

November 13, 2019
Tracy, CA 95304

Pursuant to adjournment, October 16, 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 Keith Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 16, 2019 as presented. 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

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

ITEM 2 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Howe reported there was no correspondence

ITEM 3 - Manager's Report & Discussion Items.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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Vernalis flow +/- 1,495 cfs. Wheeling 0 cfs

Maintenance - Currently on-going emphasis is on pre-emergent weed control. Maintenance crews prepared right of ways for pre-emergent herbicide applications. Low hanging branches or volunteer trees and shrubs were removed. All west side canal right of ways have been sprayed with pre-emergent herbicide. The applicator started doing east side canals on Tuesday November 12.

At PP #5 unit 1 pump (low-head), one of the used pumps from old PP #7 had a bad bearing and Delta Pump has pulled that pump and it has been repaired and put back into service.

The Peterman Lateral pump was pulled by Delta Pump, repaired, and is back in service. Currently we have not identified any other pumps in need of repair in any of the pump-houses.

FRIANT SJRRP Restoration Flows and Wheeling – Wheeled zero water for USBR/Friant in May through October 2019. Do not plan to wheel water for them the rest of the water year ending on February 29, 2020.

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. Esq. Jeanne Zolezzi has been attending the negotiation session on the District's behalf. There was a negotiation session on September 25th for district level negotiations in the Delta Division.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) –The next major milestone due is a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for our GSA as well as for the Tracy Sub-basin which is due by January 31, 2022. The Tracy Sub-basin GSA's did not meet in July. There is a regularly scheduled meeting on the third Thursday of the month at the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District office at 1 pm. The next meeting is October 17, 2019. The topics to be discussed or considered for recommended action tomorrow are: consider Outreach Facilitation Services proposals to meet the public communications

requirements of SGMA; review the public releases of neighboring GSP's (is., the DMC GSP); get update on Technical Support Services from DWR in regards to new monitoring wells in our sub-basin; Review current status of GSP Grant; and review current and future Inter-basin coordination activities.

Pumping Plant #4 Replacement Project – The longest lead item remains to be the pumps and motors with a delivery date of January 1, 2020, though it sounds like that date may be slipping now to the end of January. Motor control centers have arrived and the pipe has been delivered. BCID is responsible for supplying the Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) that houses the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment. The RTU is 95% complete. Arnaudo Construction has poured the slab floor for the new pump station is now working on forming up the pump bay walls. They are scheduled to pour walls and will begin pouring some concrete by the end of next week.

San Joaquin County Community Development Application # PA 1600049 (AP) – The County sent a notice of public hearing for the project in December. I replied to the notice to county staff by re-iterating our concerns with groundwater contamination with the use of un-lined ponds for storm water runoff. The public hearing was removed from the calendar in December. There has been no news on this application since.

Website – New legislation passed last year, SB 929, requiring special districts to have a website that provides district contact information by January 1, 2020. This is simple enough except that there has been legislation on the books for several years that requires other information be posted **IF** you have a website. We have been exempt from those other postings because we never have had a website. We will now be required to make those postings. The new website is under development with J Comm, Inc. out of Rocklin, California.

New Pumping Plant #5 Noise – The original sound blankets arrived and we installed them on Unit 6 at PP #5. They do make a noticeable difference but do not completely kill all of the noise. We have ordered custom made blankets for all of the units at PP #5. Cost for this latest order is \$4317.03. We did order blankets for the two low head pumps too. That order was lost track of in September when the sales rep left the company. The order has been expedited as of two weeks ago when we contacted to another representative about the order.

Traveling Trash Screen – The foundation for the traveling trash screen at the tail end of 3 West canal at Banta Road has been constructed. We have a PG&E meter and can now install the traveling screen in the canal. International Water Screens, inc. has not been responsive to our inquiries about the motors that came with the unit. IT has three phase motors on it and we ordered single phase motors. The control panel did come single phase as ordered.

PROP 1 Grant Application – The Delta Conservancy Board met on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, from 9 am to 1 pm to select applications for grant funding. I attended as well as Andrea Fuller of FISHBIO and a representative of CBEC. The meeting went well even though BCID wasn't recommended for funding on that day. The Board left it open for BCID to work with Conservancy staff to clear up any questions they have that prevented them from recommending funding in May. FISHBIO is currently responsible for putting together a memo that will provide additional information to the conservancy, which they requested, in regards to the environmental value of the project. We did ask the conservancy if any other grant applicants were asked to be making presentations to AIMIT and they said no. Hence BCID is the only applicant that has been asked to make a presentation. The next Delta Conservancy meeting is in December. Our project will not be considered at the December meeting as their staff needed more time to evaluate our additional information submittals at the 1st of November.

Respectfully submitted by:

David Weisenberger
General Manager

ITEM 4 - DIRECTOR AND STAFF ITEMS

Staff inquired if the Directors would be available to attend a Board Meeting on December 18, 2019 instead of the regular date of December 11, 2019. Due to the ACWA conference the first week of December it would only give staff three days to prepare for the meeting. All of the Directors responded they would be available on the 18th.

General Manager Weisenberger reported he is planning on stopping water delivery on November 22 until after Thanksgiving. If necessary, he will deliver water in mid-December

ITEM 5 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, CONSIDER TRANSFERS, AND REVIEW SCHEDULING OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES. ACTION AS NECESSARY

General Manager Weisenberger reported there was nothing new to report regarding water supplies. The 2019/2020 CVP allocation for South of Delta Users is 75%; this will provide the District with 15,000 acre feet of CVP Water available for the 2019/2020 water year.

ITEM 6 – UPDATE ON REPLACING THE DISTRICT’S CURRENT WATER TRACKING SOFTWARE AND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE. ACTION AS NECESSARY

District staff has reviewed several new water tracking software programs; Storm, H2O Pro, and TruPoint. Staff recommends upgrading the water tracking software to TruPoint and the District’s accounting software to Sage 100. This will require updating the District’s current hardware and a meeting has been scheduling with QPCS and Alex Pineda to discuss options and costs.

ITEM 7 - 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 presented cost estimates on several options for pipeline construction to provide service to the Yamasaki property. He discussed the possibility of a cost sharing of the project through a rate agreement with Yamasaki. Also discussed was the possibility of providing service to other land in the same area.

ITEM 8 - UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE TRACY SUB-BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP). ACTION AS NECESSARY.

- A. Consider for approval agreement with DWR for placement of a shallow monitoring well at 3514 W Lehman Road.

General Manager Weisenberger he had nothing new to report on the Tracy Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Their regularly scheduled monthly meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2019.

ITEM 9 - 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.

District representatives had a meeting with the Delta Conservancy last week and are preparing a proposal to present at the Conservancy’s February for possible approval.

ITEM 10 - UPDATE CVP CONTRACT CONVERSION 9(E) TO 9(D) NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi reported we are still waiting on a final draft of the contract for review.

ITEM 11 - UPDATE ON SAN JOAQUIN RIVER NON-NATIVE FISH POPULATION STUDY. ACTION AS NECESSARY

General Manager Weisenberger reported he had no new information to report, but hoped FishBio would be able to do a presentation on the project in December or January.

ITEM 12 - UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUMPING PLANT 4 REPLACEMENT PROJECT. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

General Manager Weisenberger weekly progress meetings are being held on Tuesday mornings in the District office. Arnaudo Construction is forming the walls for the pump station and they should be pouring concrete for them this week. The foundation has been poured.

One of the motor control centers received was damaged and will need to be shipped back to Rexel for either replacement or repair. A claim has been filed with FedEx for the damage.

ITEM 13 – CONSIDER OFFERING DIRECT DEPOSIT SERVICES TO EMPLOYEES. ACTION AS NECESSARY

Secretary Howe reported she would like to offer the employees direct deposit services after January 1, 2020. She has talked to the District's bank, Oak Valley Community Bank, and they are willing to provide the service at no cost. Several of the employees have expressed interest in the past. After some discussion, Director Keith Robertson made a motion to authorize Secretary Howe to take the necessary steps to provide direct deposit services to District employees. Director Glenn Robertson seconded the motion and 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 14 - 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 15 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Keith Robertson moved that the November 2019 Warrants in the amount of \$681,662.32 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, December 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

Margaret G. Howe