

**MINUTES OF A 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 8th day of June 2021, at 9:00 am. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video and audio conference only. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President COSTA. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2022	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS (9:05)
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager  
Jack Lopez, Field Superintendent  
John Michael Domondon, Engineer

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Jennifer Spaletta, Special Counsel, Mike Faria, Farmer, Jace Vander Hamm, Farmer, Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources, Tim Marvin, RTS Farms, Alan Becker, Renewable Resources

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are extremely dry across the state. The Friant allocation is currently 20% Class 1. The initial CVC allocation of 5% was reduced to 0% by the Bureau of Reclamation. There will not be an irrigation run this year. The current year Poplar Ditch allocation was discussed. Due to limited supplies, there will not be a Polar Ditch allocation this year. No action was taken.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, water quality, pumpback project and subsidence/capacity correction activities. No action was taken.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections performed, an ACWA/JPIA Risk Assessment was performed, dipping and spraying of canals continues, Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is nearing completion, Deer Creek Structure project is ongoing and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. The new fuel tank installation at the Lower Tule shop facility is complete, passed inspection and is operational. Meters have been ordered for the Pixley Basin metering project. BATTLES also reported on the 3 pickups that

were sold at auction and the ongoing search for a truck to replace one of the spray trucks. No action was taken.

### Administrative Activities

LIMAS reported that the financing for the District's share of the Friant Kern Canal capacity correction and the CVC contract conversion was closed and funded in May.

The Board discussed the upcoming 218 election, and the landowner meeting dates that have been set. Also reviewed was Resolution 2021-6-1 Adopting Prop 218 Assessment Ballot Procedures and Calling for an Assessment Ballot Proceeding on Proposed Assessment. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2021-6-1.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of May. On motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the May financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of May. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the May bills paid.

### **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

#### Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update on the Success Power Project and reviewed progress on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No Action was taken.

LIMAS presented proposed amended appraiser contracts for the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project with Bergthold Ag Services and Simon and Hower, Inc.



APPROVED

After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the contract amendments.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

LIMAS reviewed DCTRA activities, the minutes of the meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No Action was taken.

**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