



**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 on the 14th day of September 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:

Dan Vink, General Manager
Eric Limas, Assistant General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

Zach Foster, Sun World
Brandon Spain, Farm Land Management
Alex Peltzer – General Counsel
Jennifer Spaletta (via teleconference) – Special Counsel

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the August 10, 2017 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed statewide water conditions. Reservoirs, statewide are very full for this time of year. Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the current water run which ended in early September. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including an ongoing effort to re-draft the basin MOU to make the six existing GSA's in the basin as the responsible parties under the MOU. The MOU group has also requested Lower Tule to be the fiscal agent and lead grant applicant for the group since the state is requiring lead agencies and applicants to also be GSA's themselves. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the MOU group to enter into the fiscal agent agreement with the Lower Tule. The Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK reviewed ongoing efforts at the state level to get a water bond on the 2018 election ballot and other SVWA activities. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

No current updates on this project. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 10.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles gave an update of the Ave 116 extension project, and operations and maintenance activities, including grading and spraying ditches and upcoming activities for the fall, including the need to clear overgrown Eucalyptus trees at the Harris basin. Assistant Manager Limas gave an update on work being done by Provost & Pritchard, consulting engineers, on the North and South Ditch capacity issues, as well as the potential for expansion of the westside distribution system. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

At this point, the Board was joined by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors

and went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 545956, to discuss a matter of potential litigation. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

The Boards discussed having a joint 2018 budget workshop. That workshop was set for September 27 at 12:00 pm.

At 11:05 am, the Board opened a Public Hearing as the Board of Equalization to consider Resolution 2017-9-1, setting the 2018 Assessment rates and land valuations. The Public hearing was closed at 11:15 am. Upon closing the Public hearing, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Schott, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2017-9-1.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of August 2017 as well as proposed 2017 budget adjustments for capital projects and water purchases during 2017. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board approved an increase in the capital projects budget from \$60,000 to \$600,000 and the water purchases budget from \$1,200,000 to \$5,200,000 and 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 Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the August bills.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

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