

October 16, 2019
Tracy, CA 95304

Pursuant to adjournment, September 11, 2019 the Board of Directors of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District met at 9:00 a.m. at 3514 W. Lehman Road, Tracy California on the above named date.

PRESENT: Directors: James M. McLeod, Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Annette Elissagaray and James M. Thoming

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager David Weisenberger, Secretary Margaret Howe, and District Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi

ABSENT: None

ITEM 1 - MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Director James M Thoming made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on of the September 11, 2019 as presented. Director Keith Robertson seconded the motion and it carried by the following vote; Ayes: Directors James McLeod, Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Annette Elissagaray and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Secretary Howe presented the Treasurer's Report and after review by the Board it was filed.

ITEM 2 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Howe reported there was no correspondence

ITEM 3 - MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS.

MANAGER'S REPORT

October 17, 2018

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FRIANT SJRRP Restoration Flows and Wheeling – Wheeled 1,425 af for USBR/Friant in September that was the total available to wheel for us. In October it appears that we will be able to wheel our full share of the Friant restoration water, total of 1,600 af.

I attended a workshop conducted by Stantec (old MWH) in Merced. They conducted the workshop on behalf of Reclamation on the topic of Recapture of Restoration Flows. I don't know how important the workshop was for BCID but it did allow us to meet the other players that are looking to get their water back. During the afternoon one or two of them expressed their thanks to us several times for wheeling the water for them.

Reclamation CVP 9(e) contract to a 9(d) contract. We received our construction repayment estimate from Reclamation. The current estimate owed as discounted for today on Unpaid Construction Cost is \$2,083,844 and for Unpaid Intertie Construction Cost, \$136,960, for a total owed of \$2,220,804 dollars. Reclamation held a workshop on September 26, 2018 where they laid out their potential timetable for completing the contract conversions. Their goal is to have them completed by the end of 2019. They hope to hold their first public negotiating session later this month.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) –The next milestone due is a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSA) for our GSA as well as for the Tracy Sub-basin which is due by January 31, 2022.

Replacement Pumping Plant 5 Low Head Lift – We have completed building the Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) and it has been tested. It is ready for installation. Michael McDonald did the work with supervision from WAVE Engineering, Tim Bristow and myself. Michael did a very nice job. Bockmon and Woody have been contacted to do the electrical work on a time and materials basis. This will be a better situation for us

as we will be able to monitor the number of people working on site and track cost. They should be on site in the next week or two to begin the underground work. The electrical work should come in way lower than the bid last winter. Garrett Arnaudo should be on site by the end of the month to begin work. The pipe is ready and is sitting at Ameron. The pump mounting plates have been completed. We are only missing the MCC's riser that they sit on. Once that is delivered, maybe within two weeks, the MCC's and RTU can be set on site.

Pumping Plant #4 Replacement Project – Have been coordinating and planning with WAVE engineering for the replacement of PP #4. Also have been meeting with Dahl Consulting and coordinating soil boring locations. Four of the six test holes have been bored and sampled.

San Joaquin County Community Development Application # PA 160049 (AP) – There isn't any more news at the county on this application.

Meetings attended – Met with a vendor, REXEL, an electrical supply house. We have been buying our VFD's through them for several years on a bid basis. They have a lighting guru that I have scheduled to meet with on October 24th to tour the district. She is knowledgeable about incentive programs and best lighting options for facilities. We have a pot of money at PWRPA that is also reserved for just these sorts of conservation measures.

I am meeting with International Water Screens on Thursday morning to look at canal 3 West at the tail end next to Banta Road. Between Bird Road and Banta Road this canal is a hot bed for pondweed and algae growth as it normally has shallow slow moving water all season. This has been creating big problems for growers that are served off of the pipeline that is fed at Banta Road. This pipeline serves about 660 acres all on filter systems.

Culvert extensions Bird Road – Nothing new on this project. Dahl will be doing survey work in preparation for some design work in November or December.

L4 Pump Replacement – We are planning to remove the pump at L4, the outside pump at PP #2, in November or December.

Respectfully submitted by:

David Weisenberger
General Manager

ITEM 4 - DIRECTOR AND STAFF ITEMS

Power is being installed on the 3 West canal for the traveling water screen installed by the District staff.

General Manager Weisenberger is working on a new Streambed Alteration Agreement, a new Warren Act Contract for surface water and a wheeling agreement with Friant Water Authority for 2020.

Secretary Howe reminded the Directors about required Sexual Harassment Training on Tuesday, October 23, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

ITEM 5 – ELECT VOTING DELEGATE FOR ACWA ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT GENERAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 4, 2019. ACTION AS NECESSARY

General Manager Weisenberger reported the District has received the Association California Water Agencies (ACWA) Proxy Designation Forms and needs to appoint a District Official as a voting delegate. Director Keith Robertson made a motion to appoint the President of the Board, James M McLeod, as the District designated voting delegate to ACWA. Director Glenn Robertson seconded the motion and it carried by the following vote; Ayes: Directors James McLeod, Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Annette Elissagaray and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

ITEM 6 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, CONSIDER TRANSFERS, AND REVIEW SCHEDULING OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES. ACTION AS NECESSARY

US Bureau of Reclamation announced an increase in the 2019/2020 CVP allocation for South of Delta Users to 75%. This will provide the District with 15,000 acre feet of CVP Water available for the 2019/2020 water year.

General Manager Weisenberger reported he was able to transfer 1,000 AF of CVP water to Westlands Water District in September.

ITEM 7 – UPDATE ON REPLACING THE DISTRICT’S CURRENT WATER TRACKING SOFTWARE AND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE. ACTION AS NECESSARY

General Manager Weisenberger and Secretary Howe made a trip to Goleta, Ca to review an up dated version of H2O Pro water tracking software and Sage 100. Staff is setting up a meeting with True Point, another water tracking software, for next week. They are also researching the cost to purchase the Aqua Data program and have it updated.

ITEM 8 - CONSIDER REQUEST FROM YAMASAKI FARMS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PIPELINE AND PUMP STATION TO SERVE IN-DISTRICT PARCELS #255-120-10 AND 255-270-16. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

General Manager Weisenberger reported he talked to Myron Yamasaki regarding providing service to in-District parcels 255-120-10 and 255-270-18. Mr. Yamasaki would like to put in an 18 inch pipeline and have service available by spring of 2020 and inquired if the District would be willing to provide any financial assistance. The Board discussed the size of pipeline needed to service the area and the possibility of additional ground being annexed in the area in the future. The Board requested District staff research the cost difference between the 18 inch pipeline and a 24 inch pipeline. The Board took no action on providing financial assistance at this meeting.

ITEM 9 - UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE TRACY SUB-BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP). ACTION AS NECESSARY.

A. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL PLACEMENT OF A SHALLOW MONITORING WELL AT 3514 W LEHMAN ROAD.

The Tracy Sub-basin GSA’s continue to meet on a monthly basis. They would like to drill a shallow monitoring well on Banta-Carbona Irrigation District property. After some discussion the Board of Directors authorized the drilling of a shallow monitoring well on District property.

ITEM 10 - REPORT ON PROGRESS OF PROP 1 GRANT APPLICATION TO STUDY, DESIGN, AND PERMIT A HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT TO INCLUDE BIOTECHNICAL BANK STABILIZATION FOR LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF DISTRICT’S DIVERSION POINT. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

FishBio continues to work on the PROP 1 Grant Application. Staff presented copies of both the Project Clarification and Budget Justification memos provided to the Delta Conservancy as well as the Conservancy staff’s comments on the memos. The Delta Conservancy would like to see a long term maintenance plan added to the application.

ITEM 11- REVIEW PARADISE CUT BYPASS PROJECT. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

John Herrick was present to do a presentation on the Paradise Cut Bypass project He also presented information on the “Sacramento San Joaquin River Delta Channel Restoration Program” and asked for the District’s endorsement. The Board thanked Mr. Herrick for his presentation, but took no action.

**ITEM 12 - UPDATE CVP CONTRACT CONVERSION 9(E) TO 9(D)
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.
ACTION AS NECESSARY.**

Staff presented a draft copy of the CVP Conversion Contract for review by the Board. District Counsel Zolezzi reported they hoped to have a final version ready for signature in December 2019 or January 2020 with an effective date of March 1, 2020.

**ITEM 13 - UPDATE ON SAN JOAQUIN RIVER NON-NATIVE FISH
POPULATION STUDY. ACTION AS NECESSARY**

Manager Weisenberger attended a meeting with FishBio in September to review what had been accomplished in 2019 and discuss what changes might be needed in 2020. He is hopeful that FishBio will have a presentation for the Board in November.

**ITEM 14 - UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUMPING PLANT 4
REPLACEMENT PROJECT. ACTION AS NECESSARY.**

General Manager Weisenberger presented notes from the progress meetings being held weekly in September and October. Arnaudo Construction is excavating the hole for the new wet well structure.

**ITEM 15 – CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM J COMM. INC. FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DISTRICT WEBSITE. ACTION AS NECESSARY**

The District is required by SB 929 to have a fully-featured website by January 2020. General Manager Weisenberger presented a Website Development Proposal from J COMM, Inc. to develop a website for the District. Director Keith Robertson made a motion to accept the proposal from J COMM., Inc for website development and authorize General Manager Weisenberger to execute the agreement. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion and it carried by the following vote; Ayes: Directors James McLeod, Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Annette Elissagaray and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

ITEM 16 - CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL on EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code
 - A. Banta-Carbona Irrigation District v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al, Case No. 2015-1-CV-285182 in Santa Clara County Superior Court, Dept 1. This case originated in San Joaquin County as Case No. 39-2015-00326421-CU-WM-STK
 - B. Natural Resources Defense Council v. Sally Jewell, U.S., Department of the Interior Case No. 1:05-cv-01207 LJO-GSA

The Board returned to open session with no announcement.

ITEM 17 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Keith Robertson moved that the October 2019 Warrants in the amount of \$900,815.26 be approved for payment. Director James M Thoming seconded the motion and it carried by the following vote; Ayes: Directors James McLeod, Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Annette Elissagaray and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

Margaret G. Howe

