

**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 on the 12th day of February 2019, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President FERNANDES. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2022	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2020	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2020	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO - ABSENT

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager

Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel (via telephone)

Richard Junio, Farmer

Vincent Sola, Farmer

Eric Greidanus, Farmer

Allan Becker, Sun World, Inc.

Geoff Vandenhuevel, Milk Producers Council

Matt Kidder, Farmer

Paul Greidanus, Farmer

Preston Brittain, Pacific Resources

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

The minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

Geoff Vandenhuevel addressed the Board during the public comment section of the agenda.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current statewide and local water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 88% Class 1. Delivery of recirculation water to water banking facilities in Kern County are ongoing. No action was taken.

Manager LIMAS reviewed the 5-year rolling average water cost model which showed an average water cost of approximately \$94 per acre-foot and modeled a \$40 winter rate, \$65 spring rate and \$100 summer rate. The Board discussed the current year water rates. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board set the February water rate at \$40. The Board directed staff to send out a notice to water users regarding the February water rate and modelled spring and summer rates, which will be revisited in March, once Friant allocations are known. The Board discussed the Poplar allocation for 2019. Action was deferred to March, once the Friant allocation is known.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal Water Quality policy, subsidence/capacity correction and Temperance Flat studies. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. LIMAS reviewed discussions and issues that have been taken up by the GPC, including the January for landowner meetings and updates to Chapters 1, 2 and 4. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Thomas Harder and Company to study the groundwater flow model as it relates to Creighton Ranch pumping activities. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Tasks 1 through 5 of the proposal.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

Manager LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association report provided by Executive Director DAN VINK. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, facility safety inspections, grading, canal maintenance, annual maintenance on the Teapot Dome and Pioneer systems and the Riparian pipeline project activities. BATTLES also reviewed the District's Spill Prevention and Containment plan and reported that the oil and fuel tanks need to be inspected, per the plan and recent inspection by Tulare County. No Action was taken.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. the Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon reconvening the meeting in open session, at approximately 11:00 am, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of January. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the January Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the January bills. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the January bills.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project activities. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed proposals from the Project Management team, based on recommendation from the Tule River Improvement Joint Project Agreement Committee. Lower Tule is the lead agency for the local group. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved

execution of the agreements with Six-33 Consulting, Ricard L Schafer and Associates and 4-Creeks Engineering for project management of the SREP. The Board discussed the Project Coordination Agreement amendment between Lower Tule and the Army Corps. Of Engineers. The amendment will be brought to the Board in March for consideration.

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.

OTHER MATTERS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager