSA to FWA (relative to both short-term needs and for ongoing obligations under a repayment contract with Reclamation) are reasonably the responsibility of the four FWA/ETGSA member districts, and not allocable under the "Family Plan" whose \$50million cap has been reached. With this discussion, Director Miller knows the position of the District Board for FWA's upcoming Special Board meeting on August 12, 2024.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday August 14, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the July Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday August 14, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:56 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown – Chairman

Arlen Miller – Vice Chairman

Andrew Brown Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, Assistant GM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Ian Buck-Macleod, FWA Water Resources Mngr.

Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

Matt Caviglia, Landowner

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 11:56 A.M., with all Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Minutes

The draft July 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. Director Andrew Brown motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the July 2024 draft minutes approval.

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period July 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024 for Board ratification.

Total disbursements for the period were \$512,094.09. After discussion there were no questions on the bills paid. Upon motion by Director Miller and second by Director Orlopp, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills presented as paid.

6. Monthly Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- Gunner property delinquency remains unresolved. Certified letter notifying Gunner that the District is pursuing a Collectors Deed, was sent by certified mail on August 8, 2024.
- 8,424 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in July, with 19,797 af used since March 1.
- KRSH generated \$0 in revenue while FWR generated \$24,707.41 in revenue to the District for the July period.

• \$119,377.01 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received by the District for the July period.

AG Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report for the July Period. Of note, at times, landowners' adjustment of the delivery gate operator is occurring too rapidly, creating a water hammer and damaging the District's infrastructure (pipe). Clem will incorporate a pressure relief valve as protection at deliveries operating at generally higher pressures. Starting on System 8, at points of high pressure, staff will incorporate pressure relief valves at the delivery as well as ensure that existing pressure relief valves in the system are working properly.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Ian Buck-Macleod, Water Resources Manager joined the Board and staff for a deep dive into the Drought Pool Pilot Program (DPPP). There was a good discussion on the concept and details. Currently, the Board members appreciate the notion and see benefits of collaboration, however neither staff nor Directors assess participation by a Class 1 only district, such as the District, as financially prudent. Formal action to execute the MOU was not taken and may be considered as the DPPP evolves in the coming months.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

8. Grand Jury Report –

The Board considered the Grand Jury Report on the District's website and considered best options for incorporation from the Certificate of Excellence Checklist, provided by the Grand Jury. After discussion, the Board's consensus was to include the following items from the section of discretionary components:

- 1. Last three years of financial audits
- 2. Map of the District Legal Boundary
- 3. Link to California Special District Association mapping program
- 4. Most recent Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence studies.

Staff will ensure that all required elements are incorporated into the website. *No formal action was taken*.

9. Collectors Deed -

Staff reviewed the Collector's Deed letter prepared by staff and sent by Certified Mail to landowner Elizabeth Gunner. Failure to cure the delinquency by October 15, 2024, may result in the District's acquisition of the property.

No Formal Action was taken.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday September 11, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the September Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday September 11, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:59 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present:

David Brown – Chairman Arlen Miller – Vice Chairman

Andrew Brown Kevin Orlopp

Staff:

Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, Assistant GM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public:

Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative

Matt Caviglia, Landowner

1. Call to Order

Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:59 A.M., with a quorum of Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. BOE Hearing Recess

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:00 P.M. to consider landowner comment on the Assessment Role during the publicly noticed Board of Equalization Hearing. There was no landowner attendance for this purpose. Staff noted that the Assessment Role is unmodified from last year. Following a motion of Director Orlopp and a Second to that motion by Director A. Brown, the Board voted unanimously to accept the prepared Assessment Role, reflecting the Districts records for tax assessment purposes, for the coming Standby billing this December.

5. Return from Recess

The Board Meeting went back into Regular Session at 12:03 P.M.

6. Minutes

The draft July 2024 Special Board Meeting and the August 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes were contemporaneously considered for approval by the Board. Director Orlopp motioned to approve both sets of minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the July Special and August Regular 2024 draft minutes' approval.

7. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period August 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024 for Board ratification.

Total disbursements for the period were \$1,077,800.21. Approximately 50% of that total was related to water payments to Reclamation, and \$215,000 for electricity. After review, there were no questions on the bills paid. Upon motion by Director A. Brown and second by Director Orlopp, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills paid for the noted period.

8. Monthly Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant

- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- Gunner property delinquency remains unresolved. Certified letter notifying Gunner that the District is pursuing a Collectors Deed, was sent by certified mail on August 8, 2024. The Board will consider action at its next meeting. Controller Paine noted that he would once again reach out (to the previous Realtor involved) to contact Ms. Gunner.
- 6,763 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in August, with 26,560 af used since March 1. This year's August usage was 99.97% of last year's August usage of 6,766 af in District. It was noted that this year, the water received by the District under the FID/OCID exchange agreement is being modified from 1,000 acre feet to 2,500 acre feet and going forward will be modified to this quantity for the upcoming 5 year period.
- KRSH generated \$0 in revenue while FWR generated \$21,529.78 in revenue to the District for the August period.
- The District's position in LAIF was reviewed and there was consensus to move some available reserve funds into LAIF as it is a lagging indicator, and interest rates appear to be on the way down.
- \$103,339.48 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received by the District for the August period.

AG Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report for the August period. Of note, the bridge pipeline crossing at Manning Avenue was completed. The final cost is expected to be slightly higher than the estimate due to unexpected (minor) field conditions. A leak repair on System 13 was noted, as was installation of an awning over the space between shipping containers 2 and 3 in the District's Yard.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

9. Agreement for Common Use

The City of Orange Cove planned development on Sumner Avenue west Anchor Avenue will include pavement and sidewalks built over the District's pipeline. The pipeline is on City property and the District has an easement for its pipeline. The Common Use Agreement has been in the development stage for several years as the City attempts to fund this planned development. Staff has reviewed the Agreement as has Counsel Doud, for adequacy in protecting the District from liability and cost exposure in the event future maintenance is needed on said pipeline. Counsel Doud feels that the Agreement protects the District from its noted concerns. By motion of Director Orlopp and second by Director A. Brown, the Board voted unanimously in favor of executing the Agreement for Common Use. The Agreement will be taken to City Council for their approval prior to its full execution.

10. Friant Water Authority Issues

The Board considered approving the Drought Pool Pilot Program, which has been a topic of discussion over the previous two Board Meeting cycles. Manager Morrissey recommended approval of the Pilot Program, noting that the two year period will provide time for the details of the Program to be fleshed out at which time consideration of participation in the Program will be considered. By Motion of Director Miller and second by Director A. Brown the Board voted unanimously in favor of participating in the Drought Pool Pilot Program.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday October 9, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David Brown, Board Chairman

Minutes of the October Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday October 9, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown – Chairman

Arlen Miller - Vice Chairman

Andrew Brown Kevin Orlopp Brian Hixson

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary

Keith Clem, Assistant GM

Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Manny Gonzalez, M. Green and Company, LLP

Jared Plumlee, Booth Ranches, LLC

1. Call to Order

Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M., with all Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

Jared Plumlee commented on the importance of Kings River East GSA developing a "Well Mitigation Program", a required component of its GSP, that would be durable and financially efficient. Mr. Plumlee noted that other GSAs are opting to use a turnkey solution evolving under the leadership of the Community Water Center and Self Help Enterprises. Mr. Plumlee indicated that an advisory committee is established for the GSA and there should be more participation, particularly by the District as a major stakeholder in the outcome.

4. Minutes

The draft September 2024 Board Meeting minutes were considered for approval 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 September Regular 2024 draft minutes' approval.

5. Draft Audit Report

Mr. Manny Gonzalez, CPA with M. Green and Company LLP who performed the audit of the District's Fiscal Year ending February 2024 financials, reviewed with the Board the findings of their audit and their Report on the financial statements for years ending February 2023 and 2024. The report noted:

- the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the District and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows 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, and
- There were no difficulties working with management or staff during the course of performing and completing the audit, and
- The total net position of the District from 2023 to 2024 increased by approximately \$1.437 million, notwithstanding water user rebates of \$3.076 million in 2023 and \$0.87 million in 2024.

Upon completion of the review of the audited financial statements by Mr. Gonzalez, Director Miller motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to accept the audit report prepared by M. Green and Company, LLP. The Board voted unanimously in favor of these motions and the audit report is accepted without qualification.

6. Ratification of Bills

Total disbursements for the period September 3 -24, 2024 was \$351,059.42. The majority disbursement (\$208,152.47) was for energy costs payable to PGE, which is a 100% pass-

through to water users differentiated by System Delivery. After discussion with no questions raised, Director Hixson motioned and Director Miller seconded the motion to approve the bills paid, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills paid for the noted period.

7. Monthly Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

- 1. Delinquent Standby Charges
- 2. Deficit Water Users
- 3. Miscellaneous Receivables
- 4. Water Deliveries through Contract Year
- 5. Kings River Power Plant
- 6. Fishwater Release Power Plant
- 7. Investments
- 8. LAIF
- 9. Deposits in WFC
- 10. FPA Distribution
- 11. Legal Expenditures

Of note:

- Gunner property delinquency remains unresolved. Certified letter notifying Gunner that the District is pursuing a Collectors Deed, was sent by certified mail on August 8, 2024 and returned undeliverable. The Board considered but did not take action to file a Collectors Deed at this time.
- 4,862 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in September, with 31,442 af used in-District since March 1 representing 129% of the 5-year to date average
- KRSH generated \$0 in revenue while FWR generated \$20,295.90 in revenue for the September period. It was noted that the water right for diversion to the KRSH is in the process of being revoked, at the District's request. The KRSH's operation is over, and the facility will be decommissioned with the land where it sits returned to a condition required by the Bureau of Reclamation under the District's license agreement therewith.
- \$72,623.37 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received by the District for the September period.

AG Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report for the September period. There was a lengthy discussion on options considered to disperse deliveries across the weekly 7-day period to have greater pressure at each delivery and effectuate a more efficient and equitable operation given system capacity limits. The 5 gallon per minute per acre system design basis was also discussed. Options were considered and it was the Board members' consensus that staff should communicate to growers (during the few weeks out of the year when demand exceeds capacity when there is a 90%+ allocation), that the 5 gpm constraint will be imposed on those that order flows significantly above this threshold, noting that this constraint is likely not necessary during the weekend period due to less demand.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

8. Friant Water Authority Issues

The Board discussed general FWA matters. No action was taken.

9. Collectors Deed

The Board discussed the consideration of filing a Collector's Deed with Fresno County Recorder's Office for the Gunner property. It was decided that no action would be taken at this time.

10. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget

Manager Morrissey provided the Board with his summary of the upcoming year's Operation and Maintenance budget. Based on the estimates for staffing, and conveyance, and all required "fixed cost" activities, the required assessment per acre exceeds the permittable land based charge of \$86/acre. The breakdown of budget requirements is such:

- 10.1. 29% General and Administrative
- 10.2. 59% Conveyance and Water Rights

10.3. 12% General Operation and Maintenance (excluding pass-through energy costs).

A 218 election to raise the assessment above the established \$86/acre is not needed at this time as reserves and investment income make up foreseeable budget shortfalls. Director Miller motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to maintain the land based assessment as is and send out invoices to all growers reflecting \$86/acre for all land in the District.

11. Personnel - Engineer Manager Review

In Closed Session the Board discussed Manager Morrissey's performance and compensation. By motion of Director Miller and a second by Director Hixson, the Board then voted unanimously to increase Manager Morrissey's salary by 8%, beginning October 1, 2024.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday November 13, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David Brown, Board Chairman