



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 14th day of September 2004, at 9:00 am 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 – Absent
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 MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the August 10th, 2004 regular meeting were presented for review. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the minutes of the August 10th, 2004 regular meeting were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

The financial statement for the month of August 2004 was reviewed. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the Financial Statement for August 2004 was accepted and placed on file.

The Board reviewed a draft of the revised investment policy as prepared by staff and distributed to the Board at a previous meeting. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved the Board adopted the revised investment policy. The investment policy was modified to reflect changes in the Government code relative to special District investments.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in the payment of the July bills, following the August meeting. On motion by Director MACMILLAN second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in paying the July bills following the August meeting. The financial statements for the month of August are attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

The current declaration from the Friant Division remains at 100% Class 1 and 8% Class 2. General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the completed water supply delivery report for 2004. For the year the District brought in 71,472 acre-feet of Friant Kern water, 20,063 acre-feet of Tule River water for the total water retained in the District at 91,535; sales to growers for the year was 68,071 acre-feet.

General Manager VINK reported on Cross Valley deliveries for 2004. To date approximately 50% of the Districts Cross Valley water has been delivered on the Westside of the valley.

The Board reviewed the Districts groundwater profile for the second quarter of 2004. District average depth to groundwater for the third quarter of 2004 was 136 ft. That represents the lowest average depth to groundwater since the inception of the District.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration an issue relative to the place of use of water by the Rosedale Water Company on the Tule River. After thorough reviewing and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director Bowman and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the Tule River Association Watermaster to pursue action relative to determining the appropriate place of use for the Rosedale Water Company water. The Board takes actions on the matter on behalf of Poplar Ditch Company, which the District administers under contract with Poplar Ditch Company.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations and Construction

The Board reviewed a variety of maintenance activities. O & M Superintendent BATTLES updated the Board on several routine maintenance projects within the District.

The Board then turned its attention to the improvements at the diversion on the Tule River at Woods Central. There was considerable discussion as to the necessary improvements on the facility. Staff presented the engineers report outlining the modifications to the diversion structure in the river itself. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director Bowman and unanimously approved the Board authorized proceeding with the improvements on the diversion structure in the river. Additional facility improvements at that location will be brought to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Administration

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities, including the hiring for a secretarial position and an on-going claim from MIKE RIDENOUR, which is being processed through the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

General Manager VINK reviewed a meeting that was held in August with Metropolitan Water District to discuss activities associated with the inter-tie project and potential cost sharing and exchanges with Metropolitan.

The Board also reviewed:

- Prop 13 funding and notices from DWR;
- NPDS permit issues;
- AG discharge waiver issues;
- Correspondence between the District and the representative for a District landowner relative to the Rostrada property.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration a grant application to update the Districts website. After thorough review discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved, the Board authorized filing of the grant application in the amount of \$25,000 to update the Districts website.

Staff presented for review by the Board a draft of 2005 budget; comments were made and taken under advisement. A final budget will be presented to the Board at the October 2004 meeting.

At 10:00am President SEFAFIN adjourned the meeting and opened the Board of Equalization hearing. Staff reported that the changes to the 2004 assessments as a

result of land re-classifications totaled an increase of under \$2000 in the gross assessed value. No one was present to review or discuss the changes in the assessed value. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the Board adopted resolution 2004-9-1 leveeing on all lands within the Lower Tule River Irrigation District, for the year 2005, an assessment rate 0.8% of aggregate value of all the lands within the District. President SERAFIN closed the Board of Equalization hearing and reconvened the Districts regular September meeting. A detailed copy of the changes is attached as **Exhibit "B"**. Resolution 2004-9-1 is attached as **Exhibit "C"**.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including inter-tie Construction and PWRPA meetings.

General Manager VINK requested that the Board appoint Controller LIMAS as an alternate to the Districts Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee seat. On motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved, the Board appointed Controller LIMAS as alternate to the Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the August 2004 meeting of the Tule River Association Board of Directors. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing negotiations with the Tule River Tribal Council and Success Reservoir Enlargement issues.

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of Success Reservoir Enlargement and seismic issues including meetings held with the Corp of Engineers on August 13th and September 10th in Sacramento. The Corp has now selected an alternative to deal with the remediation of the seismic issue. The Corp has proposed construction of a roller compacted concrete dam to replace the existing earthen structure. More information will be available at a subsequence meeting.

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

6. FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the August meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority and the Friant Water Authority. Considerable time at both meetings is being spent

discussing budget preparation and continuing with the transition status. No action was taken. The minutes of the FWUA & FWA Board of Directors 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. The Board discussed potential revisions to the 1999 agreement with the Clarksfield Company. No action was taken. That, and other matters, will be discussed in detail at the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meeting later in the month.

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.
- 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