

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met on the 5th day of July 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Board President Junio. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

District Staff present:

Dan Vink, General Manager
Eric Limas, Assistant General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Richard Junio, Farmer
Preston Brittain, Pacific Resources
Rod Steifvater, Pacific Resources
Armando Leal, Farmer
Eric Gredanus, Farmer
Paul Gredanus, Farmer

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

At 9:00 a.m. the Lower Tule River Irrigation Board of Directors joined the meeting and the remainder of the meeting was conducted as a joint meeting between the Districts.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the current water run and the Friant and Tule River water conditions. Friant Uncontrolled Season deliveries are anticipated to end in mid-July. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group and Groundwater Planning Commission activities, including drafts of Chapters 1 & 2 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, covering water measurement and metering, and banking at a landowner level. The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Groundwater Planning Commission to enter into an agreement with CalPoly ITRC to use NASA LandSat data and CalPoly METRICS to measure ET for net consumptive use calculations. The proposal is to look back at the most recent 10 year period of net consumption and work towards being able to use this methodology going forward in lieu of meter on wells for groundwater measurement. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the GSA Board approved execution of the proposal. The Board then reviewed a recommendation from the Tule Basin MOU Group to authorize the MOU Group to enter into an agreement with Tom Harder and Associates to create a groundwater model for the sub basin. A groundwater model will be required by DWR to comply with the SGMA requirements. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved the District's participation in the agreement with Tom Harder and Associates through the MOU Group.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the June SVWA Board meeting packet that went out in the Board packet prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK led the Board through a discussion of HR 23. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

No current updates on this project.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles gave an update of the Ave 116 extension project, which is anticipated to start next week and will take approximately one month to complete. Assistant Manager Limas reported that staff met with consulting engineers on the North and South Ditch capacity issues, as well as the potential for expansion of the westside distribution system. Staff is currently waiting for proposals on these projects from the engineers. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board went into closed session with General Counsel Peltzer in accordance with Government Code Sections 545956.9 and 54957 to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Upon reconvening into open session, it was announced that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of June 2017. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the June Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June bills. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the June bills.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
Assistant General Manager