April 15, 2026
Tracy, California

Pursuant to adjournment of March 18, 2026, 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), Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray.

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

Federico Barajas, Executive Director of San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, was present to explain the expectations of the San Luis & Delta Mendota Canal's Capital Project to begin in June of 2026. The $235 million federal investment will fund critical rehabilitation on the Delta-Mendota Canal to address subsidence-related capacity loss. The project includes repairing check structures and raising canal embankments as part of a larger $540 million California water infrastructure initiative.

ITEM 2 - CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL MARCH 18, 2026, MINUTES

Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2026, regular board meeting. Director Mark Cardoza seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 3 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary McDonald presented the Obituary published in the Tracy Press announcing the passing of Charles Alcock on March 24, 2026. Chuck served as a Board Director for over 20 years at the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District. The District sent a sympathy card and gardenia plant to his wife, Bette, to express our condolences and support to her during this difficult time.

ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

Director Glenn Robertson made a motion to make a transfer in the amount of $1,013,714.39 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: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, 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. No Action was taken.

ITEM 7 - DIRECTOR AND STAFF ITEMS

Secretary McDonald presented the ACWA 2026 Spring Conference Agenda and Committee Agendas for the upcoming conference in Sacramento, CA May 4-7, 2026.

Due to a lack of quorum, May 13, 2026, Board meeting will be moved to May 14, 2026. Staff will post the appropriate notices.

ITEM 8 – SALE OF DISTRICT PRPOERY NO LONGER REQUIRED

A. One iPad
B. Nine iPhones, 12 Pro Max

Secretary McDonald informed the Board there is interest in the retired AT&T cellular devices. Online pricing from eBay and various retail stores were presented to the Board. After some discussion, Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to approve the sale of the District's retired cellular devices at a minimum bid of $25 with an end date of May 13, 2026. Director Mark Cardoza seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 9 – REVIEW FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF 2025 – 2029 WARREN ACT CONTRACT 25-WC-20-6325 WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

A red-lined Warren Act Contract and a draft resolution were presented to the Board. No action was taken.

ITEM 10 – CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT (MSA) WITH NORTHERN DIGITAL, INC.

Manager Weisenberger presented an MSA for Northern Digital Inc. Services may include system troubleshooting, SCADA/ PLC support, system restoration, design, programming, and integration services. After review, Glenn Robertson made a motion to approve the MSA with Northern Digital, Inc. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 11 – CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT (MSA) FOR CAMP ENGINEERING

Manager Weisenberger presented an MSA for Camp Engineering. Services may include system troubleshooting, assessments, power distribution design, motor control center design, lighting design, onsite power generation design, process and instrumentation diagrams, utility interconnection and coordination services, high voltage design services, electrical studies and evaluations, construction support, commissioning support, and control systems designs. After review, Mark Cardoza made a motion to approve the MSA with Camp Engineering. Director Glenn Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 12 – CONSIDER CONDITIONS AND USE OF DISTRICT EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR DRILLING MONITORING WELLS BY THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA)

A grant of easement, San Joaquin County recorded Document No. 2004-206102, along with photographs showing the current pipeline location near eastbound Banta Road, were presented to the Board. Manager Weisenberger reported that the District received an 811 USA dig notification submitted by the DLA requesting the District pipeline be marked for a project involving the drilling of three 100-foot-deep monitoring wells near the pipeline. Concerns regarding the project's proximity to the pipeline, including the potential impacts from drilling vibrations and the weight of heavy equipment were discussed. Staff were encouraged to submit comments to the DLA requesting information on the measures that will be taken to protect the pipeline prior to the start of the project.

ITEM 13 – CONSIDER AMENDING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MATTOS FARM

The lease agreement with Mattos Farm for the rental of the Homestead Ranch property requires amendment to exclude the parcel designated for the White Pines Solar Project. The legal description and map of the array license area were presented to the Board for review. After some discussion, Director Mark Cardoza made a motion to amend the Mattos Farm lease to exclude the solar project area. Director Kyle Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 14 – MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Assistant Manager Wright-La Force presented her Assistant General manager's report.

All Assistant Watermasters and Ditchtenders have started the summer water schedule. In addition, a new Ditchtender/Maintenance employee, Ramon Cortez Lomeli, has been hired and is scheduled to begin work on April 20, 2026.

The maintenance crew continues terrestrial weed control efforts throughout the District with disking and spraying operations. District staff have addressed a significant increase in aquatic weeds in the intake canal over the past several weeks. Weeds within reach were removed from Pumping Plant 1, and remaining vegetation in the channel was treated by maintenance staff. Aquatic weed control measures within District canals are expected to begin this week, as blooms of elodea and filamentous algae have started to develop.

New display monitors for the surveillance and SCADA systems were installed in the office water crew area. The surveillance system is now operational, aside from one camera at 6 Sump which requires replacement. The SCADA communications with Pumping Plant 5 remain offline. Communication diagnosis software was utilized, and Northern Digital Inc. continues working with District staff to resolve the communication overload issue to restore Pumping Plant 5 service. All other stations are reporting normally. The SonTek meter and data logger have been transferred to the Verizon network with the replacement of a cellular hotspot device that was deemed end of life. SonTek has provided additional troubleshooting recommendations should the network update not fully resolve the issue.

Staff continue to address ongoing operational issues at the Fish Screen facility, and the screen cleaner system is now functioning on scheduled operation. A new level transducer for monitoring river levels has been ordered and is expected to arrive in May. The sediment control pump is operational; however, valve-switching issues are preventing it from running on schedule. Staff continue troubleshooting efforts to correct the problem.

Replacement of Unit 5 at Pumping Plant 3 has been completed, and the Byron Jackson pump has been in operation for approximately three weeks. The unit is performing well and consistently pumping at least 40 cfs. Unit 2 at Pumping Plant 3, which pumps approximately 20 cfs, has begun showing signs of lower bearing deterioration. Staff are preparing a spare pump to be sent to Geiger for repair and installation during the upcoming off-season.

ITEM 15 – 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 for water year (WY) 2026 was increased to 20% for irrigation water and the allocation letter from the Bureau of Reclamation was presented to the Board. BCID's current allocation is currently 4,000 acre-feet (AF) for 2026. BCID rescheduled 2000 AF of 25/26 WY allocation into the 26/27 WY which became available March 1, 2026 and will suffer a 1% loss each month. The BCID currently has 1,689 AF of space in the SLDMWA Drought Pool program. The District wheeled 3,748 AF of water for Friant in the month of March.

After review of water available to the District and discussion of the current reservoir levels, the Board was informed there are potential water transfer opportunities. Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to approve a water transfer to San Luis Water District up to 2,500 AF of CVP at $400/ AF to be returned at the BCID's discretion. Director Glenn Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

ITEM 16 – UPDATE OF PROGRESS OF "SGMA PHASE 2 CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT" CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Treasurer McDonald reported the Quarter 4 2026 reimbursement was received March 20, 2026, in the amount of $2,266,643.06 and the Quarter 1 2026 invoice was submitted to the Department of Water Resources for reimbursement of SGMA related costs in the amount of $356,029.57 before the State's close of fiscal year on April 20th and is expected to arrive in May of 2026.

Assistant Manager Wright-La Force reported on the construction progress of the Phase 2 Conjunctive Use Project. Overall project progress includes completion of the wet well structure, the Durham Ferry junction box structure, the Phase II mainline pipeline, turnout installations, and leak testing of the pipeline and turnout connections, which are now operational. Arnaudo Construction washed and prepared the pump discharge plumbing for paint. ABB opened an official warranty case on April 3, 2026, for issues related to incorrect switchgear components. An ABB technician was onsite on April 9, 2026, to test breakers and review wiring and settings associated with ground fault testing.

Planned work for the following week includes Pacific Power Testing scheduled onsite with the ABB technician and Bockmon & Woody on April 13, 2026. The Arnaudo crew will continue to work on painting, grading, and installation of finishing fixtures. Staff will work to complete pre-startup checklist items in preparation for commissioning scheduled for April 20, 2026.

ITEM 17 – UPDATE ON UPGRADE OF SUBSTATION #1 TO 60KV/12KV TRANSFORMERS AND DISTRIBUTION UPGRADES TO PUMPING PLANTS #1 AND #2 TO 12.47KV

A. CONSIDER APPROVING THE DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISING FOR BID CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUBSTATION #1 UPGRADE PROJECT

Manager Weisenberger presented the drawings done by Dahl Consultants, Inc. for the Substation #1 Upgrades Project to the Board for review. Staff were directed to finalize the drawings and specifications with Dahl Consultants Inc.

ITEM 18 - 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: Consider financing distribution facilities and long-term water service to ground inside and outside of District boundaries.
   Agency negotiator: David Weisenberger and District Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi
   Negotiating parties: Various landowners in T.3.S R.6.E, Sections 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16.

ITEM 19 - REPORT ON SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FISH POPULATION STUDY AND OUTREACH EFFORTS

The April 2026 FishBio report was presented to the Board for review.

Electrofishing surveys were conducted March 2–5, 2026, at 20 sites in the San Joaquin, Old River, and Grant Line regions. A total of 194 fish were captured, including largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, and striped bass, with 120 target species implanted with PIT tags and 11 previously tagged fish recaptured. FishBio staff collected diet and scale samples for future analysis. Survey results were consistent with previous March sampling efforts. Electrofishing is expected to continue through April or May as conditions allow, and fyke trapping resumed in early April at two San Joaquin River sites in coordination with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

Manager Weisenberger reported that Dana Lee, a biologist from FishBio, attended the recent ACWA Agriculture Committee meeting. The Agriculture Committee chair, Anjanette Shadley, and ACWA Representative contacted Manager Weisenberger to connect with FishBio. The group is looking for actionable tasks that members can take part in and has suggested creating a white paper for the topic of predation.

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

Manager Weisenberger presented a Gant chart created by White Pines Renewables, Inc on the Solar Project’s projected timeline with construction to begin on April 30, 2026, and projecting the project to be fully operational March 1, 2027.

Staff continue in researching potential uses of surplus solar energy.

ITEM 21 - UPDATE ON THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR THE TRACY SUBBASIN AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Manager Weisenberger presented February 19, 2026, and March 19, 2026, GSP meeting minutes and April 16, 2026, GSP agenda to the Board.

On Thursday, February 19, 2026, the Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee meeting included representatives from San Joaquin County, City of Tracy, City of Lathrop, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, and Bryon-Bethany Irrigation District, along with consultants and DWR staff. A DWR update noted passage of Proposition 4 on January 27, 2026, with upcoming scoping meetings and future grant funding expected to roll out in late 2026 and 2027, along with a planned spring webinar.

The March 19, 2026, Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee meeting covered approval of the Water Year 2025 Annual Report, which passed after edits clarifying groundwater quality conditions and refining how pumping, recharge, and water credits are calculated for reporting and fee purposes. Updates were provided on DWR guidance and SGMA-related system

changes, along with GSP budgeting, public outreach planning (including a proposed hybrid annual report meeting), and coordination with neighboring basins on monitoring, water supply, and recharge projects.

The group plans to meet again April 16, 2026, to discuss the Five-Year Budget and Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget development.

ITEM 22 - 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

General Manager Weisenberger presented the final report submitted at the end of March 2026 for the Prop 1 Grant. The District plans to submit the final zero invoice at the end of April 2026 to close out the grant.

The Banta-Carbona Irrigation District Floodplain Restoration Project, funded through the Delta Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Program (Grant No. Prop 1-1810; Dec. 10, 2020–Feb. 28, 2026), focused on restoring juvenile salmonid habitat along the lower San Joaquin River while improving sediment management and diversion intake operations. Work included data collection, development of a calibrated HEC-RAS 2D hydraulic model, design plans, and advancement of environmental permitting. The proposed design lowers the floodplain by approximately 8–12 feet and realigns the intake channel to increase seasonal inundation (up to ~1,900 cfs) while maintaining flood safety standards.

Key findings show improved habitat connectivity potential, reduced sediment maintenance needs, and minimal flood impact, with modeled changes in water surface elevation under major flows remaining negligible. Major challenges included permitting delays and multi-agency coordination, though CEQA compliance and key permit progress (CVFPB, CDFW, and others) were achieved. The project is now design-ready and awaiting final permits and construction funding, with next steps including final approvals, funding acquisition, and anticipated construction within 2–4 years.

ITEM 23 – REVIEW DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, JOB DESCRIPTIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ENCROACHMENT ONTO LANDS OF THE BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
B. CONSIDER AND APPROVED THE JOB DESCRIPTION: DITCHTENDER – MAINTENANCE WORKER

The draft two items were presented to the Board. After review and suggested edits, staff was instructed to return to the May Board meeting for further review.

ITEM 24 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Kyle Robertson moved that the April 2026 warrants in the amount of $839,213.19 be approved for payment. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, Annette Elissagaray, and James M. Thoming; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

Signed,

Danisha McDonald
Secretary