

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINIBILITY AGENCY

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District, sitting as the GSA governing board, convened a meeting on June 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President JUNIO. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3

Director Div.2

Director Div.5

Director Div. 1

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Randy Parreira

Bill DeGroot

Frank Junio

Neal Westbrook

Director Div. 4

Rusty Schott

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Assistant Manager
John Michael Domondon, Engineer
Mark Greenall, Controller
Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Landowners and Public:

Susan Long, Stephanie Mercado

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting, were approved as presented.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2024-6-1, considering consolidation of the Board election and setting forth the specifications of the election order. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2024-6-1.

General Manager LIMAS updated the Board on Groundwater Usage through the month of April. LIMAS also gave an update on the progress in developing a subsidence management plan in the GSA. No action was taken.

LIMAS discussed engaging Natural Resources Results to help get funding for SGMA project implementation. The Board was in favor of engaging NRR.

LIMAS gave an update on the LandFlex program. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed Multi Benefit Land Repurposing Grant activities including the preapplications that were received and the application process moving forward. No action was taken.

LIMAS presented the CEQA Restoration Statutory Exemption Request Form for the Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust, Capinero Creek restoration project. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the form was approved for execution by the Generla Manager.

LIMAS presented the Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust Land Fallowing Program for the year 2024/2025 with a requested cost share. On motion by Director SCHOTT and second by Director PARRIERA, and unanimously approved, cost sharing, up to \$200,000 in the Land Fallowing Program was approved.

LIMAS presented the Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust Long-Term Land Fallowing Program. The Trust is applying for a grant with a 80/20 cost share for up to \$25 million for 5 years to implement the program. On motion by Director SCHOOT, second by Director PARREIRA, and unanimously approved, participation, up to \$200,000 annually in the Long-Term Fallowing Program was approved contingent upon the GSA being able to continue to implement the GSP and collect fees under it.

LIMAS reviewed DWR Determinations and the State Board probation hearing process. Also discussed was progress being made on the GSP revisions, coming in July. No action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erie Limas

General Manager