

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, at 9:00 am. 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

Director Div. 4

Randy Parreira

Bill DeGroot

Frank Junio

Neal Westbrook

Rusty Schott

#### District Staff present:

Others Present:

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

## Alex Peltzer, General Counsel Farmers/landowners/public:

Chase Hurley, Tejpal Singh, Chandan Toor, Austin Williams, Joe Vander Poel, Travis Lane, Tim Morallo, Bitta Toor, Chad Gorzena, Clifton Lollar, Seth Merrit, Roman Toor, David Gill, Ron Vander Poel, Travis Millwee, Steve Hettinga, Stephanie Mercado, Gavin Chauhan, Eric Coyer, Paxamvit Singh, David Vander Eyk, Jim Morehead, Doug Jackson, Earl Merritt

### **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 WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

President JUNIO asked if there were public comments to be made and Bitta Toor made a public comment regarding his opinion that ET readings are not as accurate as meter readings for groundwater extraction. Joey Vander Poel made a public comment asking if an option to use ET or meters for groundwater extraction measurement could be considered. Seth Merrit requested an agenda item be added to next meeting's agenda regarding meters for groundwater extraction measurement. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARRIERA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved an agenda item being added to next month's meeting regarding meters and sending the topic to the Groundwater Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.

General Manager LIMAS updated the Board on groundwater usage through November. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the recommended 2025 allocation as follows: Precipitation 0.71, Sustainable Yield 0.15, District Allocated Credits 0.55 for a total allocation of 1.41 with an additional 0.75 of transitional allocation. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARRIERA, and unanimously approved, the allocations and landowners who have not provided well registration information do not receive Transitional allocations was approved.

LIMAS reviewed the Groundwater Planning Commission's open positions, and applications received. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT, and unanimously approved, Seth Merrit and Mike Pitigliano were reappointed to the committee, Travis Millwee was appointed to the committee as an at large member and David Vander Eyk was appointed to fill an open seat.

LIMAS updated the Board on the Tule Subbasin Probation process. State Board staff are in the process of reviewing the GSP. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the draft Early Action Plan that was put out for public comment in November 2024 for the first round of designated High Risk Zones in the Subsidence Management Plan. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Early Action Plan was adopted.

LIMAS presented the September Subsidence Management Zone map. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the remaining Zones on the map were designated as High Risk Zones with actions taking place in the following stages: all well registrations are due May 1, 2025, Stage 1(43% and higher subsidence) meter installation and calibration due March 31, 2025, Stage 2(40% and higher subsidence) meter installation and calibration due June 30, 2025, and Stage 3(39% and lower subsidence) meter installation and calibration due August 31, 2025.

ALLISON TRISTAO gave an update on MLRP activities. Also discussed were activities related to Proposition 68 and District-wide Metering Improvement grants. No action was taken.

LIMAS updated the board on meetings and activities to apply for Land Conservation Easement funding through NRCS and work with Natural Resource Results. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a request for support of \$7,500 from the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley. On motion by Director PARRIERA, second by Director SCHOTT, and unanimously approved, the requested support was approved.

### **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,

Éric Limas

General Manager