

Lower Tule River Irrigation District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026
Location: 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272
Time: 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order following the LTRID GSA Board meeting by President Barcellos.

Roll Call:

Director Div. 1 Alex Garcia
Director Div. 2 Louie Tristao
Director Div. 3 Tom Barcellos
Director Div. 4 Frank Mendonsa
Director Div. 5 Josh Pitigliano

District Staff:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Travis Millwee, Resources Manager
Mark Greenall, Controller
John Michael Domondon, Operations Manager
Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent
Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Landowners and Public:

Douglas Jackson, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Joshua Nugent, Jordan Martinez, Elijah Greidanus, Christian Tufenkjian, Trey Koetsier, Eric Greidanus, Vincent Sola, Mark Hoffman, Jace Vanderham, Armando Leal, Emily Boettger, Zach Faria, Mark Larson, Paul Greidanus, Tim Marven, Justin Murray, Stacie Ann Silva, Ron Locke, Rod Steifvater, Dustin Robinson, Lisa McEwen, Mike Kroes, Gary Bosma, Case Schaap.

2. Public Comment.

No Public Comment

3. General Administration.

a. Agenda Approval

On motion of Director Mendonsa, second by Director Pitigiano and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved with the addition of an action item for approval of Management Salary Schedules.

b. Minutes of March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting

On motion of Director Garcia, second by Director Tristao and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting were approved with corrections to the dates of the November (11/17) and December (12/9) Board meetings in the Closed Session report.

c. Minutes of March 24, 2026 Special Meeting

On motion of Director Garcia, second by Director Tristao and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 24, 2026 special meeting were approved.

4. Water Resources.

a. Current Declaration/Water Supply Update- General Manager Limas updated the Board on Millerton operations. Limas also informed the Board that the Class 1 allocation is still at 100% but could dip to as low as 85% in the coming weeks. Limas informed that with the early precipitation and limited snowpack, it is likely that the summer water run will have to start earlier than usual. Limas presented the annual water supply summary for the 2025 water supplies.

i. Monthly water delivery report

Limas reviewed the monthly surface water delivery report. No action was taken.

ii. Current water run/rates

The Board will consider this item at the May meeting.

iii. Poplar Ditch Allocation

No update.

iv. CVC water deliveries

No update.

5. District Operations

a. Construction/Operations/Maintenance

Operations Manager Domondon reviewed construction projects, canal maintenance activities, and safety meetings. As well as Tea Pot Dome, Pioneer, Vandalia and SPP operations and maintenance.

b. Updates

No additional updates.

c. Cal Trans Hwy 190/Rd 208

Domondon updated the Board on the construction schedule relocating the Poplar pipeline.

d. Administrative

i. Proposals – office roof replacement – Action Item

Operations Manager Domondon Operations presented two bid proposals for the replacement of the office building's roof. After Board discussion, a motion was made by Director Pitigliano, second by Director Tristao and unanimously approved, the bid of \$168,274.44 from Mark Scholz Construction was approved.

ii. Management Salary schedules – Action Item

The Board reviewed annual salary schedules for management positions from 2022 through 2026 (Current). Based on a CalPers compliance review, it was determined the District's current Manager salary schedules do not meet compliance. After reviewing the salary schedules, on motion by Director Pitigliano, second by Director Garcia, and unanimously approved, the board approved the salary schedules.

iii. Financial Statements

Controller Greenall reviewed the March financial reports. On motion by Director Tristao, second by Director Mendonsa and unanimously approved, the Board approved the financial reports.

iv. Accounts Payable

1. Approve the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of March bills.

The Board reviewed the March bills paid. On motion by Director Mendonsa, second by Director Garcia, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the March bills paid.

6. Friant Water Authority

a. Friant Kern Canal General and O&M activity updates

General Manager Limas updated the Board on the efforts of the Friant Water Authority Staff to combat the spread of Golden Mussels, as well as the recent announcement of \$200 million in non-reimbursable funding allocated to finishing Phase 1 and the start of Phase 2 of the Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project

7. Tule River Association.

a. SREP

i. Update

General Manager Limas gave an update on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project, relocations, and efforts to ensure funding for the

remaining amounts needed for the project remain in place and spent according to the project budget. Any funding provided through the appropriations will be subject to the original Project Cost Agreement cost share structure and will take time to reconcile with the USACE once the project is deemed complete.

i. Updated Agreement for Services – Natural Resources Results – Action Item

General Manager Limas reviewed an updated agreement with Natural Resources Results. After discussion, on motion by Director Pitigliano, second by Director Garcia, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the updated agreement.

8. Other – No update

9. Closed Session. The Board entered Closed Session.

a. Legal – Pending Litigation

b. Personnel – Possible adjournment to executive session to confer on employee related matters in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 (Brown Act).

c. Real Property – Possible adjournment to executive session to confer on employee related matters in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 (Brown Act).

i. District Negotiator: General Manager Limas

Report at Conclusion of Closed Session

Upon exiting closed session, the Board reported that no reportable actions were taken during closed session.

Further information on any of the reported matters may be available upon request to the Board clerk.

10. Next Regular Board Meeting: May 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272

11. Adjourned at 12:30 p.m., by President Barcellos.

CERTIFICATION: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ORIGINAL AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING AND GROUND SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY WAS POSTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY 9 AM, April 10, 2026.

IF ANYONE WANTS COPIES OF ANY OF THE REFERENCED BOARD MATERIALS THEY MAY CONTACT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CINTHIA CANALES AT 559-686-4716 OR BY EMAIL customerservice@ltrid.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Millwee
Resources Manager

