

**MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2024**

MINUTES

Directors Present: James Erickson, President
Tim DaSilva
Brian Davis
Carl Janzen, Vice President
David Loquaci

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: T. Greci, General Manager (GM Greci)
D. Cadenazzi Nolan, Assistant General Manager (AGM Nolan)
A. Kwock Sandoval, Secretary to the Board
J. Furstenburg, Controller
C. Contreras, Operations & Maintenance Manager (OM Contreras)

Others Present: Michael Moore, Madera Fresno Farm Credit; others on the Zoom that did not identify themselves.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Erickson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. at the business office of the District at 12152 Road 28 ¼, Madera, California 93637.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director Janzen / Director Davis to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Erickson

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no potential conflicts of interest noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Erickson opened and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1a. Update on Activities
- Water Supply

GM Greci reported on the current water conditions. He noted the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("USBR") increased the Friant allocation to 95% Class 1 from 65%. There have been additional storms. The District has carryover water and URF water available that has to be utilized by May 5, 2024. GM Greci thanked OMM Contreras for getting the maintenance projects completed. The plan is to begin charging the Madera Canal on Monday, April 8, 2024. It is estimated that the District could run into August. There are supplies available for Subordinates. GM Greci stated the plan is to recharge into the MID basins at the beginning of the season. It was a short maintenance season. Water will also be put into Madera Lake.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- 2a. Discussion / possible action on Crop Water Distribution Policy, Resolution No. 2024-03

MOTION: Director Janzen / Director Loquaci to approve the Crop Water Distribution Policy as presented, Resolution No. 2024-03.

DISCUSSION: GM Greci stated this is more of a normal year than last year that was an extremely wet year. The District will have enough water to supply Subordinates all year long.

The Board reviewed the Crop Water Distribution Policy. Water orders will be accepted immediately, and water deliveries will begin on April 8, 2024. GM Greci stated it depends on a grower's location when water will be available. Staff proposed the Original District rate of \$110 per acre foot and \$300 per acre foot for Subordinates. It is similar pricing to 2020 when Original District was \$110 per acre foot and Subordinates were \$375 per acre foot.

GM Greci stated Operational Management Water has been priced the same as Original District in the past. AGM Nolan noted last year, it was priced higher than Original District. The Board set Operational Management Water at \$110 per acre foot. Director Loquaci

stated we would like to price the water as cheap as possible, but this is what will close the budget.

Director DaSilva stated any water we keep into Madera County is a good thing. Director Davis stated there was a storm today, and if there is an increase in our allocation later, we can adjust the rates if needed. Director Loquaci stated growers are ready to start taking water. GM Greci stated the assumption is the District will reach 100% Class 1 allocation.

Director Janzen stated he understands USBR's position if there is a hot spell if there is not enough storage there will be trouble. Director Loquaci stated it is bad when the USBR increases the allocation too late in the season.

AGM Nolan noted the payment due dates are listed on the Crop Water Distribution Policy and are the last business day of each month. Director Janzen questioned if there are any flat raters. Controller Furstenburg noted there are usually 2 that sign up for water. AGM Nolan stated as we discussed previously, we have looked at installing meters, but it would not be cost effective for how much they are irrigating.

Secretary Sandoval noted the \$30 returned check fee was changed to say the District will charge whatever the non-sufficient check fee is. AGM Nolan noted the bank fees change. President Erickson questioned if an administrative fee should be added. Controller Furstenburg stated it does not happen very often and doesn't take too long to process.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Erickson opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Erickson

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

2b. Discussion / possible action on authorizing the General Manager as signatory for Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency documents, Resolution No. 2024-04

MOTION: Director Loquaci / Director DaSilva to authorize the General Manager as the signatory for Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency documents, Resolution No. 2024-04.

DISCUSSION: AGM Nolan stated the District has been working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") and Farm Service Agency ("FSA") for funding for pipeline projects. AGM Nolan stated this resolution gives GM Greci the authorization to sign documents for funding from NRCS and FSA. They are federal agencies and require the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Erickson opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Erickson

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

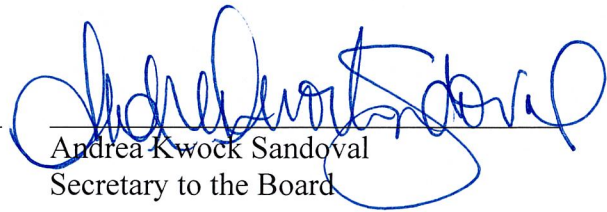
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Erickson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED FOR THE BOARD:



James Erickson
President



Andrea Kwock Sandoval
Secretary to the Board

Date: 4/2/24



APRIL 4, 2024
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVING THE 2024 CROP WATER DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District (“District”), at a special meeting duly called and held on April 4, 2024 at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the District may have sufficient water supplies to deliver surface water during the 2024 water year; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate the delivery of water supplies this year, and to promote the orderly delivery of water, District staff has recommended a proposed 2024 Crop Water Distribution Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District reviewed and considered the proposed Crop Water Distribution Policy at its board meeting on April 4, 2024 and has determined that adoption of the 2024 Crop Water Distribution Policy is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct and that the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District approves the 2024 Crop Water Distribution Policy.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District at a special meeting of the Board held on the 4th day of April 2024 by the following vote:

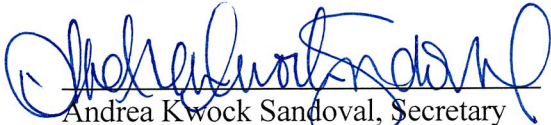
- AYES: Director Loquaci, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Erickson
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None


James Erickson, President

ATTEST: 
Carl Janzen, Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-03 adopted April 4, 2024.


Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary



APRIL 4, 2024
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUTHORIZATION GENERAL MANAGER AS SIGNATORY FOR
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE AND
FARM SERVICE AGENCY DOCUMENTS**

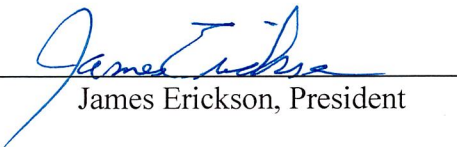
RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District (“District”), at a special meeting duly called and held on April 4, 2024 at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the District works in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency and may from time to time sign documents for various projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct, and that the Board does hereby authorize the General Manager Thomas Greci to sign any and all documents with Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, at a special meeting of the Board held on the 4th of April 2024 by the following vote:

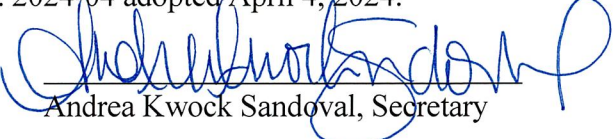
AYES: Director Loquaci, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Erickson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


James Erickson, President

ATTEST: 
Carl Janzen, Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-04 adopted April 4, 2024.


Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary

