

October 14, 2015  
Tracy, CA 95304

Pursuant to adjournment, September 16, 2015, 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, Glenn Robertson, Keith Robertson, Roger 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 September 16, 2015 as presented. Director James M. Thoming seconded the motion and it carried by the following vote; Ayes: Directors James McLeod, Roger Elissagaray, Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson 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 for audit.

#### ITEM 2 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Howe reported that since Directors Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson and James M. Thoming ran unopposed, they were all appointed to office by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. The District has received from the Registrar of voters a certified copy of Resolution No. R-15-149 appointing Glenn Robertson, Division 1; Director Keith Robertson, Division 4; and Director James M. Thoming, Division 5; to the Board of Directors of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District as adopted on September 29, 2015 by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. Their terms will be for four years starting on Friday, December 4, 2015 and ending on December 6, 2019.

#### ITEM 3 - MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS.

##### **MANAGER'S REPORT October 14, 2015**

PP #1 River Gauge 7.1, River @ Fishscreen 3.15 msl., Vernalis 420 cfs. CVP Diversions 35-65 cfs

**MAINTENANCE** – District staff have completed the annual inspection and O&M of the fish screen facility. The floor was cleaned of sediment deposits and the screens washed down. It was noted during the inspection that some of the corrosion protection anodes are degrading to a point where they should be replaced in the coming months. The inspection also observed that we are seeing corrosion on the galvanized pipes of the sediment cleaning system where they are attached to stainless steel brackets. The pipes look fine between brackets but there is localized corrosion at the brackets.

The annual inspection of Pumping Plant #1 has also been completed. All grease lines, bolts, and iron were inspected for corrosion, functionality, and viability to last another season. The PP #1 is ready to operate. There is a support bracket for one of the throttling valves that does need to be repaired. It is above the water line and can be addressed while using the pump station.

The steel penstock for the outside 20 cfs pump located at PP #2 had a leak. Staff applied a patch of bondo to the steel for an interim solution. The leak occurred at the bend where the steel is coupled to the PVC mainline. Staff also replaced all of the bolts on the coupler. Staff still needs to evaluate whether the patch is good enough for years to come or whether a new steel pipe should be manufactured and installed. The pump is operational at this time.

Staff still needs to pull the number 3 12 cfs pump in PP #6. This pump is not operational.

Staff will look into a patch for the steel penstock for the number 4 – 40 cfs pump in PP #5. This pump can operate but it has a big leak which could get bigger and it currently creates a mess around the PP #5 when it is operating. It hasn't been operated since mid June.

Staff is applying pre-emergent herbicide on District right of ways (ROW). This application should be complete by the end of October except for any applications that may need to be made in the bottom of a couple of earth-lined sections of canal.

Assistant Manager Jorge Flores has passed the legal exam for obtaining a pesticide applicator license. He needs to pass at least one exam for a specific type of application such as right of ways or aquatic applications in order to get his license. He will be taking one or both of those specific exams later this month. He has been doing a very good job this season of monitoring aquatic pesticide applications. He has been fine tuning the hours and rates of applications to get good results from treatments while using as little material as possible.

**PONDWEED and ALGAE CONTROL – This is still occurring on an as needed basis.**

**SWRCB** - We continue to monitor State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) activities and meetings related to water rights and the drought.

**SPUR DIKE – No activity on this topic this past month.**

Prepared by:

David Weisenberger

General Manager

**ITEM 4 - DIRECTOR AND STAFF ITEMS**

General Manager Weisenberger reported the District received a request from Reclamation District 2085 to store their emergency equipment in the District's Kasson Rd. yard. The Board discussed it and decided to would not be a problem and directed staff to let the reclamation district know it could store its emergency equipment in the Kasson Rd. yard.

General Manager Weisenberger presented a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) information release regarding the settlement agreement between the USBR and Westlands Water District.

General Manager Weisenberger will be attending another meeting with Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) staff regarding changing the way the rates for conveyance and storage are computed for Exhibit B on the Warren Act Contracts. These rates are changed on an annual basis, and the USBR is planning on changing to a "market rate" computation or a cost of replacement basis.

Director James M. Thoming requested staff provide a list of the authorities and/or organizations the District either belongs to or participates in.

**ITEM 5 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AND 2015 WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, POTENTIAL RATIONING, TRANSFER AND SCHEDULING THE USE OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES. ACTION AS NECESSARY.**

Staff instituted the District's rationing policy, as approved at the April 15, 2015 Board Meeting, effective June 26, 2015. The District made available to growers 1.5 acre feet of water per acre of ground a total of 22,090 acre feet. Growers have used 13,166 acre feet of the available water as of September 30, leaving 8,924 acre feet available through February 2016.

The District has not started pumping any groundwater yet. The plan is to start pumping in November and pump through January 2016, when the power rates will be less expensive.

**ITEM 6 – CONSIDER PROJECTS TO REMOVE EXCESS SOIL ON BCID LIFT CANALS, INTAKE CANAL, AND LATERALS. ACTION AS NECESSARY.**

General Manager Weisenberger reported Frank Alegre of Frank Alegre Trucking had contacted the District regarding a project to remove excess soil on the District's canals and laterals. The Board discussed the project but determined they need to see an agreement before they can take any action.

**ITEM 7 - REVIEW PROPOSED PRIVATE PARTY IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT EASEMENT ON 4 WEST CANAL IN T3S R5E SECTION 13. ACTION AS NECESSARY.**

Staff reported they have not received any additional information on the proposed improvements.

**ITEM 8 – PROGRESS UPDATE ON REPLACING PUMPING PLANT #6. ACTION AS NECESSARY.**

General Manager Weisenberger reported the District has placed orders for about \$1.8 million in equipment for Pumping Plant #6, including pump with 700 hp motor, valves, discharge piping,

manifold piping, 84 inch pipe and 2400.480 volt transformer. All of the equipment is scheduled to be delivered by March 1, 2016.

**ITEM 9– UPDATE ON STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) PROCEEDINGS REGARDING CURTAILMENT DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS TO WATER RIGHTS HOLDERS ON THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER AND THE SACRAMENTO RIVER BASINS. ACTION AS NECESSARY.**

Staff reported the SWRCB on September 17, 2015 notified pre-1914 water right holders with a priority date of 1903 or later in the Sacramento and Feather River watersheds and the Delta south to Mossdale bridge that there is currently water available to meet their reported demands. This notification allows those holders to begin diverting again. However, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District is south of Mossdale bridge, so we are still under a curtailment notice.

**ITEM 10 – CLOSED SESSION:**

- 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL on EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code

Banta-Carbona Irrigation District v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al, Case No. 39-2015- 00326421-CU-WM-STK

Returned to open session with no announcement.

**ITEM 11 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS.**

Director Keith Robertson moved that the October 2015 Warrants in the amount of \$193,257.08 be approved for payment. Director Glenn Robertson seconded the motion and it carried by the following vote; Ayes: Directors James McLeod, Roger Elissagaray, Keith Robertson, James M. Thoming and Glenn Robertson; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

Margaret G. Howe  
Secretary