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**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 14th day of May 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

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager

Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Mike Faria, Farmer

Allan Becker, Sun World, Inc.

Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council

Preston Brittain, Pacific Resources

Megan Chacoine, Farmland Management

Soua Lou, Kings River Conservation District

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

President FERNANDES opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved, noting the current water run as an action item.

The minutes of the April 9, 2019 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 100%. Millerton is also in an unlimited Uncontrolled Season through May 31. Success Reservoir releases are currently 300 cfs per day and sandbagging the spillway is still an option. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the water rate model and discussed the current water run and operations. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board set the summer water rate, beginning June 1, at \$95 per acre foot and allowed for continued landowner on-farm recharge for groundwater credits of 80%.

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. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2019-5-1. Considering a Non-Material Boundary Modification between Lower Tule River ID GSA and Eastern Tule GSA. After Discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2019-5-1.

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.

**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, canal maintenance and the Riparian pipeline project activities. No action was taken.

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BATTLES reported the District's application for purchase of new Current meter and flow measurement meters for reading canal flows was approved and the equipment will be purchased soon.

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

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a draft Policy and Guidelines for Relocation Assistance, related to District construction projects and right of way purchases. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted the policy.

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the April bills. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the April bills. Also discussed was properties with several years of delinquent assessments. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reported and discussed having a strategy session and discussion on future financial needs and bond refinancing options. Directors FERNANDES and PITIGLIANO agreed to be part of that discussion.

### **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

#### Tule River Association

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

LIMAS reviewed proposals received from local title companies to provide title and escrow services for property acquisitions related to the SREP. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the proposal from Stuart Title to provide these services.



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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