

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met at a Regular Meeting on the 11th day of April, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Woodville, California. The meeting was called to order by President ROBERT F. BOWMAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 5	2001	ROBERT F. BOWMAN
Director	Div. 3	2003	DONALD MACMILLAN
Director	Div. 2	2001	BENJAMIN SERAFIN
Director	Div. 4	2003	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2001	TONY SIMONICH

Also present was DANIEL G. VINK, General Manager for the District.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the March 15, 2000 regular meeting were reviewed as presented. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 15, 2000 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The financial statement for the month of March, 2000 was reviewed and on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the financial statement for the month of March was ordered placed on file.

● The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 5.824% for February, 2000 compared to 5.851% for March 2000.

● General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a 2000 cash flow projection indicating the Districts cash position for the balance of the 2000 calendar year.

The finance committee has not met since the March Board meeting and as such there was no recommendation relative to accounts payable.

The Board reviewed the pending May meeting date and given the conflict with the ACWA conference, on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the May meeting date was moved to the 15th of May.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The forecast for the Friant Kern Canal has been fixed at 100% Class 1 with a variable declaration on Class 2 depending on the flood control

situation for the balance April and May. Projections from the Bureau of Reclamation indicate that approximately 20% Class 2 will be declared sometime in May.

The Board reviewed the current and proposed summer run. Given the termination of the uncontrolled season the District will be ending deliveries in order to make additional water available in the summer. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board tentatively set the summer water run to begin around the 22nd of May. The beginning of the summer run is subject to change per particular water conditions.

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of activities relative to water conditions and supply with the Board:

1. The Districts ability to take it's Class 2 as Section 215
2. The run of carry over water that the District had during the month of March.
3. The Westside activity including the Districts Cross Valley Canal sales, and
4. The historic transfer provisions that have now been improved.

The Board turned its attention to the water rate for the 2000 summer run. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the summer water rate was set at \$35.00 an acre foot effective May 1st.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of construction and maintenance activities throughout the District, including the completion of the Hutchinson Basin and the planned construction on the Seitz Ditch pipeline.

The District has been contacted by ALAN CHANGALA. MR. CHANGALA owns 19 acres of property adjacent to the Districts Koslov Basin. MR. CHANGALA indicated that he would be interested in selling the property to the District for approximately \$150,000.00. The Board tabled any action on the matter.

General Manager VINK reported to the Board on the water banking and groundwater study activities that the District is involved in. The Board reviewed the management committee's recommendation on retaining a firm to prepare the groundwater study for the Districts. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board authorized the awarding of the contract to Provost & Pritchard to prepare the groundwater study for the group of Groundwater Districts. In addition to the awarding of the contract to Provost & Pritchard the Board discussed the retention of various Real Estate firms and the Proposition 13 activity all of which are related to potential water banking activities in the District.

The Board reviewed the March 29th public meeting held for the District Landowners.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the Taylor Ditch matter. Conversations with Taylor Ditch representative MIKE NORDSTROM indicate that Taylor Ditch representatives are

interested in settling the matter at the \$175,000 amount as prior agreed to. Bayou Vista Company is sorting through some internal accounting issues and will respond back to the District more formally.

General Manager VINK reported on preliminary problems in the Channel Clearing activities on the Tule River. Meetings have been held with Fish & Game and the Corp of Engineers indicating that the District maybe in violation of certain clean water act permits relative to the Channel Clearing process. More information will be brought to the Boards attention as it becomes available.

The District reviewed the stance of Tulare County Supervisor BILL MAZE in so far as groundwater and exporting of surface water form Tulare County is concerned. General Manager VINK reported that a variety of Friant District Managers will be meeting with MAZE sometime in the next 60 days to review the matter and review MAZE's proposed Groundwater ordinance.

The District has received a letter from BILL HAMILTON Professor Emeritus at UC Davis indicating the Districts cooperation in the helping the population of the Tri-Colored Black birds that reside in the Districts Toledo Basin.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a letter from Friant Water Users' Authority General Manager DICK MOSS indicating that Metropolitan Water District was interested in seeking discussions with the Friant Water Users' in an effort to improve supply and flexibility in water quality for MWD. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board concurred that it was appropriate to enter into discussions with MWD in an effort to try to improve the Friant Water Users' and in particularly the Districts water supply.

The District has received bids for the new ½ ton pickups. After through review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of 3 additional pickups with a low bid of \$18,017.00 going to Merle Stone in Porterville.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Contract Renewal activities including the drafting committees progress at both the Friant and CVP levels as well as a meeting to be held in Sacramento Friday to review the Contractors position.

The Board was given an update on a variety of other District activities including pending changes in the work orders, pending changes in reclamation reform act and an update on Judge WANGERS decision relative to the B2 litigation.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities, including discussions held with PAUL TAGUN. MR. TAGUN represents the DESTEFFANI FAMILY who is interested in leasing a portion of the Districts Cross Valley Canal. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK reported that the Cross Valley Canal and Kern County Water Agency participants are interested in participating in the Kern Fan Power Project. The Kern Fan Power Project would involve the Cross Valley Canal in so far as right-of-way and participation via

capital expenditures are concerned. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board took a position of no participation in the Kern Fan Power Project until the management issues at the Cross Valley Canal are resolved.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the March 15th Tule River and April 10th TRIJPA meetings. The minutes of those meetings are distributed to the Board and subsequently are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of SPP activities including discussions with former Engineer Manager ROGER ROBB to do some consulting for the District relative to SPP.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March Friant Water Users' Authority Board meeting. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the NRDC attorneys fees matter. The District has received a billing in the amount \$83,562.00 to cover the Districts portion of the NRDC's attorneys fees exposure. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the Districts share of the NRDC's attorneys fees.

Minutes of the Friant Water Users' Authority Board meeting are distributed to the Board and subsequently are not repeated here.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

- A. Mid-Valley Water Authority. A letter of withdraw has been sent to the Mid-Valley Water Authority pending the receipt of the Districts unexpended fund with the Mid-Valley Water Authority.
- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. Director SERAFIN and General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the DCTRA March Board meeting. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing various project agreements including the CIMIS Agreement. General Manager VINK presented to the Board for signature the CIMIS Project Agreement. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board authorized signature to the CIMIS Project Agreement.

8. MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND NOTICES

There will be a breakfast meeting held with CAL DOOLEY on April 25th. General Manager VINK and a variety of District Landowners and Board members will attend.

The ACWA and ACWA/JPIA conference will be held the 10th - 14th of May in Monterey.

9. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- C. Association of California Water Agencies

- D. Central Valley Project Water Association
- E. California Water Resources Association
- F. National Water Resources Association
- G. State Chamber of Commerce
- H. Ag Water Committee
- I. Water Education Foundation
- J. California Farm Water Coalition

There being no further business to be brought to the Board's attention, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager