

Memorandum

To: Tea Pot Dome Board Member
CC: File
From: Jenevieve Hernandez
Date: 03/06/2025
Re: March Board Packet

Enclosed is this month's Board packet, which includes:

- March Agenda
- Minutes – February 12, 2025 & February 12, 2025 GSA & February 27, 2025 Special Meeting
- Resolution 2025-3-1

See you Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Agenda

Tea Pot Dome Water District

March 12, 2025, 9:00 AM
Tea Pot Dome Water District Office

Type of meeting:

Board of Directors

Attendees:

Open Session

Agenda topics

Administration

- Agenda Approval – **Action Item**
- Minutes of February 12, 2025 meeting – **Action Item**
- Minutes of February 12, 2025 GSA meeting – **Action Item**
- Minutes of February 27, 2025 special meeting – **Action Item**
- Board member appointments – **Action Item**

- **Public Comment**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public may directly address the members of the Board of Directors on any item of interest to the public within the Board of Director's subject matter jurisdiction before or during the Board of Director's consideration of the item. Public comment times may be limited to three minutes each at the discretion of the Chair.

TPDWD GSA – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

- Updates
- Other

TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT

Financial Statement/Bills

- Treasurer's Report & Bills to approve – **Action Item**

Water Operations

- Water delivery report
- Groundwater Well Measurement
- 2025 Water Supply / Allocation – **Action Item**
- Resolution 2025-3-1 - URF Contract – **Action Item**

Company Operations & Maintenance

- Operations & Maintenance report

Other

- Friant Water Authority
 - Friant Kern Canal O&M
 - TPDWD Pump Station project
- Title Transfer – District Facilities – On hold

Closed Session

- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION** in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(B)

**** If Necessary**

- Possible adjournment to closed session to confer with legal counsel on pending or threatened litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(A) – (Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation) (3 cases)
 - Name of Case: City of Fresno et.al. v. United States (2014 & 2015 claims)
 - Name of Case: NRDC v. United States

**** If Necessary**

- Real Property - Possible adjournment to executive session to confer on Real Property Negotiations in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 (Brown Act).
 1. District Negotiator: General Manager Eric Limas

**** If Necessary**

Meetings Hearings and Notices

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**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Teapot Dome Water District met at 9:00 a.m. on the 12th day of February 2025 at the office of the Tea Pot Dome Water District in Porterville, CA. The meeting was called to order, and it was determined that the following Directors were in attendance:

<u>BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
DAVE SHERWOOD	Present	November 2026
RON CASTRO	Present	November 2026
MATT LEIDER	Present	November 2026
DYSON SCHNEIDER	ABSENT	November 2028
TIM PELTZER	Present	November 2028

Also present were Lower Tule River Irrigation District representatives ERIC LIMAS, KIRK MASTERS, MARK GREENALL, JOHN MICHAEL DOMONDON, and Special Counsel JENNIFER SPALETTA. Also present from the public was KEVIN HOFSTEE.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

President LEIDER called the meeting to order.

On motion by Director SHERWOOD, second by Director CASTRO, and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

On motion by Director CASTRO, second by Director PELTZER, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the January 8, 2025, board of directors meeting were approved as presented.

2. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCIAL STATEMENT / BILLS

Manager LIMAS presented an Agreement with Tulare County for Collection of Assessments. After discussion, on motion by Director SHERWOOD, second by Director CASTRO, and unanimously approved, the Agreement with Tulare County for Collection of Assessments was approved as presented.

APPROVED

Manager LIMAS presented a LTRID Management Agreement amendment. After discussion, on motion by Director PELTZER, second by Director SHERWOOD, and unanimously approved, the LTRID Management Agreement amendment was approved as presented.

Lower Tule River Irrigation District representative GREENALL reviewed the treasurer's report and bills paid for January. On motion by Director CASTRO, second by Director SHERWOOD, and unanimously approved, the bills paid were approved, and the treasurer's report was ordered and placed on file.

3. WATER OPERATIONS

DOMONDON reviewed current water conditions, operations, and delivery reports. No Action was taken.

Manager LIMAS reviewed the 2024 Water Supply/Allocation. No action was taken.

The board discussed the remaining 2024 Water Supply. After discussion, on motion by CASTRO, second by Director PELTZER and unanimously approved, the Board approved allowing landowners' requests to recharge the remaining allocation up to a total request of 499 acre-feet (AF); requests beyond 499 AF will be prorated based on landowners' acreage.

Lower Tule River Irrigation District representative DOMONDON reviewed the 2025 Water Rules and Regulations. On motion by Director CASTRO, second by Director PELTZER, and unanimously approved, the 2025 Water Rules and Regulation was approved as presented.

Manager LIMAS reviewed the 2025 Water Supply / Allocation. After discussion, no action was taken.

Manager LIMAS reviewed the 2025 Water Rate. After discussion, on motion by Director SHERWOOD, second by Director PELTZER, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted the same water rate. The west turnout was adopted at \$155 per acre-foot,

and for east turnout, it was adopted at \$180 per acre-foot.

The Board considered Resolution 2025-2-1 for 2025 Water Year 215 Contract with the USBR. On motion by Director CASTRO, second by Director SHERWOOD, and unanimously approved, Resolution 2025-2-1 was approved.

4. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Lower Tule River ID representative MASTERS reviewed the monthly water operations and annual maintenance activities; including 10 new meters installation, and 27 meters replacement via warranty. No action was taken.

5. OTHER

Manager LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, pump station activities, and USBR water user's conference in January. No action was taken.

6. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into a closed session at approximately 10:00 a.m. Upon reconvening into an open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OF THE
TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Teapot Dome Water District sitting as the GSA Board, met at 9:00 a.m. on the 12th day of February 2025 at the office of the Tea Pot Dome Water District in Porterville, CA. The meeting was called to order, and it was determined that the following Directors were in attendance:

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1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

President LEIDER called the meeting to order.

On motion by Director SHERWOOD, second by Director CASTRO, and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

On motion by Director CASTRO, second by Director PELTZER, and unanimously approved, the January 8, 2025 GSA minutes were approved as presented.

2. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Lower Tule representative DOMONDON reviewed the groundwater accounting and monthly summary report. No action was taken.

APPROVED

3. OTHER MATTERS

The Board 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's attention, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Tea Pot Dome Water District met jointly with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District and Pixley Irrigation District Boards of Directors in a Special Meeting on the 27th day of February 2025, at 11:00 am at the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Office. The meeting was called to order, and it was determined that the following Directors were in attendance:

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RON CASTRO	Present	November 2026
MATT LEIDER	Present	November 2026
DYSON SCHNEIDER	ABSENT	November 2028
TIM PELTZER	Present	November 2028

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director CASTRO, second by Director PELTZER and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

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

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE UNRELEASED) RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3-1
RESTORATION FLOWS AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES)
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR)
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION)
24-WC-20-6233)
_____)

WHEREAS, the Tea Pot Dome Water District has entered into Contract with the United States for water service from the Central Valley Project; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into an Unreleased Restoration Flow Agreement No. 24-WC-20-6233; and

WHEREAS, the United States has offered a Contract for Water Service labeled "SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT FOR SALE OF UNRELEASED RESTORATION FLOWS" effective as of the Contract date and shall remain in effect through February 29, 2028; provided that any performance of the obligations provided of this agreement shall survive the termination date of this agreement and shall continue until all such obligations are complete; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the UNRELEASED RESTORATION FLOWS AGREEMENT NO. 24-WC-20-6233 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT, is hereby approved on motion by Director, _____ seconded by Director

_____ and the officers of the Tea Pot Dome Water District are authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the District; and

BE IT RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tea Pot Dome Water District on March 12, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Matt Leider, President

ATTEST:

Eric L. Limas, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Eric L. Limas, the duly qualified Secretary of the Tea Pot Dome Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors duly held on the 12th day of March, 2025, of which meeting all members of said Board of Directors had due notice.

I hereby further certify that the same resolution has not been modified or amended in any way, and that the same is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Tea Pot Dome Water District this 12th day of March 2025.

Eric L. Limas, Secretary