July 17, 2024
Tracy, California

Pursuant to adjournment, June 12, 2024, 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. Thoming (President), Glenn Robertson (Vice-President), Annette Elissagaray, Mark Cardoza, and Kyle Robertson.

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager/Secretary David Weisenberger, Treasurer/Assessor-Collector Danisha McDonald, Administrative Assistant Kelly Wright-Laforce, District Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi.

ABSENT: None

ITEM 1 - OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ITEM 2 - CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL MAY 15, 2024 AND JUNE 12, 2024 MINUTES.

Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024 and June 12, 2024 Regular Board Meetings. Director Mark Cardoza seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Mark Cardoza, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 3 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE.

None

ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Danisha McDonald. It was filed for audit.

ITEM 5 - AUTHORIZE TRANSFER AMOUNT FROM LIQUIDITY ACCOUNT TO CHECKING ACCOUNT.

Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to transfer $ 819,636.66 from the Liquidity Bank Account to the District checking account at Oak Valley Community Bank. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Mark Cardoza, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 6 - UPDATE ON TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS WITH CETERA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC.

Mr. Gregory Hoekman representing Cetera Investment Services LLC was present to discuss investment options for a T-bill that had recently matured. The mature T-bill was worth $3,531,00.00 dollars. After some discussion about potential cash flow needs in the immediate future Director Annette Elissagaray made a motion to invest up to two million dollars in 12-15 month Certificates of Deposit (CD's) and invest the balance of the funds in a one year Treasury Bill. Director Mark Cardoza seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Mark Cardoza, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 7 - Director and Staff Items

Treasurer Danisha McDonald reported on a recent wellness grant applied for by the district. Treasurer Danisha McDonald presented the board with a letter from ACWA JPIA congratulating the district on a wellness grant of $720.00. Ms. McDonald applied for the grant with the intent to promote long term employee wellness by demonstrating the importance of preventative daily habits. The employees will be presented with a wellness kit sponsored by JPIA to help introduce healthy daily habits into their day-to-day routines. The wellness kit will include a high visibility UV protection hat with neck flap and sunblock for preventative efforts against skin cancer. With employees working outside for much of their shifts, it is crucial to relay this

message to workers earlier than later in their careers. Employees will also receive hydration packets, and an insulated water bottle to promote drinking water over soda or sugary drinks that can pose a significant risk to employee health and can lead to faster dehydration. Banta-Carbona has submitted its receipts totaling $760.89 to the JPIA and completed the requirements to receive funding. The check is expected to arrive in early August in the amount of $720.00. Banta-Carbona Irrigation district has funded the remaining $40.89 of this project. The wellness kits are pending shipment of the water bottles expected to be received in early August. When completed the wellness kits will be handed out to employees with informational flyers on how they can further prevent skin cancer and dehydration.

Directors commented that the district may want to consider providing the electrolyte pouches to the employees on an on-going basis during the hot season. Staff stated they would look into a way to distribute the pouches and get feedback on the service from employees.

Treasurer/Assessor-Collector Danisha McDonald provided an update assessment collections and balances that are delinquent.

Administrative Assistant Kelly Wright-Laforce reported on her attendance of the CSDA General Manager Leadership Conference held on June 23 through June 25, 2024 in Anaheim, Ca. She reported that it was a good conference and that the information provided was very relevant to the business of the BCID. She met other attendees from districts that she was familiar. She stated that the speakers were high quality and made the information relatable to the attendees.

Manager Weisenberger recommended to the board of directors that Ms. Wright-Laforce attend the ACWA Region 4 event on July 31, 2024 in Roseville, Ca. The event is focused on groundwater programs, projects, and conjunctive use. The board concurred with the recommendation.

Manager Weisenberger also requested permission to take Ms. Wright-Laforce to the August PWRPA strategic and succession planning session on August 8th and attend the PWRPA board meeting on August 9th in Santa Rosa. This requires a two night stay in Santa Rosa, nights of August 7th and 8th. The board felt that the topics and trip are an investment in the district's knowledge base and that Ms. Wright-Laforce should attend.

Director Mark Cardoza inquired as to the status of repairing a small leak on 3 west Canal Lateral. Manager Weisenberger acknowledged that he was familiar with the leak and will check to see if it is on the maintenance repair list.

ITEM 8 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, REVIEW SCHEDULING OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES AND POTENTIAL TRANSFERS.

Manager Weisenberger reported that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation increased the south of delta 2024 contract allocation of water to 50%. The District's CVP contract is 20,000 acre feet, resulting in an allocation of 10,000 acre feet. In addition to the 2024 CVP allocation the district has put 1,689 acre feet into the 2024 SLDMWA Drought Water Pool Program. San Joaquin River is running at about 850 cfs to 1,050 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the Vernalis Gauging Station.

Manager Weisenberger reported that there had been an inquiry made to the district about the possibility of transferring some CVP water south of the delta this summer. After some discussion the board elected not to transfer any CVP water at this time. It was pointed out that this CVP supply is an emergency supply of water in the event that some catastrophic event occurs on the main lift canal during the peak irrigation season.

ITEM 9 - REVIEW FINAL VERSION 2023 DISTRICT AUDIT.

The board of directors reviewed the final completed audit of the 2023 fiscal year. Director Mark Cardoza made a motion to accept the audit as final. Director Kyle Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Mark Cardoza, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 10 - REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PURCHASING POLICY.

General Manager Weisenberger discussed documenting the district's past purchasing and bidding practices. A draft purchasing policy was distributed for review. After discussion and

suggested changes, the board moved to adopt the policy as amended and as edited by legal counsel.

Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-07-01, approving the Purchasing Policy as amended. Director Mark Cardoza seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Mark Cardoza, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 11 - CLOSED SESSION:

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

   A. Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. United States Bureau of Reclamation, et al., Case No. 1:20-cv-00706;DAD-EPG, Eastern District of California
   B. State Water Resources Control Board 2021 and 2022 Curtailment Cases, Sacramento Superior Court JCCP 5229

2) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

   A. Property: Wheel Water through lift canal and Pump Station Facilities for Third Parties
   Agency negotiator: James Thoming, David Weisenberger and District Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi
   Negotiating parties: Friant Water Authority

Announcement out of Closed Session – Director Mark Cardoza made a motion authorizing the President of the Board and General Manager to negotiate terms for an extension of the Friant Wheeling Agreement through February 28, 2025. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Mark Cardoza, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 12 - UPDATE ON POWER AND WATER RESOURCES POOLING AUTHORITY (PWRPA) ACTIVITIES AND OBTAINING RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (REC'S) THROUGH PWRPA TO MEET THE DISTRICT'S RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CURRENT THREE YEAR COMPLIANCE PERIOD THAT ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2024.

It was reported that as directed by the board of directors at the June board meeting staff had PWRPA purchase the required amount of REC's for Compliance Period 4 that ends on December 31, 2024. The REC's were purchased by PWRPA to meet the obligations for the three year compliance period 4. The average cost of the REC's was $32.30 per REC for the compliance period.

ITEM 13 - UPDATE ON JCOMM VIDEO SERVICES TO PROMOTE AND EDUCATE INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE "SGMA PHASE TWO" PUMP/PIPELINE PROJECT TO MAINTAIN AND PROMOTE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN THE TRACY SUB-BASIN (TSB).

Manager Weisenberger reported that the video is complete and a webpage for the BCID website is being developed for groundwater activities where the video will be posted. In addition a fact sheet is being prepared for staff or board member use when interacting with any public questions.

ITEM 14 - REVIEW DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATES.

Treasurer McDonald presented a final version of the Heat and Illness Prevention Policy.

ITEM 15 - MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS.

Maintenance - Maintenance staff is currently spraying terrestrial weeds, disking weeds, and applying aquatic herbicides for pondweed weed and algae in canals. In addition, asphalt grindings were applied to the lift canal road between the freeway and Pumping Plant #2.

Mitch's truck has a seized engine that's getting replaced at ford that is under warranty. Replaced some rotors on spare trucks to get them operational again. Found AC replacements for 2 and 3 station.

The Main Lift Canal meter Sontek Argonaut was not working and could not be repaired. It was over ten years old. It has been replaced with a Sontek IQ which is measuring fine. There is an issue with it reporting to the cloud through the Storm 3 data logger. This local data logger receives data from the two ITRC flow measuring devices and the Sontek meter to report that data to the cloud. It was reporting the ITRC data fine but was not reporting the new Sontek IQ

data to the cloud. In the process of trying to connect the Sontek IQ meter to the cloud the Storm 3 logger quit reporting all data to the cloud. The Storm 3 has been sent in for diagnostics and the report back is that the logger checks out as fully operational. It was shipped back to the district and re-installed by district staff. The STORM 3 still does not report to the cloud. Assistant Manager McDonald has been researching and seeking technical support from the Cal Poly ITRC and Sontec, to diagnose the problem. ITRC did get their meters to record in the STORM 3 but it is not reporting the meter readings to the cloud. This is still an open issue.

In PP #1 the #3-20 motor rewind is complete and the motor was connected and put into service. The pump and motor were running fine, very smooth until May 14, 2024. On May 14th a loud knocking sound coming from the pump below started and a large vibration was occurring. It is likely there is something stuck in the impeller. It is now out of service. Staff will need to wait until the river drops to a summer low in order to dewater the pump bay and inspect the impeller. Currently the remaining pumps are able to meet the required flow rates as the river elevation is high enough to where the remaining pumps are able to pump higher flow rates.

Pumping Plant #3 Replacement Project – Cascade delivered all five pumps and motors and they are being stored at 3514 w. Lehman Road corporation yard. All of the electrical equipment has been delivered, except transformers and switchboard ($861,000.00), and are stored in the Fish Screen storage building at the office corporation yard, 3514 W. Lehman Road. Switchboard is due to arrive February 2025. Wayne Dahl of Dahl Consulting Inc. is completing the final grading plan. When the final grading plan is complete then the Specifications and Drawings package will be complete and ready for going out to bid.

FRIANT SJRRP Restoration Flows and Wheeling – The District wheeled 3,255 acre feet of SJRRP water for Friant in March and 3,062 acre feet in April for a total of 6,317 af in 2024. The District is not currently wheeling water in June.

Pumping Plant 5 impeller replacement project – The original Unit #6 has been replaced with the new low flow pump and motor. The new 15 cfs pump and 350 hp motor were running fine for about two to three weeks. Then a VFD fault occurred that is indicating low voltage and is shutting down the pump. The trouble is intermittent and a solution to prevent the fault has not been identified. Staff has had Scott Penner out from WAVE engineering but he was unable to fix the underlying issue. Staff contacted Rexell for technical support.

The old unit #6 was in the shop at Delta pump to have the new impellers installed. That unit will replace Unit #4 for intermediate flow. District staff went and picked up the old unit #6 as it is thought that the pump is too large for Delta Pump to handle. Staff is looking at the possibility that district staff can make the impeller swap, if not then staff look another vendor to make the impeller swap.

Employee Education – Kelly Wright-Laforce attended the CSDA General Manager Leadership Conference held on June 23 through June 25, 2024 in Anaheim, Ca.

Substation #2 Upgrade – The work for replacing insulators between Substation #2 and PP #3 and PP #5 is about 50% complete. The balance of the change will need to be completed this fall/winter. The transformers for Substation #2 have been released to manufacturing. The transformers for PP # 3, 4, and 5 have also been released to manufacturing. Shipping dates will most likely be winter 2025.

ITEM 16 - UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF “SGMA PHASE 2 CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT” DESIGN, ENVIRONMENTAL, EASEMENT ACQUISITION, AND ENGINEERING.

This project is for an expansion of district water distribution facilities to provide surplus surface water, in years like 2023, to ag lands east of Koster Road and north of Durham Ferry Road that have historically relied upon groundwater only.

Manager Weisenberger reported that GEI has been working on the project design and conducts weekly project meetings with all on the team. The team consists of GEI Consultants engineering lead, WAVE Engineering electrical, KSN Engineers surveying, Wayne Dahl project consultant and district staff. They continue to meet weekly to hone down the route of the pipeline, layout of the pump station expansion, pressure/vacuum relief features on the pipeline and any other clarifications required.

Current work emphasis is on acquiring title reports, doing utility research work in the project area, preparing CEQA documents, potholing existing facilities in the pipeline route. Staff has conducted a site visit with GEI engineers, shot video explaining the project and communicated with some landowners.

Next steps are to use title reports to prepare easement agreements, have KSN mark pipeline route, USA pipeline route, complete design, drawings and specifications with a bid package ready to distribute in September.

ITEM 17 - REPORT ON SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FISH POPULATION STUDY AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.

General Manager Weisenberger reported that JCOMM finished shooting video and posted it to the BCID website. JCOMM is preparing a letter and a rollout document to announce the new video, “A Startling Picture” with a news release. Citrus Heights Water District asked if they could post the link to this video on their website. In addition, General Manager Weisenberger will be showing the video “The Missing Piece” at the ACWA Board of Directors regular meeting on July 26, 2024. A monthly report from FISHBIO was distributed to the board members.

General Manager Weisenberger reported that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is seeking proposals for policy programs for ACWA’s 2024 Fall Conference & Expo in Palm Desert. This process is intended to give members the opportunity to propose, develop, and execute a conference program in partnership with ACWA staff. ACWA is seeking proposals for innovative programs and speakers that cover water issues relevant to a broad range of ACWA member agencies. ACWA has limited agenda space for member-proposed programs and cannot guarantee that a submission will be chosen. Program dates and times will be determined by ACWA. Manager Weisenberger asked if the Board is interested in staff proposing to ACWA a policy program on non-native fish species and their impact on endangered species in California. The board encouraged staff to put together a proposal and submit it.

ITEM 18 - UPDATE ON THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR THE TRACY SUBBASIN AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

It was reported to the board that the Tracy Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies continue to meet monthly with meetings being facilitated by Stantec. Current focus is on developing a budget for the new fiscal year that commences on July 1, 2024. Interested parties can get more information off of the website, https://tracysubbasin.org, and sign up for new meeting announcements.

The BCID staff are recording monthly water levels from monitoring wells MW-203 and MW-204 located within the district boundaries.

ITEM 19 - REPORT ON PROGRESS OF PROP 1 GRANT CONTRACT 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.

FISHBIO continues to take design and specifications to permitting agencies to obtain the necessary permits to construct and operate the project. Currently we need to get a letter of support for the construction of the project from McMullin Reclamation District (RD 2075) in order to complete a permit application package with the Central Valley Flood Control Protection Board (CVFPB).

CBEC, Fishbio, and BCID staff prepared and submitted a grant application to the CVPIA Restoration Fund on March 18, 2024. The request was for just under ten million dollars for the construction of the floodplain restoration project.

ITEM 20 - UPDATE ON WHITEPINE RENEWABLES, INC. SOLAR PROJECT ON DISTRICT HOMESTEAD RANCH PROPERTY ON KASSON ROAD.

Manager Weisenberger will be meeting with WhitePine Renewables on July 19, 2024, to discuss PG&E requirements that the project must do a “Cluster Study”. Early feed back from Whitepines is that it won’t impact building the project but that it could push back the start of construction.

ITEM 21 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Mark Cardoza made a motion that the July 2024 warrants in the amount of $591,733.08 be approved for payment. Director Kyle Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Mark Cardoza, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

The meeting was then adjourned.

Signed,

David Weisenberger
Secretary