

**Lower Tule River Irrigation District and
Lower Tule River ID Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026
Location: 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272
Time: 9:00 a.m.**

*Sitting jointly as the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors and the
Governing Body of the Lower Tule River ID Groundwater Sustainability Agency*

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Barcellos.
Roll Call:

Director Div. 1 Alexander Garcia

Director Div. 2 Louie Tristao

Director Div. 3 Thomas Barcellos – President

Director Div. 4 Frank Mendonsa

Director Div. 5 Joshua Pitigliano

District Staff:

Alex Peltzer, General Manager

Travis Millwee, Resources Manager

John Michael Domondon, Operations Manager

Mark Greenall, Controller

Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

Jack Lopez, Operations Superintendent

Cinthia Canales, Administrative Assistant / Board Clerk

Landowners and Public:

Andrew Brazil, Eric Greidanus, Paul Greidanus, Vincent Sola, Mike Faria, Douglas Jackson, Elijah Greidanus, Lisa Hausen McEwen, Gary Bosma, Justin Murray, Mike Kroes, Cristian Ceballos, Geoff Vanden Hue, Trey Koetsier, John Ocana, Stacie Ann Silva, David Gill, Andrew Koetsier, Jace Vanderham, Mark Hoffman.

2. Public Comment and Agenda Approval.
 - a. Public Comment: During this item, members of the public will be afforded an opportunity to address the Board on any matter within the jurisdiction of the District at the beginning of the session or before the Board's consideration of an

agenda item regarding that item. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person, unless otherwise indicated by the Board President, with a maximum of 30 minutes for public comments overall. Cal. Gov. Code § 54954.3.

No Public Comment.

- b. Agenda Approval (GSA and District Combined) – **Action Item**
On motion by Director Mendonsa, seconded by Director Pitigliano, and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. GSA/District Administration.

- a. Minutes of July 14, 2026 Board Meeting (GSA and District Combined) – **Action Item – Attachment**
On a motion by Director Pitigliano, seconded by Director Garcia, and unanimously approved, the Minutes of July 14, 2026, combined GSA and Board Meeting was approved as presented.

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4. GSP Implementation

- a. June 2026 Groundwater Usage Report – *Attachment*
General Manager Peltzer reviewed the 2026 June Groundwater Usage Report. No action was taken.
- b. Local Community Well Monitoring Report – *Attachment*
General Manager Peltzer reviewed the Local Community Well Monitoring Report. No action was taken

5. Subbasin Probationary Status - Tule Subbasin Coordination

- a. SWRCB Interim Plan Updates
General Manager Peltzer provided an update on the SWRCB Interim Plan Updates. No action was taken.
- b. Tule Subbasin Policy Group Updates
General Manager Peltzer provided an update on the Tule Subbasin Policy Group, including the single GSP and the coordination effort. No action was taken.
 - i. Friant-Kern Canal Policy Questions
General Manager Peltzer and Resources Manager Millwee discussed Friant-Kern Canal Policy questions. No action was taken.
 - ii. SLSSA Policy Questions
General Manager Peltzer discussed the SLSSA policy questions. No action was taken.

6. GSA Projects

- a. Subsidence Management Plan Actions - Groundwater Allocation Plan Changes

Resource Manager Millwee reviewed the Subsidence Management Plan – Groundwater Allocation Plan Changes. No action was taken.

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7. Water Resources

a. Resources Manager Water Update - Current Declaration/Water Supply

i. Monthly Water Delivery Report – *Attachment*

Resource Manager Millwee reviewed the Monthly Water Delivery Report for July. No action was taken.

ii. Water Run Report – Deliveries & Operations

Resource Manager Millwee reviewed the current water run and water rates. No action was taken.

iii. CVC Water Deliveries

Resource Manager Millwee provided an update on CVC Water Deliveries. No action was taken.

8. District Operations

a. Operations Manager Update

i. Construction/Operations/Maintenance

Operations Manager Domondon reviewed construction projects, canal maintenance activities, and safety meetings. Also discussed was potential auction of two cranes. No action was taken.

ii. Cal Trans Hwy 190/Rd 208

Operations Manager Domondon provided an update on the Caltrans Hwy 190/Rd 208 Project. It was reported that as of August 7, 2026, the project has been completed.

9. District Administration/Finance

a. District Assessments – update/adjustment – Information Item

Manager Peltzer reviewed the District Assessment update/adjustment- No action was taken

b. General Administration Items

i. Financial Statements – *Action Item*

Controller Greenall reviewed the July financial reports and statements. On motion by Director Mendonsa, seconded by Director Pitigliano, and unanimously approved, the Financial Statements were approved as presented.

ii. Accounts Payable – *Action Item*– *Attachment*

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

The Board reviewed the July bills paid. On motion by Director Tristao, seconded by Director Garcia, and unanimously approved, the accounts payable for July were approved.

10. General Manager Updates

- a. Friant Water Authority - Friant Kern Canal General and O&M activity updates
General Manager Peltzer updated the Board on the Friant Canal general and O&M activities, including Golden Mussel. No action was taken.
- b. Tule River Association
General Manager Peltzer gave an update on projects. No action was taken
- c. TRI-JPA – SREP Update
General Manager Peltzer gave an update on TRI-JPA – SREP. No action was taken.
- d. TRI-JPA – Channel Clearing
General Manager Peltzer gave an update on the TRI-JPA – Channel Clearing including the FEMA funding. No action was taken.

Adjourn to Closed Session sitting as the Lower Tule River ID GSA Governing Body

11. GSA Closed Session Items.

- a. Litigation
 - i. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (two potential matter)

Adjourn to Closed Session sitting as the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board

12. District Closed Session Items.

- a. Litigation
 - i. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (three potential matters)
 - ii. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION (Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of GC Section 54956.9): (8 Cases)
 - NRDC v. United States
 - Rosedale Water Storage District et. al. v. Kern County Water Agency et. al.
 - Center for Biological Diversity, et. al. v. United States Bureau of Reclamation, et. al. (CVC Contract)
 - North Coast Rivers Alliance v. United States Bureau of Reclamation, et. al. (CVC Contract)
 - Haag v. LTRID
 - In re Hundal, Pavinder, et al. Bankruptcy. US Bankruptcy Court, ED Cal, Case No 26-12349

- Richard A Jones Jr. v. Lower Tule River Irrigation District,
Tul. Co. Sup. Ct. Case No. VCU 329566
 - Sierra Range Construction v. Lower Tule River ID, Tul. Co.
Sup. Ct. Case No. VCU 335769
- b. Real Property – Real property negotiations and related matters in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 (Brown Act).
- i. Water Contract Transactions
Description of Property: CVP contract water exchanges
Agency Negotiator: Alex Peltzer, General Manager
Under Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Water Purchase
- c. Personnel – Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957)
Title: General Manager

Adjourn To Open Session

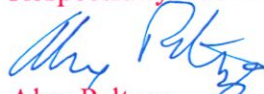
13. Report from Closed Session (If Any)
No reportable action from close session.
14. Report of action taken at prior Closed Sessions that became final after the adjournment.
No reportable action from prior closed session.
15. Adjournment.

Next District/GSA Board of Directors Meeting: September 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272

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, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 CCANALES@LTRID.ORG

Respectfully Submitted,



Alex Peltzer
Board Secretary