

**Lower Tule River Irrigation District
Board of Directors
Ground Sustainability Agency 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.

1. Public Comment.
No Public comment.

2. General Administration

a. Agenda Approval

On motion of Director Mendonsa, second by Director Pitigliano and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

b. Minutes of March 10, 2026, GSA Meeting

On motion of Director Tristao, second by Director Garcia and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting were approved as presented.

c. Minutes of March 31, 2026 Special GSA Meeting

On motion of Director Tristao, second by Director Garcia and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 31, 2026 special meeting were approved as presented.

3. GSP Implementation

a. Updates

General manager Limas gave an update on February 2026 groundwater usage.

b. SWRCB – Probationary Status

Manager Limas informed the Board that LTRID GSA was not recommended for an exclusion by the SWRCB staff. Limas updated the Board on the recent meetings GSA staff had with SWRCB Board members and staff. Limas explained that GSA staff voiced their concerns and pointed out errors in the SWRCB staff report regarding the request for exclusion from reporting pumping and paying fees. The SWRCB Board will vote on their staff's recommendation at their April 21st meeting.

c. Subsidence Management

No update

d. Projects

i. Kaweah-Tule Banking Project Investigation

General Manager Limas updated the Board about ongoing meetings with partners and consultants to explore the feasibility of a joint banking project.

e. Other

i. Tule Subbasin Coordination

Limas updated the Board about ongoing meetings with partners and consultants to explore the feasibility of a joint banking project. Limas informed the Board that there will be a joint Board meeting held on April 29th to share the results on the feasibility study.

1. Updates

No additional updates.

2. Single Tule Subbasin GSP – Action Item

Resource Manager Millwee presented to the Board a single GSP process that the Tule Subbasin Policy Committee is proposing for the entire Subbasin. This process is meant to replicate the single GSP structure that was done by the Kern Subbasin. Millwee explained that this has been an effective approach for getting out of probation. On motion of Director Garcia, second by Director Pitigliano and unanimously approved, Lower Tule River ID GSA's participation in a single GSP was approved.

3. Tule Subbasin Mitigation Plan Reserve Fund – Action Item

Millwee presented to the Board multiple options for a Mitigation Plan Reserve Fund. The Tule Subbasin Policy Committee is asking for GSAs to consider an option that includes a single reserve account that is funded to fully projected mitigation costs. On motion of Director Garcia, second by Director Tristao and unanimously approved, the participation in a single Mitigation Pan reserve fund at full mitigation costs was approved.

4. Closed Session. The Board entered Closed Session at the conclusion of the Irrigation District Board meeting open 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

Closed Session adjourned. No reportable actions were taken during Closed Session

5. Next GSA Meeting: May 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272
6. Adjourned by Board Member Mendonsa.

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, 2025.

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 CCANALES@LTRID.ORG.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Millwee
General Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Millwee", written in a cursive style.