



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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a regular meeting on the 9th day of February 2017, at 9:00 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:

Eric Limas, Assistant General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

Dave Dorrance, Sun-World
Brandon Spain, Farm Manager

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the January 12, 2017 regular meeting and the January 10, 2017 and January 26, 2017 special meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including Deer Creek flows,

possible summer water run, Delta operations and current Friant flood operations. No action was taken.

Staff reported that there was a landowner who was caught running without an order, at night on a few consecutive nights. Per prior practice, staff locked the turnout, sent the user a bill along with a letter stating that the Board would be notified. The Board discussed, per prior practice, the Board will let the landowner begin making water orders again, but will be on a short leash and is to be watched closely by staff to prevent recurrence.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group and Groundwater Planning Commission activities. The Board also reviewed an agreement between the MOU group participants and Deer Creek and Tule River Authority to act as the contracting agent for the Tule Subbasin planning grant from Tulare County. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott, and unanimously approved, the Board, as the GSA, approved execution of the agreement.

The Board reviewed a cost sharing agreement between all CVC water contractors to share in the cost of a consultant to prepare a NEPA document in support of the CVC long term contract renewal. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Degroot and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the agreement.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

Assistant Manager Limas and Director DeGroot reviewed SVWA activity including a legislative day in Sacramento that included several meetings with legislators as well as the Acting Regional Director of the Bureau of reclamation and a member of the State Water Resources Control Board. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews have been busy with Deer Creek flows and Tule River flood releases. Battles and Limas gave an update of the Ave 116 extension project. The advertisement for bids on the pipe for the project are out and as long as the low bid meets the specs and is within the project budget, staff will move forward to order the pipe.



APPROVED

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of January 2017. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements 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 Parreira, second by Director DeGroot, and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the bills.

The Board went into closed session to review one matter of litigation. Upon reconvening into open session it was announced that there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

Assistant Manager Limas gave an update on the project. No action was taken.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

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