

Lower Tule River Irrigation District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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:

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

Landowners and Public:

Douglas Jackson, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Joshua Nugent, Elijah Greidanus, Christian Tufenkjian, Trey Koetsier, Vincent Sola, Jace Vanderham, Mark Larson, Paul Greidanus, Tim Marven, Justin Murray, Stacie Ann Silva, Rod Steifvater, Mike Kroes, Gary Bosma, Case Schaap, Andrew Brazil, Brian Hauss, John Ocana, Art Van Beek, Chad Schenstra, Geoff Vanden Huevel, Mike Faria, Austin Williams, Kolin Stock, Keith Gilbert, Cameron Ribeiro, Jake Duffin.

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.

Minutes of April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting

On motion of Director Tristao, second by Director Garcia and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 14, 2026 regular meeting were approved.

Minutes of April 20, 2026 Special Meeting

On motion of Director Tristao, second by Director Garcia and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 20, 2026 regular meeting were approved.

4. Water Resources.

- a. Current Declaration/Water Supply Update- Resources Manager Millwee updated the Board on Millerton and Success Reservoir operations. Millwee also informed the Board that the Friant Class 1 allocation will maintain at 100%.
 - i. Monthly water delivery report
Resources Manager Millwee reviewed the monthly surface water delivery report. No action was taken.
 - ii. Current water run/rates
Resources Manager Millwee presented the multiple sources of surface water supply available to the District's upcoming run. Millwee also presented several surface water rates for consideration. After Board discussion, On motion of Director Pitigliano, second by Director Garcia and unanimously approved, the surface water allocation was set at .55 acre-feet per allocated acre, the surface water rate was set at \$100 per acre-foot, and the duration of the surface water run to last from June 15th through approximately the second week of July.
 - iii. Poplar Ditch Allocation
No action was taken.
 - iv. CVC water deliveries
Resources Manager Millwee updated the Board that the CVC allocation currently sits at 20% and that there may be an opportunity for CVC water to be pumped in the Delta in the late summer months.

5. District Operations

- a. Updates
No additional updates.
- b. 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.
- c. Cal Trans Hwy 190/Rd 208
Domondon updated the Board on the construction schedule relocating the Poplar pipeline.

- d. Administrative
 - i. Employment Contract for the General Manager – Action Item
Resources Manager Millwee presented the employment contract for incoming General Manager, Alex Peltzer. Millwee informed the Board that there are a few minor items that need to be cleared up, but that the agreement was ready for approval. On motion of Director Garcia, second by Director Tristao and unanimously approved, the employment agreement was approved, subject to the outstanding the minor details being agreed upon.
 - ii. Financial Statements
Controller Greenall reviewed the April financial reports. On motion by Director Pitigliano, second by Director Mendonsa and unanimously approved, the Board approved the financial reports.
 - iii. Accounts Payable
 - 1. Approve the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of April bills.
The Board reviewed the April bills paid. On motion by Director Pitigliano, second by Director Tristao, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the April bills paid.
- 6. Friant Water Authority
 - a. Friant Kern Canal General and O&M activity updates
Resources Manager Millwee 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 finish Phase 1 and the start of Phase 2 of the Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project.
- 7. Tule River Association.
 - a. SREP
 - i. Update
Resources Manager Millwee 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.
- 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: June, 9 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
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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, MAY 8, 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

