March 12, 2025
Tracy, California

Pursuant to adjournment of February 12, 2025 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.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager David Weisenberger, Secretary-Treasurer/Assessor-Collector Danisha McDonald, Assistant Manager Kelly Wright-La Force, District legal counsel Jeanne Zolezzi.

ITEM 1 - OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present.

ITEM 2 - CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL FEBRUARY 12, 2025 MINUTES.

Director Mark Cardoza made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025 regular board meeting. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson 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 and after review, it was filed for audit.

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

Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to transfer $1,821,675.47 from the Liquidity Bank Account to the District checking account at Oak Valley Community Bank. Director Glenn Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, 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

Oak Valley Investments representative, Gregory Hoekman, presented current market rates to the Board of Directors regarding short-term and long-term T-Bill options. The Board of Directors reviewed the cash on hand and discussed the options of re-investing two T-Bills with a principal amount of $3,207,250.72 maturing in March 2025. Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to place the principal, maturity of the investments, and the $65,688.64 currently in the Cetera holding account into Banta-Carbona's LAIF investment account. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 7 - DIRECTOR AND STAFF ITEMS

Secretary-Treasurer McDonald reported to the Board of Directors that Form 700 has been filed with the San Joaquin County and the FPPC. The administrative roster has also been updated and filed.

Secretary-Treasurer McDonald presented the preliminary agenda for the upcoming ACWA spring conference May 13-15th, 2025 in Monterey, CA.

Manager Weisenberger reported that he had Danisha and Kelly registered to attend the conference in Monterey.

ITEM 8 - CONSIDER REQUEST BY VAST NETWORKS TO OBTAIN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLES ACROSS DISTRICT CANAL ON FIVE WEST ON LINNE ROAD.

Manager Weisenberger presented a request by Vast Networks for an encroachment permit to bore under 5 West Canal Lateral on Linne Road west of Chrisman Road for installing fiber optic cable.

After some discussion, Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to approve the encroachment permit with Vast Networks for fiber optic cable crossing under district facility 5 West Canal on Linne Road, west of Chrisman Road with the condition that the District be re-imbursed for legal expenses in preparing the agreements. Director Mark Cardoza seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 9 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, REVIEW SCHEDULING OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES AND POTENTIAL TRANSFERS.

Manager Weisenberger presented the water delivery report.

Manager Weisenberger reported that Reclamation has acknowledged receiving our request to reschedule 2,000 acre feet (af) from WY 2024-25 to WY 2025-26. The current maximum allowed is ten percent of the district's 20,000 af CVP contract, 2,000 af.

The BCID currently has a balance of 1,689 af in the San Luis Reservoir (SLR) drought pool.

Manager Weisenberger reported the BCID's 2024-25 CVP allocation balance of 1,341 af was transferred in February to James Irrigation District.

The BCID is currently wheeling water for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program for the Friant Water Authority (FWA). Wheeling began on February 19, 2025 and is currently running at about 60-68 cubic feet per second (cfs) flow rate. 68 cfs is the maximum allowable flow rate in March for BCID. In February 1,424 af were wheeled for Friant Water Authority.

ITEM 10 - UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF "SGMA PHASE 2 CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT" CONSTRUCTION, EASEMENT ACQUISITION, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Manager Weisenberger and Assistant Manager Kelly Wright-La Force reported on construction progress of the pump station for 3 East. Manager Weisenberger reported that all six landowners have agreed to grant easements for the Phase 2 pipelines. There are three landowners that are currently executing easement and settlement agreements. Three other landowners have executed easement agreements, and those easements have been recorded at the San Joaquin County Recorder's office in Stockton, Ca.

Assistant Manager Kelly Wright-La Force reported on construction progress of the Phase 2 Conjunctive Use Project. The wet well excavation is complete, and the concrete floor has been poured by Arnaudo Construction. 36- and 18-inch pipes have been delivered. The 14-, 20-, 24-, and 30-inch pipes continue to be manufactured and delivered. Assistant Manager Kelly Wright-La Force will maintain a detailed inventory.

The project is for the expansion of district water distribution facilities to provide surplus surface water to approximately 1600 acres of agricultural lands east of Koster Road and north of Durham Ferry Road that have historically relied upon groundwater only. This project also helps keep the Tracy Sub-basin sustainable.

ITEM 11 - UPDATE ON UPGRADE OF SUBSTATION #2 TO 12KV/60KV TRANSFORMERS AND DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE TO PUMPING PLANT #5 TO 12.47KV

Manager Weisenberger reported that electrical substation #2 on Durham Ferry Road is back in full service as of February 18, 2025. This substation is now providing 12kV voltage to Pumping Plant (PP) #5 and continues to provide 2400v voltage to PP #3 and PP #4. The 12kV/480v transformer at PP #5 is also in full service. Power has been restored to 6 sump as well. A used BCID 2400v/480v transformer is taking electricity from the main switchboard at PP #5 at 480v and transforming it to 2400 volts, then putting it on the overhead 2400v lines to 6 Sump.

ITEM 12 - 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 (§ 54956.8)

A. Properties: 255-120-10, 255-120-11, 255-270-72, 255-270-73, 255-270-45, 255-270-43, 255-270-44, 255-270-29, 255-270-09, 255-270-07, 255-270-53

Agency Negotiators: David Weisenberger, Jeanne Zolezzi, and Lilliana Selke
Negotiating Parties: Various landowners
Under Negotiation: compensation and other terms for easements

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated
Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to
§ 54956.9(b): One case

C. Property: Up to 10,000 acre feet of San Joaquin River Water under the District's Pre-1914 Water rights
Agency Negotiators: James Thoming, David Weisenberger and Jeanne Zolezzi
Negotiating Party: Westside Agriculture LLC
Under Negotiation: Price, Quantity and Terms of Payment

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

ITEM 13 – RECOGNIZE MR. JAIME ZAMORA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT, EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2025.

It was moved by Mark Cardoza to adopt resolution 2024-03-01. The motion was seconded by Glenn Robertson.

Resolution 2025-03-01

Honoring Jaime Zamora for his many years of service to the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District

WHEREAS, Jaime Zamora was hired to the position of Ditchtender–Maintenance Worker on August 1, 1996 and thereafter served in that capacity for 6 months; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Zamora was promoted to the position of Pumper in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Zamora was promoted to the position of Assistant Watermaster in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Zamora was an Assistant Watermaster, of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District where he served in that position until May 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Zamora has decided to retire as Assistant Watermaster of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District on May 2, 2025, thus serving the District for 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Zamora has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and supervisors at Banta-Carbona Irrigation District for his dedication, enthusiasm, professionalism, sense of humor and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Zamora has exhibited integrity and reason in all matters to come before him in the course of his service to the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, he therefore is held in high esteem; and

WHEREAS, the many years of Jaime Zamora's dedicated service to Banta-Carbona Irrigation District will not easily be forgotten nor replaced, as no one else can possibly fill

his shoes. Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, including the Board and all employees wish Jaime good luck on his retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and staff of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District regret that he has severed his connection as Assistant Watermaster of said District and that the Board, acting on behalf of the people he has represented, hereby offers acknowledgment and appreciation for the service he has rendered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors wish he and his wife, Teresa, many years of health, happiness, and prosperity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of March 2025 by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Directors James M. Thoming, Glenn S. Robertson, Annette M. Elissagaray, Mark E. Cardoza, and Kyle Robertson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

ITEM 14 - MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS.

Manager Weisenberger reported that in anticipation of Mr. Jaime Zamora's retirement, two candidates for the position of Ditchtender/Maintenance Worker have been offered employment. The two candidates are going through the hiring process including pre-employment physicals, drug testing, and review of Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) driving reports. The proposed start dates for the two candidates are March 24 and March 31, 2025.

Manager Weisenberger reported that the upcoming vacant position for Assistant Watermaster has been filled with Mr. Rodrigo Botello.

One ditchtender is currently off work due to a non-work-related injury he suffered at home.

Maintenance - Maintenance staff continue to spray terrestrial weeds. Crews continue to repair pipeline leaks. Approximately four sites remain on the pipeline leak list that need repair. Water flow control gate inspection and repairs are complete on the lift canal and on 4 West canal.

In PP #1 the #3-20 pump and motor were pulled after dewatering the pump bay and inspecting the pump impeller and column. It was shipped to Geiger Manufacturing for repairs in Stockton, CA and is nearing completion.

Five main gates/lateral gates were replaced, along with posts, and seat boards. A new walk was added to access 4 West-17. There is a new grate at Steven's Stop on 5 East Canal. A new walk and grate were installed at 5 East and I5.

Staff installed a security fence around the new spare 60kV/12kV transformer at Substation #2.

Staff are installing a fence in the equipment shed to store trailers with pesticide totes on them. It will be posted as a pesticide storage area.

Staff will be adding or replacing worn out signage for trespassing, high voltage, no swimming, pesticide storage, etc.

Repairs – PP#5 -Automation and Control Systems (ACS) from Stockton, CA was called out to PP #5 as the two 700 hp motors, units 3 and 4, were randomly shutting off. ACS discovered a dead rat inside the Unit #4 VFD panel and removal of the dead animal corrected the issue. Unit 4 is running fine now. ACS could not find any issues with the VFD on Unit #3 and recommended we have a motor repair shop test the motor on Unit #3. On Tuesday March 11th, Industrial Electric of Modesto, CA came to test Unit #3 and the spare 700 hp motor in the BCID yard. The motor on Unit #3 tested poorly and should be taken to the electric motor shop for cleaning, repair, and testing. The spare 700 hp motor tested fine and will be mounted on PP #5, Unit 3.

ITEM 15 - REPORT ON SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FISH POPULATION STUDY AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.

Manager Weisenberger reported on the planning for the ACWA Region 4 event to be held on April 16, 2025 beginning at 8 am. The tour will begin and end at Chez Shari rooms at the Manteca Golf Course in Manteca, CA.

He provided the monthly FishBio report for February 2025.

Manager Weisenberger reported BCID was not approved for a presentation at the ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey, Ca.

ITEM 16 - UPDATE ON THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR THE TRACY SUBBASIN AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

The BCID staff continue to record monthly water levels from monitoring wells MW-203 and MW-204 located within the district boundaries. Assistant Manager Kelly Wright-La Force presented graphs showing the data collected which demonstrate the Sub Basin is in stable condition. The readings will be reported to a state portal that has not been set up by the state yet.

The Tracy Sub-basin GSP partners continue to meet monthly to review the draft annual report and to review the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) actions and monitoring activities.

ITEM 17 - 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.

Manager Weisenberger reported that the Reclamation District 2075, McMullin, has provided a document of concurrence in support of the BCID project. This should allow for completion of the permit application package with the Central Valley Flood Control Protection Board (CVFPB).

ITEM 18 – UPDATE ON WHITEPINE RENEWABLES, INC. SOLAR PROJECT ON DISTRICT HOMESTEAD RANCH PROPERTY ON KASSON ROAD.

Whitepine Renewables is preparing a notice to the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) that BCID and Whitepines will be constructing a Non-export solar facility. The plan is to get the project recognized as a non-export project and begin construction in the fall of 2025 to be operational by the fall of 2026. Meanwhile the project would be put into the cluster study in the hopes of being approved as an Export project in the future. The goal would be to be an Export project by the year 2028.

ITEM 19 - REVIEW DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

Manager Weisenberger has been updating the employee handbook and has begun presenting revisions to the board in sections for review. The Standard Practices and Policies Draft sections Introduction, Employment, and Payroll sections were presented to the board for review at the February board meeting. At this meeting a draft of the section Employee Benefits was presented for review. All drafted sections are to be routed to legal for review.

Secretary-Treasurer McDonald presented a year-end and month-end closing checklist which addresses the audit findings from 2023 that the District did not have a documented year-end process.

ITEM 20 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Kyle Robertson moved that the March 2025 warrants in the amount of $1,175,606.97 be approved for payment. Director Glenn Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

Signed,

Danisha McDonald
Secretary