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**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 13th day of March 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	Randy Parreira (Absent)
Director Div.2	Bill DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

District Staff present:

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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Farmers/landowners/public:

Rod Stiefvater, Chase Hurley, Jim Morehead, Jordan Martinez, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Lance Mouw, Gary Tmiara, Shiuidi Thiara, Seth Merrit

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

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On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

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

JOHN MICHEAL DOMONDON reviewed Spring 2025 Water Surface Elevation, Depth to Water, and Comparison Change in Elevation maps. No action was taken.

KIRK MASTERS reviewed community well transducer data and trends. No action was taken.

DOMONDON updated the Board on landowners' registered wells in the High Risk Zones. 48% of landowners in High Risk Zones have registered their wells and 52% still need to register.

LIMAS reviewed an updated draft of GSA Policy 1. The draft language would allow landowners to opt into meter readings being used as a form of groundwater measurement for accounting rather than using ET. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved the updated policy was approved and allowing landowners to enroll for 2025 and giving flexibility to staff to implement the policy during the first year of implementation.

LIMAS updated the Board on the Tule Subbasin Probation process. State Board staff are in the process of reviewing the GSP to be back in front of the State Board for consideration for exclusion from fees and reporting in late summer. No action was taken.

LIMAS updated the Board on subsidence management activities in the GSA. No action was taken.

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

TRISTAO reviewed a budget amendment for MLRP transferring Community Outreach activities to a contract with Ag Innovations. Also in the budget amendment was a transfer of travel funds for UC Merced to Task 8. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the budget amendment and Ag Innovations contract were approved.

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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 consumption rate study on minimum transitional, exceedance, and base fees. The study calculated the maximum transitional fee at \$187.20, the exceedance fee at \$824.71, and the base fee at \$1.93. On motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved the consumption rate study was approved to be sent to landowners for comment with a public hearing and action to be taken during the regular May Board Meeting.

DOMONDON reviewed a proposal from Provost and Pritchard for Conceptual Design and Environmental Services for an Aquifer Storage and Recovery project for \$37,500. After discussion, the Board directed staff to discuss cost sharing with the LTRID Board to do a pilot project in LTRID. No action was taken.

LIMAS updated the Board on the process by which the County approves well permits. A Governor's Executive Order was lifted that required the County to send permit applications to the GSA for approval. An ordinance is now being taken to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors to put that step back in the process of issuing permits. LIMAS reported the GSA will issue a letter of support.

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'E. Limas', written in a cursive style.

Eric Limas
General Manager