

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District met on the above date, pursuant to notice, at 9:04 A.M. in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call showed the following Board members present:

Directors:	Tim Pellissier <i>Division 1</i>
	Gino Pedretti <i>Division 2</i>
	David Long <i>Division 3</i>
	Suzy Hultgren <i>Vice President/Secretary</i> <i>Division 4</i>
	Wil Hunter <i>President - Division 5</i>

The following were also present:

General Manager	John Sweigard
Deputy General Manager	Hicham Eltal
General Counsel	Kenneth M. Robbins
Recording Clerk	Cheryl A. Miller

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Hunter presented Board meeting minutes of May 18, 2010; Payment of Bills for June 1, 2010; Report of the Collector for April 2010; and Disbursement Request No. 22. On motion of Vice President Hultgren, seconded by Director Pedretti, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar items.

COMMENTS BY BOARD SECRETARY/MEMBERS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Deputy General Manager Eltal requested the Board consider approval of the submission to the California Energy Commission ("CEC") of the attestation of the veracity of the MID 2009 Annual Report to the California Energy Commission: Power Source Disclosure Program. He stated the report discloses the amount of kilowatt-hours of renewable energy purchased and sold by the District, and calculates the percentage of renewable energy sold by the District to its customers. He stated approval by this Board of the submission to the CEC of the attestation of the veracity of the 2009 Annual Report serves in-lieu of a report prepared by an auditor. He stated the report will be submitted to the Northern California Power Agency ("NCPA") by June 10, 2010, as a collaborated report with other publicly owned utilities' submissions to streamline public power renewable resources reporting. He stated the NCPA will in turn submit the final, comprehensive report to the CEC. Mr. Eltal reviewed the schedules included in the report. He recommended the Board approve submission to the CEC of the attestation of the veracity of the MID 2009 Annual Report to the California Energy Commission: Power Source Disclosure Program. On motion of Director Pellissier, seconded by Director Long, the Board unanimously approved staff's recommendation.

REPORT ITEMS

Mr. Eltal reviewed the Water Statistics Report. He reported that as of May 31, 2010, Lake McClure elevation was 824.41 feet compared to 809.62 feet in 2009; storage is 754,124 acre feet (AF) versus 674,426 AF in 2009; and inflow was 4,463 cubic feet per second (CFS) compared to 3,128 CFS in 2009. He reported precipitation is 13.53 inches or 112% of the 12.03 inch average at this time of year. He stated at this time last year precipitation was 6.92 inches or 58% of average. Mr. Eltal reported that May 2010 end of month inflow was 217,000 AF or 88% of the 247,500 AF average, which is indicative of the cool temperatures experienced this May. He reported that May 2010 end of month storage was 754,100 AF or 106% of the 711,900 AF average.

Mr. Eltal reviewed the snow sensor water content data, measured in inches, as follows:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Elev. (ft.)</u>	<u>6/1/2009</u>	<u>6/1/2010</u>	<u>Apr. 1 Avg.</u>	<u>% Apr. 1st</u>
Gin Flat	7050	0.00	18.44 (NA)	34.2	56%
Tenaya Lk	8150	0.00	22.29 (NA)	33.1	70%
Ostrander	8200	0.00	26.07 (NA)	34.8	81%

Note: Snow depth shown in parenthesis

Mr. Eltal reported that the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 120 update estimates the 90% exceedence April through July runoff at 740,000 AF, the 50% exceedence at 780,000 AF and the 10% exceedence at 840,000 AF. He reviewed the 90% exceedence scenario anticipated runoff, flood control releases, groundwater pumping in authorized high ground areas only, surface water diversions to the system and noted storage is estimated to peak at 928,200 AF. Mr. Eltal reviewed the 50% exceedence scenario estimating storage to peak at 958,000 AF. He also reviewed the 10% exceedence scenario estimating storage to peak at 1,001,200 AF. He stated that all scenarios show storage at end of the season at the bottom of the rainflood space or 674,600 AF.

Mr. Eltal stated staff will be able to provide a better operations forecast at the next Board meeting following the result of actual run off this week. He also noted that flood control releases may be necessary as early as this week depending on the amount of runoff.

Mr. Eltal reviewed a 48-hour forecast prepared for Cowell Agreement Diverters showing planned flows downstream from Crocker-Huffman Diversion Dam.

Mr. Eltal reviewed forecasted temperatures showing an overall trend for above average temperatures for June through August.

Mr. Eltal reviewed year-to-date water sales. He stated total water delivered through June 1, 2010, was 32,847 AF. He reviewed water delivery commitments and water diversions. He stated total water diversions from the system were 96,361 AF, which included 705 AF of pumped water.

Mr. Eltal reviewed water sales comparisons from 2006 – 2010. He also reviewed water orders by type.

Vice President Hultgren noted that the water order application for her iPhone was working well but that the web version is now extremely condensed. She also noted she is still receiving complaints from customers encountering voice mail when attempting to place water orders.

Vice President Hultgren inquired regarding weed control methods hindering customers' ability to receive water when expected. Mr. Eltal stated staff is working on adjustments that will only require facilities to be shut down for one day or less.

Vice President Hultgren inquired what staff has planned to put more water on the ground in anticipation of the influx of runoff in June. Mr. Eltal stated this subject has been discussed in house. She encouraged staff to work with growers to entice them to use surface water very soon as the opportunity will pass shortly.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:42 A.M. President Hunter called for closed session.

General Counsel Robbins stated the closed session was agendized to be held at the District's Headquarters office at 744 W. 20th Street, Merced, CA and that the meeting will thereafter be adjourned from that location.

Mr. Robbins stated there are three items for closed session. He stated the first item, containing two subsets, is to conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation. He stated authority for this action is under Government Code Section 54956.

Mr. Robbins stated the second item is to conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation – LaCava v. Merced Irrigation District. He stated authority for this action is under Government Code Section 54956.

Mr. Robbins stated the final item is regarding a public employee performance evaluation - Title: General Manager. He stated authority for this action is under Government Code Section 54957.

At 10:00 A.M. President Hunter convened the closed session with all previously indicated Board members present.

At 11:00 A.M. President Hunter reconvened the meeting into regular session with all previously indicated Board members present.

At 11:01 A.M. the meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 9:00 A.M.



Suzy Hultgren, Vice President/Secretary

APPROVED:



William E. Hunter, President