March 18, 2026
Tracy, California

Pursuant to adjournment of February 11, 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: Glenn Robertson (Vice-President), Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray.

ABSENT: James M. Thoming (President).

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 FEBRUARY 11, 2026, MINUTES

Director Mark Cardoza made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2026, regular board meeting. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: James M. Thoming.

ITEM 3 - MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary McDonald presented a letter from Family Farm Alliance thanking the District for the 2026 contribution and introducing Ms. Samantha Barncastle as the new Executive Director as of fall 2025. The Family Farm Alliance is an advocate for family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts and other ag-related businesses in the seventeen Western states. The focus of the Alliance is to ensure the availability of reliable and affordable irrigation water supplies to Western farmers and ranchers.

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 Annette Elissagaray made a motion to make a transfer in the amount of $1,259,171.57 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: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: James M. Thoming.

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 reported that a new Front Desk Office Assistant, Rosie M. Torrez, was successfully hired as of March 9, 2026.

The Directors reported various areas of the District that need to be addressed by the field crew: A box located near Jefferson Elementary School needs to be sprayed for weeds and two piles of tires, located above #1 and near the Fishscreen, need to be cleaned up.

ITEM 8 - REVIEW DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, JOB DECRIPTIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

A. Consider and adopt job description: Assistant General Manager

A job description was presented to the Board for the Assistant General Manager position which consolidates the previous Assistant Manager of Field and Administration roles. After review, Director Mark Cardoza made a motion to approve and adopt the Assistant General Manager job description. Director Kyle Robertson seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: James M. Thoming.

ITEM 9 - REVIEW DISTRICT'S RESERVE POLICY AND RESERVE LEVELS.

The Board of Directors reviewed the District's amended Reserve Policy and Reserve Levels as of December 31, 2025. Staff recommended amending the reserve amounts for 2026 by reducing the Undesignated Funds balance down to $1,873.00, effective January 1, 2026.

Director Kyle Robertson made a motion to reset the reserve amounts, effective January 1, 2026, as follows:

Operating Reserve Account -	$500,000.00
Rate Stabilization Reserve -	$2,500,000.00
Emergency Reserve -	$733,357.00
Undesignated Funds -	$1,873.00
Capital Reserve Account -	$7,110,000.00

Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: James M. Thoming.

ITEM 10 – MANAGER'S REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

General Manager Weisenberger reported the District is currently delivering approximately 72 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water to farmers, with agricultural deliveries having commenced around March 1, 2026. Friant wheeling operations continue at a rate of approximately 65 cfs, and a total of 2,739 acre-feet of water was wheeled during the month of February.

At Pumping Plant #1, the gear reduction on the right-hand main gate is currently inoperable due to damage caused by over-tightening earlier this year. The unit requires repair or replacement; however, the original manufacturer is no longer in business, which may delay procurement. District staff have searched existing inventory with no suitable replacement found and are actively seeking a manufacturer capable of providing a new gear lift with a 2.5-inch stem.

At Pumping Plant #3, Pump Unit #5, originally rated at 40 cfs, was removed from service due to severely worn impellers that reduced its capacity to approximately 25 cfs. The unit was evaluated by Martech of Lodi, CA, and determined to be beyond repair. In consideration of the planned future replacement of Pumping Plant #3, staff elected not to purchase a new unit. Instead, a used 40 cfs Byron Jackson pump, previously removed from Pumping Plant #4 or #5, is being installed. Installation is nearing completion, with final alignment and connection work being done by Geiger Manufacturing. The motor associated with this unit was inspected, cleaned, and tested by Industrial Electric of Modesto, CA, and has been returned to service in good condition.

At Pumping Plant #5, a new contactor was installed in Unit #6, and all pumps are currently operational. Unit #2 had previously experienced shutdowns due to a variable frequency drive (VFD) overheating fault; however, the issue was diagnosed by Automation and Control Solutions (ACS) as a failed cooling fan, which has since been replaced. The unit is now operating properly.

The District-wide camera system has been non-operational for approximately five months and has outdated software. Staff anticipate that existing field cameras will remain compatible with an updated software platform. A consultant, Alex Pineda, was engaged to document the District's network systems, identifying multiple independent networks including office, SCADA, surveillance, and fish screen systems. Partial restoration of the camera system has been achieved. A meeting has been scheduled to evaluate potential replacement software solutions.

Communication issues at Pumping Plant #5 persist despite restoration of radio connectivity following installation of a new antenna. Data transmission problems remain unresolved, as connecting the programmable logic controller (PLC) at Pumping Plant #5 disrupts communication across the entire SCADA network. When disconnected, network functionality is restored. Subsequently, the SCADA data link experienced a complete failure, and consultants are continuing efforts to re-establish communication with the office system. All radio communications have been verified as operational.

Staff continue to work with the flow meter manufacturer to address intermittent cloud reporting issues.

Leaks in the aboveground steel pipeline at Pumping Plant #2 serving the lateral east of Koster Road have been repaired by Arnaudo Construction replacing a section of the pipe, and the system is now functioning properly.

The General Manager reported on his attendance at the ACWA Region 4 Board meeting held on February 18, 2026, in Sacramento at the ACWA headquarters. The meeting included orientation for board members, adoption of the 2026–2027 work plan, and discussion of regional priorities and upcoming events. A significant topic of discussion was State Water Resource Control Board's regulatory challenges related to water supply reliability, including ongoing reliance on flow requirements as a tool for species recovery. The Region 4 Board expressed interest in developing a coordinated and science-based research strategy to address these challenges.

The General Manager also reported on attendance at the ACWA Agriculture Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026. During this meeting, regional priorities were presented, including the development of a comprehensive scientific research initiative. The concept was well received, and the committee chair requested development of a proposal outlining how the Agriculture Committee could support or participate in a broader, coordinated effort.

Assistant General Manager Kelly Wright La-Force reported the maintenance staff completed turnout inspections and performed various gate and grate repairs throughout the District. Recent projects included the replacement of the Bristow gate, the 1N main gate, the Orlando grate replacement, and the 6E-05 grate replacement. Additionally, work at the 6W Chrisman location included completion of both the grate and associated walkway improvements.

Pipeline repair work was conducted at multiple locations, including 3W-55, 6W-04, 1S between Pumping Plant #1 and the tall box, and 5W-06. Repairs are currently ongoing at 4W-21 and 3W-42. Additional pipeline repairs are scheduled in the coming weeks at 6E-38, 4W-36B, and 3W-58A.

Weed control efforts remain ongoing, with maintenance staff actively spraying green vegetation and performing disking operations. Aquatic weed control boards have been inspected, repaired as necessary, and are confirmed to be in proper working condition.

The fish screen bypass pump, which had experienced intermittent shutdowns, appears to have been successfully repaired following replacement of the battery backup power supply.

Electrical system maintenance included adjustments to transformer taps at Substation 1 on March 11, 2026, and Substation 2 on March 12, 2026.

Staff participated in tractor training on February 12, 2026, during which all crew members were trained in the operation and driving of the new John Deere tractor. Two ditchtenders attended flow measurement training courses at ITRC in March. Furthermore, the maintenance crew and Assistant General Manager are scheduled to attend SCADA training courses at ITRC in the coming week.

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 for water year (WY) 2026 was announced at 15% for Irrigation water and the media release was presented to the Board. BCID's allocation is currently 3,000-acre feet (AF) for 2026. BCID rescheduled 24/25 WY allocation of 2,000 AF into the 25/26 WY which started on March 1, 2025. The BCID has 1,689 AF of space in the SLDMWA Drought Pool program.

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

General Manager Weisenberger presented a draft Warren Act Contract to the Board for review. Staff were instructed to proceed with submission to the Bureau for review.

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

Treasurer McDonald reported that the Quarter 4 2026 grant reimbursement invoice was submitted to the Department of Water Resources requesting reimbursement of $2,266,643.06 on February 19, 2026, and the District is still awaiting the check delivery.

Assistant Manager Wright-La Force reported on the construction progress of the Phase 2 Conjunctive Use Project. From the week of February 9 through March 9, 2026, overall project progress remained consistent, with completion of the wet well structure, Durham Ferry junction box structure, Phase II mainline pipeline, and turnout installations.

Construction activities during this period focused primarily on the site finishing and equipment installation. The Arnaudo Construction's crew completed grading at the wet well site, placed aggregate base around the pump discharge plumbing and control building, installed a vent pipe at the Durham Ferry junction box, installed the stilling well frame made by BCID staff, and performed final grading. BCID staff also worked on the design for stairs leading to the pump platform. Electrical and mechanical work included delivery and installation of a 150-horsepower variable frequency drive (VFD), completion of motor connections, and ongoing wiring and installation of radio communication equipment by Bockmon and Woody.

Project coordination meetings were held on February 19 and March 5, 2026, with project team members to review scheduling, equipment installation, and startup planning. ABB was scheduled to install switchboard components beginning February 23, 2026; however, installation was only partially completed due to an incorrect component and additional missing parts. Subsequent delivery delays pushed the expected arrival of the remaining switchboard components to March 19, 2026, with installation anticipated on March 20, 2026.

Staff reported that J. Comm finished the SGMA Phase 2 Conjunctive Use project video and staff showed it to the Board.

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 staff continue to work with Dahl Consulting Inc. to complete specifications and drawings for bidding purposes for the upgrade/replacement of Substation #1 with 60kV/12.47kV substation transformers. Specifications and drawings are almost complete, and the District plans to go to bid for constructing the expanded substation in the near future. The plan is to install two three phase 7500/8400kVA transformers which arrived March 16, 2026, from Virginia-Georgia Transformers. Each are sized to operate all loads served by this substation if there is a failure by one of the transformers. Additionally, transformers and related components for Substation 1 were delivered to the District yard on March 16, 2026.

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
   - 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: 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
   - B. 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.
   - C. Property: 239-270-12
     Agency Negotiators: Dave Weisenberger and District Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi
     Negotiating Parties: BCID, San Joaquin County
     Under Negotiation: Deed restriction
3) EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
   - A. Employee name: Kelly Wright-La Force, Assistant General Manager/ Administration

ITEM 16 – CONSIDER ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES

The current wage schedule was presented to the board. After review, Kyle Robertson made a motion to set the annual salary for the Assistant General Manager at $115,200.00 retroactively effective January 16, 2026. Director Annette Elissagaray seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: James M. Thoming.

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

The March 2026 FishBio San Joaquin River Predator Study Client Update was presented to the Board.

ITEM 18 - UPDATE ON WHITE PINE RENEWABLES, INC. SOLAR PROJECT ON DISTRICT HOMESTEAD RANCH PROPERTY ON KASSON ROAD

Staff are waiting for the final Solar project drawings and researching potential uses of surplus solar energy. The project is expected to start in April of 2026.

ITEM 19 - UPDATE ON THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR THE TRACY SUBBASIN AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

General Manager Weisenberger reported that the 5-year update of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is being worked on by Richard Shatz of GEI Consultants and will be released in Spring of 2026.

ITEM 20 - 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 reported that the grant is set to close out and the District is preparing the final report which is due at the end of March 2026.

ITEM 21 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Director Kyle Robertson moved that the March 2026 warrants in the amount of $951,127.10 be approved for payment. Director Mark Cardoza seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote: Ayes: Directors: Glenn Robertson, Mark Cardoza, Kyle Robertson, and Annette Elissagaray; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: James M. Thoming.

Signed,

Danisha McDonald
Secretary