



MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 in a regular Meeting on the 12th day of March 2002, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Woodville, California. The meeting was called to order by President BENJAMIN R. SERAFIN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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| Director | Div. 2 | 2005 | BENJAMIN SERAFIN |
| Director | Div. 3 | 2003 | DONALD MACMILLAN |
| Director | Div. 4 | 2003 | GARY FERNANDES---10:00 a.m. |
| Director | Div. 1 | 2005 | TONY SIMONICH |
| Director | Div. 5 | 2005 | DIANE BOWMAN-FRIEND |

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager
FRANCIA MENDOZA-REYES – Controller

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the February 19th regular meeting were presented for review. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the minutes of February 19th, 2002 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statement for the month of February 2002:

- The District has received notice from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that its 2000 reconciliation refund in the amount of \$351,311 has been completed. The refund will be processed and sent to the District within the next 30 days.
- General Manager VINK reported on outstanding receivables for prior year water delinquencies. The total is \$81,571.
- The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 2.967% for February 2002 compared to 6.169% for February 2001.
- LAIF interest earned during the 1st part of 2002 was not reported.



After thorough review and discussion regarding the financial statement, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the financial statement for the month of February was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board briefly reviewed the accounts payable for the month. The finance committee has not yet met to review in detail the February payables. As a result no action was taken.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The forecast for the Friant Division remains at 75% Class 1 with 0% Class 2. General Manager VINK reported that the 75% Class 1 declaration was a very firm declaration and it was anticipated that the Bureau would increase the Class 1 declaration to at least 100% with the potential for some Class 2 water being dependent upon further precipitation for the balance of the water year.

The Board reviewed several potential water runs for 2002 using the different water supply scenarios. The most likely scenario shows the District beginning a water run sometime in late May with approximately a 6 to 8 weeks of water being available to be divided through the summer water season. The Districts South Delta CVC water supply has been increased from 50% to 55%.

General Manager VINK reported on a variety of water supply issues including the processing of the agreement with the City of Orange Cove. The District has completed the negotiation process, signature has been authorized and final details will be resolved within the next 30 days.

The CVC Interim Renewal contract is executed and in place for the 2002 calendar year. Included in that Interim Renewal contract is the opportunity for an in-delta allocation. The Board also reviewed a potential water supply program for the San Joaquin River for 2002 that would rely on CVC water as the nexus for the program. The plan would involve a portion of the Districts Cross Valley Canal supply in exchanges with Tulare Lake Basin and Fresno Irrigation District. The Board reviewed the matter as presented by General Manager VINK and concurred with the proposal.

The Board spent considerable time discussing the Poplar Ditch allocation for 2002. A final decision on the Poplar Ditch allocation was postponed to a subsequent meeting. General Manager VINK was instructed to inform Poplar Ditch shareholders



that a preliminary allocation of 20 acre feet per share would be in effect should any shareholder choose to take water before the final allocation.

The Board spent considerable time reviewing the O&M cost from FWUA. The Districts O&M cost for 2002 has been set at \$1,101,750. The Board reviewed the increase in O&M cost over the past 5 years. A copy of the presentation is attached as (Exhibit "A".)

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

The Board reviewed construction projects throughout the District including the Westside Inter-tie project. Construction on the Inter-tie Project will resume this week at the 152 Road crossing. The upstream structure work will be the first part completed with the Road crossing estimated to be sometime in the early to mid April with final completion targeted on the downstream side for the end of May.

The District reviewed the pipelining of the Seitz Ditch project. The District crews and equipment have completed the installation of the 24" pipeline on the Seitz Ditch and will be working on the installation of the 18" portion with estimation of completion to be mid-April. The first phase of the project should be operational by June 1st.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration two easements for the completion of the Seitz Pipeline Project. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the easements were accepted for recording at the County of Tulare. A copy of the easements are attached as (Exhibit "B").

The District has received a 215 Contract that allows the District to take Class 2 as 215 water. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 02-03-1 authorizing signature to the 215 Contract as presented. A copy of Resolution 02-03-1 is attached as (Exhibit "C").

The Board reviewed a variety of personnel and human resources issues including the resignation of Water Resource Engineer KEVIN FELLOWS which was effective the 8th of March. General Manager VINK discussed with the Board the need for outside assistance to cover some work being done by FELLOWS. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approve the Board authorized General Manager VINK to retain outside assistance, as needed and appropriate, with various engineering and water supply projects.

The Board spent considerable time reviewing the 2002 Riparianists meeting, which was held in the month of February. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing various agreements pertinent to the Riparianists, in particular the agreement that would ratify the flow calculation as implemented by the Riparianists in 1974. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board authorized signature to the modification of the original Riparian agreement, which dealt with the flow calculations. In addition after thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved authorize re-regulation of the Riparian water for 2002 to coincide with the Districts irrigation schedule. The re-regulation was at the request of the Riparianists.

The Board reviewed a variety of other District related activities including:

- ✓ The processing of the 404 and 1601 permits for Tule River activities.
- ✓ A discussion of the recent primary elections held in Tulare County,
- ✓ A summary of the B2 litigation and its impacts on the District.
- ✓ The Districts policy relative to Board of Directors insurance and;
- ✓ The Taylor Ditch project.

No action was taken on any of these items.

Controller FRANCIA MENDOZA-REYES presented to the Board need for an upgrade to the Districts computer systems in particular the Districts central server. MENDOZA-REYES and Systems Analyst RAUL PEREZ will be spending the next 30-60 days in reconnaissance of various systems and will present a report to the Board with recommendations at a subsequent meeting.

General Manager VINK then reviewed with the Board the office project and the construction associated with the office project. General Manager VINK reported that the earthwork portion on the project would begin within the next 10-20 days with plans estimated for completion sometime in mid April. General Manager VINK and Controller MENDOZA-REYES are working on financing plans that will be presented to the Board at the April meeting. In addition the Environmental Review Process associated with the zone change has been completed. General Manager VINK presented to the Board for consideration the adoption of a Negative Declaration associated with the zone change. The zoning will be changed from R-residential 2 to Professional Office zoning. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director

FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized the adoption of a Negative Declaration associated with the zone change at the Tipton Property.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed the Cross Valley Canal management and operations agreement with the Kern County Water Agency. That agreement is being circulated for signature with final execution estimated for sometime in April.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the meetings of the February 20th and upcoming March 20th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tule River Association. The District reviewed its list of representatives on the Tule River Association and on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board confirmed TONY SIMONICH as an alternate for the Tule River Association.

The Board reviewed a variety of SRE project activities including meetings with the Corp of Engineers to discuss the current cost discrepancy between fuse gates versus the Ogee weir as well as 2003 federal funding issues and 2002 State funding issues. The District has had discussions with the State regarding the 2002 monies available with the possibility of forwarding those monies to the District.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the February 28th meeting of the FWUA. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing various water supply issues and programs of the FWUA. The minutes of the FWUA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

It has been requested by the FWUA that the Member Districts review the position of membership for the City of Fresno. After thorough review of the matter the Board, by consensus, reaffirmed their earlier position that the City of Fresno should be a member of the FWUA.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

A. Mid-Valley Water Authority. Nothing new to report.



B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be having its monthly meeting on March 22nd at Lower Tule.

8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The District has received notice that KIRK RODGERS has been named regional director for the Mid Pacific Region replacing LESTER SNOW.

9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

ACWA legislative symposium will be held in Sacramento later in the month. Director BOWMAN-FRIEND will attend to represent the District.

10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Association of California Water Agencies
- B. Central Valley Project Water Association
- C. California Water Resources Association
- D. National Water Resources Association
- E. State Chamber of Commerce
- F. Ag Water Committee
- G. Water Education Foundation
- H. California Farm Water Coalition.
- I. Family Water Alliance.

There being no further business to brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink