

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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District, sitting as the GSA governing board, convened a meeting on the 19th day of September 2024, at 9:00 am. The meeting was called to order by 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 (Absent)

Director Div.4

Rusty Schott

District Staff present:

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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Joe Mastro, Cuttone & Mastro CPA's

Farmers/landowners/public:

Susan Long, Elijah Greidanus, Seth Merrit, Rod Stiefvater,

Stephanie Mercado

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARRIERA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the July 26, 2024 special meeting, August 8, 2024 meeting, and September 3, 2024 special meeting, were approved as presented.

General Manager LIMAS updated the Board on the Tule Subbasin Probation Hearing and the resolution adopted by the State Water Board. The resolution puts the Subbasin on probation while excluding Kern Tulare and Delano-Earlimart from fees and reporting. There was also language added allowing state staff to work with LTRID and PID GSAs to finish the GSP review process to potentially get an exclusion from fees and reporting before January 2025. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed Groundwater Usage through the month of July. LIMAS also gave an update on the progress in implementing the subsidence management plan in the GSA. No action was taken.

LIMAS updated the Board on engagement with Natural Resources Results and plans to go to Washington DC to lobby for funding for SGMA Implementation Projects. Discussed was working with a consultant to make a video of the GSA, highlighting SGMA issues for the trip. The Board gave direction to staff to do the video.

ALLISON TRISTAO gave an update on MLRP activities and applications received. Also discussed were activities related to Proposition 68, Lateral 4, and the District Wide Metering Improvement projects. 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,

Eric Limas General Manager