November 12, 2025
Tracy, California

Pursuant to adjournment of October 15, 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), Mark Cardoza, Annette Elissagaray, Kyle Robertson (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), and Glenn Robertson (Vice-President) (arrived at 9:15 a.m. & departed at 10:25 a.m.)

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 present.

ITEM 2 - CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OCTOBER 15, 2025, MINUTES

Director Mark Cardoza made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025, regular board meeting. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Glenn Robertson.

ITEM 3 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Staff presented a public notice from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the All-Pure Chemical Company site stating the concentrations of contaminants are below the maximum thresholds allowable for drinking water. Public comments will be accepted for a 30-day period. The Board took no action.

Secretary McDonald presented a thank you letter from the Dahl Family and St. George Perpetual Cemetery Fund for the donation made in the honor of Frances Dahl.

Secretary McDonald reminded the Board of the upcoming Mid-Pacific Water Users' Conference January 28-30, 2026, hosted in Reno, NV.

ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Treasurer McDonald reported that the 2026 assessment bills were mailed November 1, 2025, totaling $222,290.74. The first installment is due December 20, 2025, and the second is due June 20, 2025.

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

Treasurer McDonald reported that the liquidity account would need to be replenished to fund the suggested transfer amount for the month of November 2025.

Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to make two transfers, one in the amount of $733,508.89 on November 12, 2025, and another in the amount of $911,126.70 on November 14, 2025, 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, 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

Treasurer McDonald presented the current rates with Cetera and LAIF investments. After discussion on the necessary funds needed to replenish the liquidity account, Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to transfer $1,000,000.00 on November 13, 2025, from the LAIF account to the District liquidity bank 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, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 7 - PUBLIC HEARING: BCID SOLAR PROJECT ON DISTRICT HOMESTEAD RANCH PROPERTY ON KASSON ROAD

President Thoming opened the Public Hearing for the BCID Solar Project on District Homestead Ranch property on Kasson Road.

District legal council gave a brief explanation of the hearing regulations.

One unnamed member of the public was present and requested more information on the location of the solar project. The District provided the Resolution 2025-11-01 and maps outlining the project plans. The attendee left in favor of the project.

President Thoming closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM 8 - UPDATE ON BCID SOLAR PROJECT ON DISTRICT HOMESTEAD RANCH PROPERTY ON KASSON ROAD

BCID staff continue to have bi-weekly meetings with White Pine Renewables consultants to plan the construction project. Coordination is required between White Pine and BCID while BCID upgrades Substation #1 to a 12kV distribution system.

A. CONSIDER ADOPTING AND APPROVING RESOLUTION 2025-11-01 CONCERNING THE BCID SOLAR PROJECT

Manager Weisenberger presented the Resolution 2025-11-01 concerning the BCID Solar Project. Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to accept the Resolution 2025-11-01 concerning the BCID Solar Project. 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. 2025-11-01

BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE BCID SOLAR, LLC SOLAR PROJECT

WHEREAS, BCID Solar, LLC, in conjunction with Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (**District)**, plans to construct, operate, and maintain an approximate 3.875 megawatt (alternating

current) behind-the-meter solar photovoltaic energy generation facility on approximately 30 acres of a 43-acre parcel (San Joaquin County APN 239-270-12) (**Property**) in the General Agriculture (A-2-40) zoning district.

WHEREAS, the District's statutory functions include the pumping, conveyance, and delivery of water and the acquisition and use of electrical power necessary to perform those functions efficiently. The solar generation facility (**Project**) will generate power for the exclusive use of existing District facilities, powering its pumping stations.

WHEREAS, District is a member of CA publicly owned electric utility, Power & Water Resources Pooling Authority (PWRPA). All electric utilities within CA have renewable energy procurement requirements that must be followed and District has to meet its proportional obligation of the requirement. In CA, renewable energy includes solar, wind, small hydro, hydrogen, etc. Within PWRPA, the District participates in various power projects including WAPA Base Resource, Lodi Energy Center, and recently the Slate Solar & Storage Project.

WHEREAS, California's renewable energy requirement currently has 6 Compliance Periods (CP); for the Compliance Period 4 ending 2024, District was short in meeting its CP 4 obligation and had to buy short-term renewable resources on the open market to make up for the shortfall. To make up for the net short and to hedge against volatile markets, District has an opportunity to enable the construction of a 3.875 MW(ac) solar project.

WHEREAS, the Project will be interconnected to the electrical distribution system used by PWRPA solely to serve District's pumping load. The Project is expected to produce sufficient kWh's per year to meet the District's kWh consumption in all water-year types. As such, the Project will not store energy or export electricity to the transmission (CAISO) and distribution (PG&E) grids.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53091(e), zoning ordinances of a county or city shall not apply to the location or construction of facilities for the production or generation of electrical energy.

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the Project and determined that it constitutes a facility for the production and generation of electrical energy solely for District use and therefore is exempt from the zoning ordinances of San Joaquin County.

WHEREAS, in compliance with California Government Code 53091(e), the District has investigated the feasibility of various options for the Project and determined that there is no feasible alternative to the District's proposal.

WHEREAS, in compliance with California Government Code 53091(e), the District has determined that the Project is for facilities related to transmission of water and electrical energy.

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing has been delivered to all property owners within 300 feet of the Property in accordance with California Government Code Section 53096.

WHEREAS, the notice of the public hearing has been posted in a conspicuous place at the proposed site of the Project.

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Government Code Section 53096, has held a public hearing concerning the location of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board finds that there is no feasible alternative to the location of the Project, and the zoning ordinance of San Joaquin County is inapplicable to the use of the property for the Project by the District.
2. Staff is authorized to notify San Joaquin County of this action within ten (10) days.

3. The Board has considered and approved a Notice of Exemption for the Project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15268 providing that ministerial projects are statutorily exempt from CEQA.
4. Staff is authorized to file the Notice of Exemption with San Joaquin County and the State Clearinghouse.
5. The Board authorizes its General Manager to execute all documents related to the Project

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District at the regular board meeting of said Board on the 12th day of November 2025, by the following vote:

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

BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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James M. Thoming, President

ATTEST:

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Danisha McDonald, Secretary

ITEM 9 - DIRECTOR AND STAFF ITEMS

Assistant Manager Wright-La Force and Secretary McDonald gave brief reports on the separate conferences they went to in the month of October of 2025. Assistant Manager Wright-La Force attended the U.S. committee on Irrigation and Drainage conference in Reno, NV and Secretary McDonald attended the California Special District Association Board Secretary Conference in Santa Rosa, CA.

Secretary McDonald reported that an employee had requested FMLA leave to begin January 2026 and to return in February 2026 as an informational item.

Staff asked whether the Board wished to hold a holiday employee lunch and provided pricing from the previous two years. The Board directed staff to proceed with planning the event for December 2025.

ITEM 10 - CONSIDER CHANGING THE MINIMUM PRICE FOR THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT: 2012 FORD F150 ID#1FTNF1CF0CKD61960

Staff reported no interest in the truck for sale. General Manager Weisenberger suggested getting repair estimates to determine if the pickup can be restored to a safe running condition at a reasonable repair cost. If repaired, the Board could re-evaluate a new minimum price for selling the pickup at the December board meeting.

ITEM 11 - REVIEW CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT, REVIEW SCHEDULING OF AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES AND POTENTIAL TRANSFERS

Manager Weisenberger presented the Water Delivery Report. CVP, South of the Delta, agriculture water allocation is fifty-five percent. BCID's allocation is currently 11,000-acre feet (AF) for 2025. BCID rescheduled 24/25 WY allocation of 2,000 AF into the 25/26 WY which started on March 1, 2025. The rescheduled water suffered a 1% loss per month on any unused water. BCID has used 599 AF of the rescheduled water for internal demand in water year 2025/26. At the end of August 2025, BCID transferred the remaining rescheduled water of 1,313 AF as part of a 3,500 AF transfer. The balance of 2,187 AF in that transfer was subtracted from the BCID's 11,000 AF CVP allocation of 55%. At the October 2025 board meeting the Board authorized another 3,500 AF transfer out of the remaining 2025 allocation. In addition, BCID used 53 AF from the current year allocation. The two activities reduced the balance of current year CVP allocation down to 5,260 AF. Manager Weisenberger reported if the Board authorized another 3,055 AF transfer, there would remain a balance of 2,205 AF. Two-thousand-acre feet of this remaining water is being held in reserve to reschedule into the 2026/27 WY. The remaining 205 AF is being held in reserve to refill the BCID portion of the drought pool at the end of December 2025. The BCID has 1,689 AF of space in the SLDMWA Drought Pool program. At the beginning of the 2025 calendar year the total in that space was 1,689 AF. This pool suffers a 1% loss per month on any water in the pool. At the end of the year 2025 the BCID will be refilling the drought pool space with the remaining 205 AF bringing the drought pool back to 1,689 AF on January 1, 2026.

Manager Weisenberger reported that the District has an excess of 3,055 AF of CVP water after the rescheduling of water and potential drought pool refill in Spring. Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to authorize the general manager to transfer up to 3,055 AF of CVP water at $200/ AF. 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.

BCID closed water delivery services for the first week of November to allow for SGMA construction and annual maintenance to take place. BCID resumed wheeling for Friant at a rate of 40 CFS and farm water deliveries as of November 10th.

ITEM 12 - UPDATE ON WARREN ACT CONTRACT OF 2025 - 2029 WARREN ACT CONTRACT 25- WC-20-6325 WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION. ACTION AS NECESSARY.

Bureau of Reclamation staff are reviewing BCID's comments on the draft contract, which currently lacks provisions for storing non-project water in Reclamation facilities.

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

Treasurer McDonald reported the SGMA reimbursement invoice of $2,555,448.87 was submitted to DWR on October 22, 2025, with funds expected in mid-December. Manager Weisenberger noted staff will meet with DWR Grant Manager, Angela Cruz, on November 19, 2025, for a site visit and project closeout discussion. Neighboring landowners have inquired about connecting to the project pipeline. The Board directed staff and legal counsel to prepare agreement drafts and cost-share proposals for review at the December 2025 meeting.

Assistant Manager Kelly Wright-La Force reported on the construction progress of the Phase 2 Conjunctive Use Project. The phase 1 and phase 2 tie in is complete. The final air vacuum relief valves were installed on the 36" mainline. The completed RTU panel and 400 HP VFD were placed in the control room and await wiring by Bockmon & Woody of Stockton, CA. Staff constructed and installed transducer stilling wells for the wet well and the junction box. Concrete

pours and trash racks have been completed at the wet well structure. The pumps and motors have been installed at the wet well. Fiber optic and power cables were laid under the control building to the Durham Ferry Rd junction box, including a crossing beneath Koster Rd. The Switchboard was received and awaits installation. One Rockwell VFD was damaged at the factory and is now delayed with an estimated mid-December time of arrival.

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 Engineering is developing specifications and drawings for bidding purposes for the upgrade/replacement of Substation #1 with 60kV/12.47kV substation transformers. The goal is to have specifications and drawings by March 1, 2026, to go to bid for constructing the expanded substation. The plan is to install two three phase 7500/8400kVA transformers. Each will be sized to operate all loads served by this substation if there is a failure by one of the transformers. There are specific relays needed for solar coordination with the substations which is being researched.

ITEM 15 - 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

2) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (§ 54956.8)

   A. Property: ½ acre parcel in APN # 239-210-200
   Agency Negotiators: David Weisenberger, Jeanne Zolezzi, and Lilliana Selke
   Negotiating Parties: RABB Family Properties LP
   Under Negotiation: Compensation for obtaining ½ acre parcel in fee

ITEM 16 - MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Manager Weisenberger reported that maintenance staff are applying pre-emergent herbicide along District rights-of-way. Water deliveries were suspended the week of November 3 to complete annual maintenance on pumps and lift canal facilities. Bockmon and Woody Electric Inc. conducted preventative maintenance on electrical gear at Pumping Plants No. 1, 2, and 3. The gear reduction on the right-hand main gate at Pumping Plant No. 1 is broken due to overtightening earlier this year. Since Waterman Industries is no longer in business, locating a replacement may take time, and none were found in District inventory.

Pump Unit No. 5 at Pumping Plant No. 3 (40 CFS) was removed for inspection, which revealed fully worn impellers and significantly reduced pumping capacity. The pump will be rebuilt by Martech in Lodi, and the motor will be inspected and repaired by Industrial Electric in Modesto.

The District's camera system failed two months ago. ISPYVISION has provided a replacement quote, and Verkada has supplied a web-based trial camera system. Communications between Pumping Plant No. 5 and the SCADA network failed in early August; installation of a new radio did not resolve the issue, and further diagnostics are required.

During lift canal flow meter updates in May 2025, staff identified intermittent data losses of up to two hours per day on the District's cloud storage system. The affected meter does not store data locally during outages. A new SonTek representative has been assigned and will assist with resolving the issue.

Above-ground steel plumbing at Pumping Plant No. 2 on the L4A lateral continues to develop monthly leaks and requires replacement this winter. The preliminary estimate from Arnaudo Construction is approximately $250,000. Staff will explore additional options.

GPS tracking devices and cameras have been installed on all District vehicles and equipment; the final unit will be installed on the new John Deere tractor upon delivery in December. A demonstration of the GPS portal and violation notifications was provided to the Board.

SJAFCA and its consultants have narrowed Paradise Cut floodway expansion options to three: (1) a 1,000-foot weir at the BCID intake, (2) a 2,000-foot weir at the intake, or (3) expansion of the existing Paradise Cut weir. All alternatives would expand flood areas into agricultural land west of the San Joaquin River. The two weir options at the BCID intake would allow flood waters to inundate BCID property and Homestead Road residences. The least-cost option is the existing weir expansion, estimated at $600 million, with larger alternatives reaching up to $1 billion. The next public meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manteca City Council Chambers.

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

Manager Weisenberger reported the presentation at the ACWA 2025 Fall Conference in San Diego, CA will take place Thursday December 4, 2025, at 9 a.m.

There may also be opportunity for a 35-minute presentation at the upcoming Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference being held in Reno, NV January 28-30, 2026.

FishBio hosted their annual predation presentation in early November. They have used the scientific data compiled during the seven-year study to create a manuscript that has been submitted to the North American Journal of Fisheries Management which is currently under peer review.

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

A public open house providing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) update was held on October 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID) office. Attendees received an overview of the GSP process and upcoming required updates, followed by a question-and-answer session that concluded at 11:30 a.m. Afterwards, four members of the public joined BCID staff for a tour of the SGMA Phase 2 construction project. The workshop was well received, and participants actively engaged in the discussions.

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

There was no report on the Prop 1 Grant Contract.

ITEM 20 - REVIEW DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

A. BCID Employee Handbook
B. Electronic Communication
C. Code of Ethics and Ethical Behavior

D. Identity Theft Prevention Program

Manager Weisenberger reported on the progress of updating and writing BCID policies and procedures. Three policies were presented for the Board to review and consider action on.

After reviewing the policies presented, Director Mark Cardoza moved to approve and adopt the Electronic Communication Policy. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Glenn Robertson.

The Board commented on the remaining policies and asked staff to return next meeting with the suggestions incorporated into the policies.

ITEM 21 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Annette Elissagaray moved that the November 2025 warrants in the amount of $1,513,189.95 be approved for payment. Director Kyle Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Annette Elissagaray, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Glenn Robertson.

Signed,

Danisha McDonald
Secretary