



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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President DONALD MACMILLAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2005	BENJAMIN SERAFIN- <b>Absent</b>
Director	Div. 3	2003	DONALD MACMILLAN
Director	Div. 4	2003	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2005	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2005	DIANE BOWMAN-FRIEND

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager  
ERIC LIMAS - Controller  
MIKE BATTLES – O&M Superintendent

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented. The Board also concurred that the November meeting date would be moved from Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in order to recognize the Veteran's Day holiday.

The minutes of the September 16, 2003 regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the minutes of the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 regular meeting were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the financial statements as presented by Controller ERIC LIMAS. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the financial statements and the finance related recommendations of the staff for September 2003 were accepted and placed on file. Included in the recommendation was to leave a balance of \$500,000 in the Stockmen's account and transfer the difference into the District's LAIF account. It appears as though the LAIF instability issues have been resolved.

Controller LIMAS presented to the Board Resolution 2003-10-1 authorizing the District to do online banking with the Citizens Business Bank. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2003-10-1. A copy of Resolution 2003-10-1 is attached as “**Exhibit A**”.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee of the paying the August bills following the September meeting. On motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in approving payment of the August bills.

## **2. WATER CONDITIONS**

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water supply issues. There has been no change in the declaration for the Friant division. General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a meeting that he had with Fresno area office staff including the area director BILL LUCE. The purpose of the meeting was to review various Bureau positions relative to Friant declarations and carry over water.

The Board also reviewed Cross-Valley contract supplies for 2003. It appears that the Cross Valley water may be moved in November and December if the opportunity still exist for exchanges of transfers. The Board also reviewed the Napa proposal. Included in that process are other meetings in Stockton and Folsom to review water quality, fish and regulatory issues.

As part of the Board packets mailed out the Board reviewed a resources exchange agreement between the Lower Tule River Irrigation District, the Terra Bella Irrigation District & the Saucelito Irrigation District. Under the terms and conditions the Saucelito Irrigation District would bank Terra Bella Irrigation District water within Lower Tule with delivery back to Terra Bella under terms and conditions spelled out in the agreement. On motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized signature to the agreement.

## **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

O&M Superintendent BATTLES reviewed a variety of maintenance activities including sand dipping, grading and spraying.



The Board spent considerable time reviewing the proposed 2004 budget including a revenue versus expense estimate for 2004. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board adopted the 2004 budget. A copy of the 2004 budget is attached as “**Exhibit B**”.

The Board discussed various items including:

- A review of the Districts educational and promotional video;
- An update on the completion of the Reclamation audit and;
- The development of a continuing education and training policy. Staff was directed to draft a policy for review at a subsequent meeting.

Staff reviewed with the Board the Ag discharge waiver issue. The Ag discharge waiver is not pertinent to the Irrigation District but is important to the landowners in the Irrigation District. Accordingly District staff will continue to monitor the issue.

General Manager VINK presented for discussion the transfer of the Taylor Ditch facilities from the Bayou Vista Ditch Company to the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. Per prior understanding the transfer would occur through a standard escrow process wherein the District would receive a title policy. As a result of some title ambiguities the title company would not issue at Title Policy. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board agreed that it would accept a quit claim deed from the Bayou Vista Ditch Company for the facilities provided that the Bayou Vista Ditch Company would indemnify the District from future claims and also that the matter met with the approval of legal counsel. General Manager VINK will review the issue with legal counsel and with Bayou Vista Ditch Company representative MIKE NORDSTROM prior to the November meeting.

#### **4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the negotiations ongoing for the expansion of the Cross Valley Canal.

#### **5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the September 2003 meeting of the Tule River Association Board meeting.

General Manager VINK and Controller LIMAS updated the Board on various Success Power Project activities including a generation report and the status of the partnership.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on Success Reservoir Enlargement activities including ongoing meetings of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Technical Committee.

The minutes of the TRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

**6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the August and September meeting of the FWUA Board of Directors. Considerable time at the FWUA has been spent discussing the modifications to the JPA and the facilitation issues. The minutes of the FWUA have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

A. Mid-Valley Water Authority.

B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. Nothing new to report.

**8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

**9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

A. Association of California Water Agencies. The ACWA fall conference will be held in San Diego in December. General Manager VINK and Controller LIMAS will attend to represent the District. O & M Superintendent BATTLES will attend to represent the District at the ACWA-JPIA conference.

B. Central Valley Project Water Association

C. California Water Resources Association

D. National Water Resources Association

E. California Chamber of Commerce.

F. Ag Water Committee

G. Water Education Foundation

H. California Farm Water Coalition. The District has received a request from the California Farm Water Coalition for support of the Coalition for 2004. After thorough review and discussion of the benefits of the Farm Water Coalition and the need to get the overall message of the importance of Ag and Ag farm water issues to the general public, on motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized support of the Farm Water Coalition in the amount of \$.10 per acre which totals \$9,590

I. Family Water Alliance.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink