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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 19th day of September 2019, at 10:00 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
Jarno Mayes, Accounting Supervisor
Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Garry Reizebos, Auditor

Guests Present:

Vince Sola, Farmer
Pres Brittian, Pacific Resources
Allan Becker, Renewable Resources
Armando Leal, Farmer
Richard Junio, Farmer
Mike Faria, Farmer
Frank Junio, Farmer
Eric Thor, Maricopa Orchards
Megan Chacoine, Farmland Management
Eric Greidanus, Farmer

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

President FERNANDES called the meeting to order.

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



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The minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular meeting, August 27 Special meeting and September 10 special meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions and monthly delivery reports. The Friant Class 1 allocation was increased to 100%. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the results of the recent request for subscription to a potential block of water available for fall delivery at a cost of \$220. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved allocating 10,000 acre-feet, shared with Pixley ID, based on prorata share of the total requests to be sold at \$220 per acre-foot for groundwater recharge credits.

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

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association mid-year report. 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, Success Power Project operations, Tea Pot Dome, Vandalia WD and Pioneer Water Company operations and the Riparian pipeline project activities. BATTLES reported on issues with moss and Sago Pond Weed that are happening in the delivery system due to the long water season. District staff has been spending time on additional canal treatments for those aquatic weeds in order to try and control them. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

At 11:10 a.m. the Board opened the annual Board of Equalization hearing to consider Resolution 2019-9-1, setting the assessment rates for 2020. No comments were received during the hearing. The hearing was closed at 11:15 a.m. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2019-9-1.

The Board reviewed a Draft Master Agreement Amendment with the High Speed Rail Authority. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Draft Master Agreement Amendment was approved subject to final General Manager and Attorney review.

Auditor GARRY REIZEBOS presented a restatement of the 2018 audit report. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the restated audit report and ordered it to be placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of August. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the August Financials 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 GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the August bills.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

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

LIMAS provided a proposal from 4Creeks Engineering to do land surveys and easement documents, to identify the new property lines around the reservoir for the enlargement project. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal from 4Creeks Engineering.

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

The Board went into closed session with General Counsel ALEX PELTZER and General Manager LIMAS. Upon returning to open session, it was reported that the Board approved a waiver agreement with PELTZER & RICHARDSON during closed session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager