May 7, 2025
Tracy, California

Pursuant to adjournment of April 9, 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 APRIL 9, 2025 MINUTES

Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2025 regular board meeting. 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 3 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented to the Board.

ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented by Danisha McDonald and after review, filed for audit.

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

Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to transfer $1,093,925.98 from the Liquidity Bank Account to the District checking account at Oak Valley Community Bank. Director Kyle 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 Representative, Gregory Hoekman, presented the current rates of Cetera and LAIF. He reported LAIF has shown a delay in the downward trend interest rates are experiencing compared to the Cetera rates.

The Board of Directors reviewed the cash on hand and discussed the options of re-investing for the current cash needs. Director Mark Cardoza made a motion to transfer the principal and gain from the T-bill maturing in May 2025, roughly $1.01 million dollars, from the Cetera account to the District LAIF account. Director Kyle 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 7 - REVIEW INITIAL DRAFT FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR 2024

Michael Fink, CPA, representing Fechter & Company, joined the meeting by conference phone and presented to the board the draft audit they conducted for the district for fiscal year 2024. No action was taken.

ITEM 8 - DIRECTOR AND STAFF ITEMS

Secretary-Treasurer McDonald presented items relevant to the upcoming ACWA conference including an invite from The Water Agency for a group dinner, the Region 4 Membership Meeting Agenda, and an invitation from Carollo engineers for a hosted mixer.

Secretary-Treasurer McDonald reported all employees were trained on the District's current Indoor and Outdoor Heat & Illness Prevention Plan and received a one-gallon jug to carry water in.

ITEM 9 - DESIGNATE THE AUTHORIZED VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE IN ACWA 2025 ELECTION

Manager Weisenberger presented an ACWA memo regarding the designation of an authorized voting representative from each agency.

After review, Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to designate James M. Thoming as the authorized voting representative to vote in ACWA 2025 election on behalf of BCID. 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 10 - CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF DAVID WEISENBERGER FOR BOARD MEMBER OF ACWA REGION 4

Manager Weisenberger reported that ACWA is preparing to elect Region 4 board members.

After some discussion, Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to nominate David Weisenberger for board member of ACWA Region 4. 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PLACING IN NOMINATION DAVID WEISENBERGER
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION 4 BOARD MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

A. Recitals

(i) The Board of Directors (Board) of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

(ii) General Manager David Weisenberger is currently serving as a Board Member of the ACWA Region 4.

B. Resolves

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,

(i) Does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of David Weisenberger for Board Member of ACWA Region 4.

(ii) Does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with service of David Weisenberger In ACWA Region 4 shall be borne by the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District.

Adopted and approved this 7th day of May 2025.

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James M. Thoming, President
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District

ATTEST:

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Danisha McDonald, Secretary

I, Danisha McDonald, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District, held on the 7th day of May 2025, and was adopted at that meeting by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors James M Thoming, Kyle Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza and Annette Elissagaray
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

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Danisha McDonald, Secretary to the
Board of Directors of
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District

ITEM 11 - REVIEW OPTIONS FOR PURCHASING A 4-WHEEL DRIVE 90-100 HP TRACTOR

Assistant Manager Kelly Wright-La Force presented options for the purchase of a tractor for use of the district. No action was taken.

ITEM 12 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, REVIEW SCHEDULING OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES AND POTENTIAL TRANSFERS

Manager Weisenberger presented the water delivery report and reviewed the quantities of supplemental water currently available to the district. The BCID currently has a balance of 1655 AF in the San Luis Reservoir (SLR) drought pool after the monthly 1% loss.

BCID's 2024-25 CVP allocation is 50% (10,000 AF). The District used 157 AF CVP water and conveyed 1557 AF to Friant in the month of April 2025.

ITEM 13 - UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF "SGMA PHASE 2 CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT" CONSTRUCTION, EASEMENT ACQUISITION, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Manager Weisenberger reported that we are waiting on the final easement to be 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 structure is complete, and the canal has had full operational capacity restored. Delivery of the small diameter pipe is still pending. A landowner's abandoned pipeline is being removed so digging and laying the new pipeline can begin.

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 14 - UPDATE ON UPGRADE OF SUBSTATION #1 TO 60KV/12KV TRANSFORMERS AND DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE TO PUMPING PLANTS #1 AND #2 TO 12.47KV

Manager Weisenberger reported that WAVE engineers is currently designing an upgrade to Substation #1 to convert it to 60kV/12kV distribution voltage.

The District may need to buy or lease property near Substation #1 for adding a second 60kV/12kV transformer in the upgrade.

The District may also need to buy transformers to act as spares for Pumping Plant #1 and Pumping Plant #2 when the distribution system is upgraded to 12kV.

ITEM 13 - 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. 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

ITEM 16 - MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS.

Mr. Jaime Zamora celebrated his last day with the BCID with a luncheon on Friday, May 2, 2025. It was well attended by previous retirees and current employees, totaling a group of 25 people. He was presented with the resolution to recognize his 29 years of service on a plaque with a photo op side by side director Kyle Robertson.

Maintenance staff continue to spray terrestrial weeds. A rye grass strain appeared on canal banks which cannot be controlled with use of roundup. Staff have started treating canals for algae and pondweed.

In PP #1 the #3-20 pump and motor were pulled after dewatering the pump bay and inspecting the pump impeller and column. Geiger Manufacturing of Stockton, Ca completed the repair. It has been installed and is currently running.

A group of staff had a SCADA troubleshooting session at PP #3 and 5 Sump. In PP #3 the VFD would not change speeds to react to changing water levels. WAVE engineering discovered the transducers in the field had been transposed. At 5 sump the VFD's would not hold water at the correct level. The VFD's were acting erratic. The troubleshooting group tried a spare transducer and discovered that the transducer in the stilling well was bad. After installing a new transducer, the VFD maintained the water levels. The group plans to use the old transducer from five sump as a training object to inspect its components and see if it can be recalibrated.

Automation and Control Systems (ACS) from Stockton, CA. came to PP #5. A 700 hp motor, unit 4, was randomly shutting off. ACS diagnosed the problem as a defective computer board and cable. The cable on Unit 4 VFD is pending delivery.

The motor from Unit #3 was shipped to Industrial Electric in Modesto, CA for maintenance. A rewind is not required but there are multiple items in the failure. It is in Industrial Electric's opinion that all issues other than the shaft and driver are due to natural wear and time in service contamination. The balls in the ratcheting device used to stop the unit from back spinning are worn significantly.

The winding and readings are due to natural environment contamination. Moisture built up internally collecting dust particles creating residue on the core and winding. Over time this can cause a catastrophic failure but after testing the unit produced faulty ohm readings. The core and stator have been cleaned and baked. Now, the unit is performing 100% better in testing. There wasn't any mixing of grease types or signs of unnatural contamination in the bearing housing.

Human interaction error can only be seen on the driver and shaft. A forced press of the driver caused unnatural wear and damage that cannot be repaired. The grooved pattern in the center of the driver could have been prevented with proper installation. The keyway and driver were cold pressed onto the unit instead of using heat for an easier fit. The shaft also showed indication of the keyway and shaft being drug.

The driver and the ratchet need to be replaced but the shaft can be repaired. The replacement parts attribute to the excessive cost and long lead time.

General Manager Weisenberger and Assistant Manager Wright La-Force met with Kjieldson, Sinnock and Neudeck (KSN) engineering firm and Sommers Engineering to give them a tour of the district lift canal to become familiar with these consulting firms and what they had to offer.

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

Manager Weisenberger presented the ACWA Region 4 event Agenda from the April 16, 2025 tour. The tour was well attended by 44 people including board members, general managers, engineers, biologists, and other ACWA interested parties.

He provided the monthly FishBio report for April 2025.

ITEM 18 - 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. 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.

Mandatory Annual GSP report has been submitted to DWR for review. Budget is the current topic of discussion for the upcoming year.

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

Manager Weisenberger stated that there was nothing new to report.

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

Manager Weisenberger stated that there was nothing new to report.

ITEM 21 - REVIEW DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

None was presented.

ITEM 22 - UPDATE ON OFFICE RENOVATION PROGRESS. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

Assistant Manager Wright-La Force presented carpet samples and carpet vendor quotes. Staff were directed to move forward with contracting Spencer Flooring & Paint for the office carpet and look into paint options to be presented at the next meeting in June.

ITEM 23 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Mark Cardoza moved that the May 2025 warrants in the amount of $869,884.16 be approved for payment. 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.

Signed,

Danisha McDonald
Secretary