



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 10th day of August 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President BEN SERAFIN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2005	BENJAMIN SERAFIN
Director	Div. 3	2007	DONALD MACMILLAN
Director	Div. 4	2007	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2005	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2005	ROBERT F. BOWMAN

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

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the July 13, 2004 regular meeting and adjourned regular meeting were presented for review. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the minutes of the July 13, 2004 regular meeting were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

The financial statement for the month of July 2004 was reviewed. Included in the financial statement was a preliminary cash flow projection. Staff reported that they would begin budget preparations for the 2005 fiscal year and a draft of the budget would be reviewed at the September meeting it is anticipated that the Board would adopt the final budget at their October meeting. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the July 2004 financial statement and ordered it placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in a meeting following the July meeting to pay the June bills. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the

finance committee in paying the June bills. The financial statements for the month of June are attached as **Exhibit “A”**.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

General Manager VINK reviewed the water supply declaration from the Friant Division. The current declaration has been increased to 100% Class 1 and 8% Class 2. Given the additional increase the Districts final irrigation run should be extended approximately 2-3 days.

The Board spent some time reviewing the 2004 irrigation run and noted the dry conditions and the need for a wet year in 2005. General Manager VINK also reported that approximately 1/3 of the Districts Cross Valley Canal water has been delivered on the Westside during 2004 and it is expected that the balance of the water will be delivered by October.

At 10:00 a.m. Landowners DAVID & CRAIG SILVEIRA entered the meeting to discuss a variety of water supply issues with the District. SILVEIRA's main concern was related to the allocation procedures the District uses for distributing water to Landowners. The Board listened to the SILVEIRA's and thanked them for attending the meeting.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations and Construction

The Board reviewed a variety of maintenance activities, including the replacement needs of the Districts equipment and various maintenance activities. O & M Superintendent BATTLES reported that the District staff will begin absent Board objection looking for 2 new tractor trucks to replace the Districts aging fleet. The replacement of those vehicles was scheduled as part of the Districts long-term equipment replacement plan. No commitment has been made and no action was taken.

General Manager VINK and O & M Superintendent BATTLES reviewed the Tule River diversion improvements at Woods Central. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized engineering and design work to begin with utilizing Provost & Pritchard Engineering firm.

Personnel and Resources

The Board reviewed a variety of personnel issues including the vacancy of the Administrative Assistant position and a long term staffing issues. Controller LIMAS reported that the District's 2005 health insurance rates would increase by approximately 2% across the Board.

Administration

Staff reported on several administrative issues including advertising for the Secretary/Receptionist position and the promotion of NANCY SOTO to the Administrative Assistant position replacing RENA BALLEW.

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including:

- o State Board fee issue
- o The buyer interest in the Rostrata property
- o The Ag discharge waiver
- o The liability premium for 2005; The District has received the liability premium quote from the insurance company in the amount of \$37,994. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the liability insurance premium.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reported on several Cross Valley Canal issues. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the July 2004 meeting of the Tule River Association Board of Directors. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing Success Reservoir Enlargement activities.

Staff also reported on a variety of Success Reservoir Enlargement activities in the issues associated with the seismic remediation. There will be a meeting held in Sacramento on the 13th of August to review the alternatives being proposed by the Corp

of Engineers for the seismic remediation. Until the seismic remediation issues have addressed there has been very little activity associated with the Enlargement project.

The Board reviewed Success Power Project issues. Staff has presented an amended budget for 2004 to reflect the replacement and repair work done at the Power Project. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board accepted the proposed budget modifications and authorized the budget amendments for 2004.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the July meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority. Considerable time was spent there on the transition issues and budget preparations for fiscal year 2005. The minutes of the FWUA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the July meeting of the Friant Water Authority. Considerable time is being spent there on transitioning items for the Friant Water Users Authority and on the San Joaquin River holding contracts issues. The minutes of the FWA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

A. Mid-Valley Water Authority.

B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The Board reviewed the July meeting of the Authority. The minutes of the DCTRA have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

9. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

10. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

- 11. 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. California 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 be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink