

**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at 9:00 am. The meeting was called to order by President BARCELLOS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2026	LOUIE TRISTAO
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2026	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2026	JOSH PITIGLIANO

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
 Mike Battles, Assistant Manager  
 Mark Greenall, Controller  
 Allison Tristao, Resources Coordinator  
 John Micheal Domondon, Engineer  
 Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Council  
 Thomas Harder, Hydrologist  
 Jennifer Spaletta, Special Counsel

***Farmers/landowners/public:***

Vince Sola, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Mark Hoffman, Art Van Beek

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director GARICA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

LIMAS reviewed the monthly water delivery report and current conditions. Friant Water Year 2024 allocation is currently at 95% Class 1 allocation. The CVC allocation is currently 35%. Also discussed was the upcoming water run in the district. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the annual water supply summary for 2023. No action was taken.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

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

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

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

JOHN MICHAEL DOMONDON reviewed construction projects and canal maintenance activities. DOMONDON also gave updates on the SPP, Metering Project, East Side Capacity Improvement, Proposition 68 projects, and the Lateral 4 Project in Pixley. No action was taken.

MIKE BATTLES updated the board on equipment repairs and replacement needs, and the permitting for the Lower Tule River Irrigation District office remodel. No action was taken.

BATTLES presented a quote for the purchase of a dump truck. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO and unanimously approved, the purchasing of the dump truck was approved.

### Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of March. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bills paid.

### **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

#### Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update on the Success Power Project. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported on the progress of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No action was taken.

LIMAS presented the Professional Service Agreement for the quarry appraisal and appraisal reviews for the SREP. On motion by Director TRISTAO, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Arable Advisory Group proposal was approved.

LIMAS presented a proposal for Tulare County Road relocation services on the SREP. On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved the Hartman Engineering proposal for road relocation services was approved.

LIMAS proposed a survey and staking proposal from Hartman Engineering where fencing must be relocated on the SREP. On motion by Director MENDONSA, second by

Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the survey and staking proposal was approved.

The Board opened a hearing to consider a Resolution of Necessity for APN 284-780-010 on the SREP. Upon closing the hearing, the Board considered Resolution 2024-4-1. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved, the Resolution was approved.

Bureau Of Reclamation

LIMAS proposed Resolution 2024-4-2 considering an Unreleased Restoration Flows Agreement with the United States Department of Interior. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved the Resolution was approved.

**OTHER MATTERS**

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening out of closed session, it was reported that no reportable actions were taken in 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