

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

July 29, 2021
Tracy, California

President James M Thoming called a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District. Said meeting was held at the office of the Board on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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

CONFERENCE LINE: Director Mark Cardoza

ABSENT: Keith Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager David Weisenberger, and Secretary Margaret Howe

ITEM 1 - UPDATE ON STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) PROCEEDINGS REGARDING CURTAILMENT DIRECTIVES, EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, WATER UNAVAILABILITY METHODOLOGY AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO PRE-1914 WATER RIGHTS HOLDERS ON THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER. ACTION AS NECESSARY

General Manager presented the SWRCB response to the proposal of a voluntary program to reduce pumping in the Lower San Joaquin River and the southern Delta in drought conditions in lieu of potential State Water Board curtailments at the San Joaquin River. While the SWRCB did not accept the proposal, they offer to commit to continue working with the District's on a voluntary program.

Also presented was a notice from the SWRCB proposing an emergency regulation that, if adopted, could affect the ability of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District to divert water from the San Joaquin River. The emergency regulation is to be considered at the August 3, 2021 Board meeting of SWRCB.

ITEM 2 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AND 2021 WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, DISCUSS POTENTIAL WATER RATIONING AND REVIEW SCHEDULING THE USE OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

At the current time the District has approximately 9,000 gross acre feet of Warren Act Water in storage and 1,800 acre feet of rescheduled 2020 CVP water available for its use. If the District is curtailed in Mid-August this would allow the District to serve about 0.60 acre feet of water per acre of ground for the 2021 irrigation season.

ITEM 3 – REVIEW FOR APPROVAL A LETTER TO GROWERS AND WATER USERS REGARDING AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2021 AND FOR 2022. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

Staff presented a letter to be mailed to growers and water users informing them of possible water allocations or shutoffs for the 2021 irrigation season. A water rationing policy for the 2021 irrigation season was included with the letter. The Board reviewed the letter and directed staff to mail out the letter as soon as possible.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

Margaret G. Howe