



**MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2023**

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
C. Contreras, Operations and Maintenance Manager (OMM Contreras)
J. Furstenburg, Controller

Others Present: Others on the Zoom or in-person that did not identify themselves.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.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: Regular Session

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 thanked the Board for making time for today's meeting. GM Greci stated it continues to rain and there's more storms in the forecast. Every reservoir is currently in flood operations, except for Shasta Dam. GM Greci stated locally Hidden has come up another peak from yesterday coming into the reservoir passed the 50,000 acre foot mark. The conservation pool is 25,000 acre feet. The Army Corps is making releases from Hidden. Friant is also making flood releases. Releases are being made down Madera Canal. GM Greci stated because there are significant flood flows right now, staff thought the Board should discuss the Crop Water Distribution Policy.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- 2a. Discussion / possible action on Revised Crop Water Distribution Policy, Resolution No. 2023-13

MOTION: Director Loquaci / Director DaSilva to set the rate to \$0 per acre foot for Original District, Subordinate, and Operational Management Water with no other changes.

DISCUSSION: GM Greci noted in his time at the District he has not seen this many flood releases. The District has an opportunity to maximize the flood releases and bring in as much water as possible to the Madera Subbasin. Anything the District can do to create additional demand will offset the flows going down through the flood control facilities and alleviate pressure downstream where there are property damage concerns. GM Greci stated some of the District's facilities were wiped out during the flooding in January and were repaired.

GM Greci stated the recommendation from staff is for the rates to be set at \$0 per acre foot for Original District, Subordinate, and Operational Management Water. Director Davis questioned what happened with the snow melt. GM Greci replied there is still a significant amount of snow, even in the lower elevations. There continues to be more snow in the forecast. GM Greci noted the District is in uncontrolled season and the District has the full contract amount of water available. Water supply will not be an issue this year.

GM Greci stated if the District can get another grower to turn on and spread water it is beneficial for everyone. AGM Nolan reminded growers that MID continues to have costs related to this water. There are costs for the water, the District's infrastructure, and staff. AGM Nolan stated despite the costs the Board and District believes it is prudent to offer the water at no cost to encourage growers to utilize the water.

Director Janzen stated the District is repairing creeks that we do not own, only manage. It is not cheap to repair the facilities. Director DaSilva questioned if growers repair the facilities can they bill Madera County.

GM Greci reminded growers to still place their water orders, the stops and starts are critical. The District still has to manage the system. We have had issues in the past with people starting and stopping without placing orders. GM Greci requested growers contact their canal operators.

Director Davis questioned what the Governor Newsom Executive Order means for the District. GM Greci replied it does not change anything related to MID because the water we are delivering is contract supplies, not flood water. Director Loquaci stated there's a form and a lot of conditions for people to even take that water.

Director DaSilva questioned what this does to the District's balance. GM Greci questioned if he means water or monetary. GM Greci stated in regards to water, the District has had to shut systems off because of the recent storms. GM Greci stated the additional rain has been a challenge. Director Loquaci stated this shows how shaky weather forecasting is because the forecast showed this was going to be another dry year. We are still in an overdraft situation and deal with the groundwater issues that are real.

GM Greci stated it shows the benefits of having dedicated recharge facilities that can take water. The investments in the basins have rewarded the District this year. They have been running and have not stopped.

Director Loquaci stated if other GSAs in the subbasin were doing their part, it would help a lot. Director Davis questioned if there have been any discussions with the County regarding collaboration or accessing any water from MID. GM Greci stated we have not moved one acre foot of water to any County facility this year.

AGM Nolan stated going back to Director DaSilva's point these are the years the District has to optimize and have every landowner take water that is able to. It lessens the chance of groundwater restrictions in the future. Director Janzen stated it is not just now when it is free; it is important growers take water in June, July, and August.

President Erickson stated they are looking at releasing a million acre feet flowing down the San Joaquin River a month. Director Loquaci stated he would like to make the point one more time that this is not free water for the District.


GM Greci stated there was a question in the Zoom chat - What's the flows you expect to keep the Fresno River for the next month. GM Greci replied the District does not decide that, the Army Corps of Engineering makes those determinations when we are in flood operations.

AGM Nolan stated for clarification related to the modifications to the Crop Water Distribution Policy the changes are effective today, which means the changes occur at the next meter reading per the District's Rules and Regs.

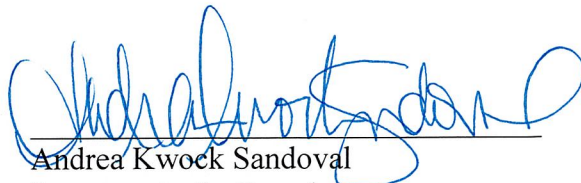
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Erickson adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

APPROVED FOR THE BOARD:



James Erickson
President



Andrea Kwock Sandoval
Secretary to the Board

Date: 4/18/23



MARCH 15, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVING THE 2023 REVISED 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 March 15, 2023 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 2023 water year; and

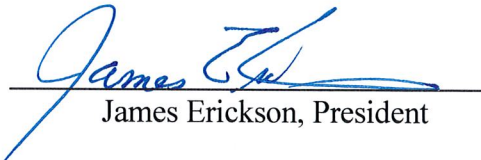
WHEREAS, to accommodate the delivery of water supplies this year, and to promote the orderly delivery of water, District staff has recommended a proposed 2023 Revised Crop Water Distribution Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District reviewed and considered the proposed Crop Water Distribution Policy at its board meeting on March 15, 2023 and has determined that adoption of the 2023 Revised Crop Water Distribution Policy is in the best interest of the District.

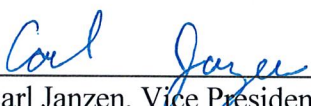
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct and that the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District approves the Revised 2023 Crop Water Distribution.

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 15th day of March 2023 by the following vote:

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



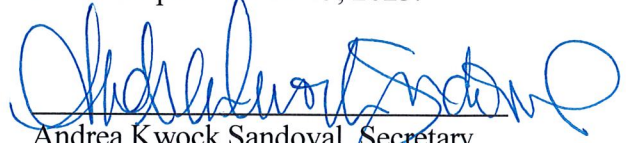
James Erickson, President

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. 2023-13 adopted March 15, 2023.



Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary

