

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met in a Regular meeting on the 11th day of September 2012 at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President SIMONICH. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2013	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2015	TOM BARCELLOS - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director	Div. 4	2015	GARY FERNANDES - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director	Div. 1	2013	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2013	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

Guests Present: PATRICK CAMPBELL, Solutions Engineer – Rubicon  
(Attending as a member of the public)  
ALEX PELTZER – District Counsel (Via Telephone)

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the August 14<sup>h</sup> Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the current Declaration from the Friant Division, which remains at 55% Class I.

The District has completed its summer water run for 2012. A total of 98,739 a/f was brought into the District, including 46,000 a/f of Friant water and 52,000 a/f of Tule River water. Total sales to growers were 63,208 a/f with a balance of the water directly recharged or lost through channel seepage. For the first time in recent history, the majority of this year's water came from the Tule River as opposed to the Friant-Kern Canal.

The completion of the Tule River Inter-tie greatly helped in the distribution of the water run throughout the system in 2012.

### Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water supply related programs including a Water Management Program with Downstream and a pending groundwater summit meeting that is being planned for all landowners in the District. General Manager VINK reported that he will be meeting with a small group of landowners later in the month to talk through the issues in more detail.

The District has received a response from the Bureau of Reclamation relative to the need for a contract amendment to deliver the water to the Water Works District #18 under the Friant Ranch agreement. After initially requiring a contract amendment to deliver the water to an M & I contractor, upon review and consultation with District Manager VINK and District COUNSEL PELTZER, the Bureau has reversed their position and now has determined that no contract amendment is needed.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the 2012 recirculation water. A total of 8,700 a/f of re-circulated water from the San Joaquin River Restoration Program has been made available to the District distributed as follows: 5,000 a/f was delivered to Del Puerto Water District on the west-side, 1,700 a/f was exchanged with Downstream and 2,000 a/f was transferred to Downstream. The District re-circulated as much water back to the District as possible through exchange this year. The balance of the water was then sold for future purchase on the east-side of the Valley.

**3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including a final reconciliation on the Tule River Inter-tie canal. The project came in slightly under budget with a total cost of \$4.6 million.

Business Manager LIMAS updated the Board on the Pixley Avenue 116 Project and the ongoing Right-of-Way purchases.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed the sale of the District's backhoe at the upcoming auction. It was recommended that the backhoe be sold at the auction now rather than waiting until the February 2013 auction.

Legal Matters

The Board convened briefly into Closed Session with District Counsel PELTZER via telephone to discuss San Joaquin River matters and other pending or threatening litigation. Upon coming out of Closed Session it was reported that no action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Administrative activities. The Board reviewed the 2013 Assessment rate. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2012-9-2, setting the 2013 Assessment rate. This will be the first year of the new assessment rate approved in 2010 through the Prop 218 election. The Board also reviewed the 2010 capital overpayment and the application of that payment to a credit on the 2013 assessment. That matter will be reviewed at the October meeting and finalized at that time. A copy of Resolution 2012-9-2 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board had a brief review of the 2013 budget. More information and further detail will be forthcoming at the October meeting.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of August 2012. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously

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approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills.

General Manager VINK then presented for consideration Resolution 2012-9-1, accepting the Districts Water Management Plan. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2012-9-1 and ordered it be placed on file and sent to the Bureau of Reclamation. A copy of Resolution 2012-9-1, accepting the Districts Water Management Plan is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

#### **4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of the Cross Valley Canal activities including a report that the Districts Cross Valley water is scheduled to begin moving on September 12, 2012 with deliveries to Westlands Water District under agreement. It will take approximately 60 days to deliver the balance of the Cross Valley water.

#### **5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the August 15, 2012 minutes of the meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK reported that the Tule River Engineers Managers Committee has reached a tentative resolution on the Rosedale revenue issue. That resolution will be presented to the TRA Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2012.

#### **Success Power Project**

General Manager VINK reported that the Corp of Engineers stakeholders meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2012, to review the baseline risk assessment.

General Manager VINK reported on the Power Purchase agreement with SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON that has been executed and is now operational.

#### **6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the August 23, 2012 meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek & Tule River Authority will be having its meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Considerable time spent at that meeting will be spent discussing the Irrigated Lands program and Deer Creek and Tule River Authorities involvement in the future of that program.

**8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

**9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

- A. Association of California Water Agencies - Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition - Nothing new to report
- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager