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*Division 5*

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Fergus A. Morrissey

**Controller/Treasurer**  
Roger Paine

**General Legal Counsel**

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**MEETING AGENDA**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Orange Cove Irrigation District  
November 9, 2022 @ 11:30 A.M.

Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest to the public within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction before or during the Board's consideration of the item in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3 (Brown Act). At the discretion of the District, all items appearing on the agenda, whether expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action by the District. Agenda sequence is subject to change.

- 1) *Call to order*
- 2) *Additions / Modifications to Agenda*
- 3) *Public Comment*
- 4) *Director Appointment* – The Board will consider appointing a Division 1 Director for the remainder of Director Bailey's term (through 2024) as representative of Division 1. (**Actionable**)
- 5) *Minutes* – The Board will review and consider approval of the draft October 2022 Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes. (**Actionable**)
- 6) *Ratification of Bills* – The Board will consider ratification of warrants paid since the previous Board Meeting. (**Actionable**)
- 7) *Monthly Report* – A discussion of on-going District activities including water supply status, water deliveries, hydropower plant operations, Friant Power Authority activities and revenue and financial position. (**Informational**)

- 8) *CVP Reserved Works Application for Funding from the Aging Infrastructure Account* – The Board will discuss and may take action to support Reclamation's Central Great Basin Regions proposed use of the FY 2023 Aging Infrastructure Account funds for CVP reserved works extraordinary maintenance projects, requesting extended repayment for the proposed XM Projects. (**Actionable**)
- 9) *Resolution for Execution of a Full Load Service and Scheduling Coordinator Contract with Western Area Power Administration* – The Board will consider adopting a Resolution authorizing its Chairman to execute a Full Load Service and a Scheduling Coordinator Contract with WAPA. (**Actionable**)
- 10) *Closed Session*  
*The Board will go into Closed Session to consider executing a Confidentiality Agreement with Friant Water Authority. (Actionable)*
- 11) *Return to Open Session* – *The Board will disclose action taken during Closed Session.*
- 12) *Adjourn* – The Board will adjourn, setting the time and location for the December 2022 Regular Board meeting. (**Actionable**)

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the District to provide a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the District. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agenda and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the District. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, facsimile, or written correspondence to Fergus Morrissey at the District office, at least 48 hours before a public District meeting. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at OCID's office, 1130 Park Boulevard, Orange Cove, California, 93646, during normal business hours.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday October 19, 2022. Director Brown called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: H.A. "Gus" Colin, III (via Telephone)  
David Brown  
Arlen Miller  
Kevin Orlopp

Staff: Fergus A. Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary  
Roger Paine, Controller, Treasurer

Public: Mark Hendrixson  
Andrew Brown

**1. Call to order**

Director Brown called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M., with a quorum of Directors in attendance.

**2. Moment of Silence for Chairman Baily**

The Board paid its respects to esteemed Chairman Bailey with a moment of silence.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

No changes to the agenda were noted.

**4. Public Comment**

No Public Comment was provided.

**5. Director Appointment**

The prospective Division 1 Appointment was tabled until next month's Board meeting, pending the presence of and discussion with a potential appointee. (*No Action was taken*).

**6. Minutes**

Approval of draft October 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes were considered by the Board. *Director Miller motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the minutes' approval.*

**7. Ratification of Bills**

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures from September 10, 2022 through October 7, 2022 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$1,152,124.88. Three categories of expenses comprised approximately 90% of the total expenditure (water, conveyance charges and energy charges for water distribution). A payment for the Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project (installment 5 of 6) was also included in the total. *Director Miller motioned, and Director Orlopp seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second.*

**8. Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Controller Paine worked through ten items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report. The list of Delinquent Standby assessed landowners continues to be reduced through the effort of Controller Paine which was noted by Vice-Chairman Brown. In the troubled asset category of delinquent

assessed landowners, the property owned by Elizabeth Gunner will be auctioned in March of 2023 unless the delinquent assessment is received prior to. A list of deficit water users whose combined overage stands at approximately 125 acre feet was included. Until payment to cover the deficit or water is transferred to them to cover the overage, their delivery(ies) will be locked. Of note, approximately 5,906 af was delivered in the District in September and given total available supply in the District compared to usage for the current Contract Year, Manager Morrissey expressed his perspective that the District is on track to provide the necessary irrigation demand, including deliveries for frost water, and to be close to the carryover target of 10% for next Contract Year. Both the Fishwater Release and KRSH powerplants are running and generated a total revenue of approximately \$33,000 for the month of September. Controller Paine reviewed the Contract for Deposit of Moneys with Wells Fargo Bank. The contract ensures that the bank will maintain collateral as security for the district's total amount on deposit that exceeds federal insurance limit of \$250,000. The Board approved the contract agreement.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the status and interplay of:

- a) current District cash reserve position,
- b) the looming prospect of significant conveyance charges hitting the Friant Division and the District for the repair of the DMC needed because of groundwater pumping induced subsidence caused by growers in that area. Reestablishing subsidence induced lost conveyance capacity will have no affect on the conveyance capacity needed to deliver the full Exchange Contractor supply and so effectuating capacity correction on the DMC will provide zero benefit to Friant Contractors,
  1. these potential charges may necessitate the District to conduct a 218 election to raise the Standby Assessment to secure a bond to pay for extraordinary O&M for which no benefit is received,
- c) the merits of rebating current cash reserves to growers at some level given the looming prospect of entering the bond market at a time when interest rates are much higher than they have been in decades.

David Raymond (O&M staff) provided the Board with a recap of operational and repair activities undertaken in the last month. *No action was taken.*

## **9. 2023 Fiscal Year Budget**

Manager Morrissey discussed with the Board the projected 2023 budget, including cash analysis collection needs necessary to cover District fixed charge obligations essential to continue to deliver to District landowners water made available to the District under its Contract with the United States.

*Director Miller motioned to approve the FY 2023 budget presented by Manager Morrissey which establishes that a Standby Assessment of \$86 per acre is needed for the 2023 Fiscal Year fixed cost obligations. Director Collin, III seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the presented budget.*

## **10. Friant Water Authority Issues**

Manager Morrissey discussed general activities being undertaken by FWA. He noted that the FWA retreat would take place from November 15-17 for a deep and comprehensive dive into issues confronting the Friant Division. *No action was taken.*

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for November 9, 2022 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

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H.A. "Gus" Collin, III, Board Chairman

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Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary