

# ORANGE COVE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Officers

**Engineer-Manager / Secretary /  
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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

January 31, 2023 @ 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) *Minutes* – The Board will review and consider approval of the draft January 2023 Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes. (*Actionable*)
- 5) *Ratification of Bills* – The Board will consider ratification of warrants paid since the previous Board Meeting. (*Actionable*)
- 6) *Monthly Report* – A discussion of on-going District activities including water supply status, water deliveries, hydropower plant operations, Friant Power Authority activities, revenue, and financial position. (*Informational*)
- 7) *Friant Water Authority Issues* – The Board will discuss various topics that Friant Water Authority is engaged in. (*Informational*)
- 8) *Water Users Conference Brief* – The Board will be briefed on items undertaken at the Mid Pacific Water Users Conference in Reno. (*Informational*).
- 9) *Resolution 2022-07* – Temporary 215 Contract consideration (23-WC-20-6048) will be considered for Board execution through adoption of Resolution 2022-07. (*Actionable*).
- 10) *Adjourn* – The Board will adjourn, setting the time and location for the March 2023 Regular Board meeting. (*Actionable*)

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday January 11, 2023. Director called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown  
Arlen Miller  
Kevin Orlopp  
Brian Hixson  
Andrew Brown

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

Public: None

**1. Call to order**

Director David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M., with all Directors in attendance.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Minutes**

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

**5. Ratification of Bills**

Controller Paine reviewed all non-recurring expenditures from December 3, 2022 through December 30, 2022 for Board ratification. Disbursements for the period totaled \$79,708.15. *Director Miller motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify expenses for the period. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion and second.*

**6. Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Controller Paine worked through the 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 very pleasing to the Board. There is a single deficit water users with a very small overage. 76 af was delivered in the District in December and a 5% allocation increase to Class 1 a few days ago was granted by Michael Jackson, leaving a residual Contract Year quantity of approximately 5,500 acre feet available for use through February 2023 and for use in Contract Year 2023.....potentially (as Carryover).

Regarding Carryover, it was noted that residual supplies are not at risk until after March 1, 2023 and at the end of the first Uncontrolled Season (if there is one after March 1). At this time, it seems inevitable at least some of the Carryover will be lost, unless the Uncontrolled Season lasts

through June of 2023 which is possible. Right now, the snowpack in the Upper SJR watershed has reached and exceeded the April 1 average with half of the precipitation year remaining and flood releases into the SJR are occurring at a rate of 7,000 cfs.

Only the Fishwater Release powerplant is running and generated a total revenue of approximately \$23,700 for the month of December.

The District's reserve balance was discussed as was the amount of a possible rebate once the Contract Year is over (end of February). The District is confronted with the possibility of some very large charges (\$15,000,000), due to repairs needed on the Delta Mendota Canal resulting from subsidence caused by groundwater overdraft within the San Luis Unit. Given the uncertainty of the magnitude of those costs, the Directors consider it prudent to retain significant reserves for that possibility, but still are considering a water user rebate.

Chairman Brown asked staff to put together a list of District capital projects that may be undertaken in the next 5 years so that those costs would be considered along with the aforementioned, in evaluating the level of rebates to water users this March.

Chairman Brown also asked for an update on the status of Mill Creek for the next Board meeting. *No formal action was taken by the Board.*

#### **7. Friant Water Authority Issues**

Manager Morrissey discussed various issues, noting the Mid Pacific Water Users Conference in Reno in two weeks as a great opportunity for all Directors to engage in in-depth conversations with other districts, Friant staff and Reclamation. At this time, Director Miller plans to attend. Manager Morrissey noted that the next FWA BOD meeting is scheduled for Monday January 30, 2023.

Several Directors are interested in a tour of the Middle Reach Capacity Correction construction project soon. Manager Morrissey noted that he would coordinate with Friant staff, such an event. *No action was taken.*

#### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting at the District office is planned for February 8, 2023 at the District Office beginning at 11:30 A.M..

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David A. Brown, Board Chairman

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Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary