



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 16th day of August 2005, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. President SERAFIN called the meeting to order. 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

Also present at the meeting was landowner JIM COSTA, landowner CHARLIE PITIGLIANO and STEVE BURKE from Protect Our Water.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the July 12th, 2005 regular meeting were reviewed. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the minutes of the July 12th regular meeting were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The financial statements for the month of July 2005 were reviewed. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the financial statement for the month of July 2005 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in paying the June bills following the July meeting. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director

BOWMAN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in payment of the June bills.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of water supply activities including the July delivery report and the most recent forecast from the Bureau of Reclamation, which indicates 100% Class 1 and 0% Class 2 being the final declaration for the 2005 water year. That declaration comes after the uncontrolled season run, which was terminated on or about the 20th of July.

General Manager VINK also reported that approximately 10,000 AF of transfers from Tule River agencies and water rights holders have been received into the District. It was project that based on the current forecast, water would be available to District landowners through the latter part of August and the first few days in September.

The Board reviewed a variety of water supply issues including a letter received by the District from the Bureau of Reclamation relative to an inquiry the District made into water deliveries to the Fresno and Chowchilla rivers in May. A copy it attached as Exhibit B.

General Manager presented for review Resolution 2005-8-1 authorizing execution of a letter of agreement between the District and the Bureau of Reclamation for preparation of a non-project exchange with Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the LOA and adopted the resolution accordingly. A copy of Resolution 2005-8-1 is attached as **EXIHBIT "A"**.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

O&M Superintendent BATTLES reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including updates on the status of the Westside Inter-tie and the Tule River inter-tie. BATTLES reported that construction on the Westside inter-tie Phase 2 is scheduled to begin sometime in a latter September.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including:

- Long-term fiscal stability

- Ag discharge issues and
- A report from an environmental working group that was published in the recent papers. The report outlined environmental working groups take on agricultural water supply subsidies to different landowners and water agencies.

The District has received the 2006 liability insurance premium in the amount of \$30,633.00 from ACWA/JPIA. On motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board authorized renewal of the ACWA liability insurance and approved the payment of the premium.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including inter-tie construction and PERPA activities.

General Manager VINK reported that the District has not received any communication or notice from NRDC relative to the Districts offer to settle the legal fee issue associative with Cross Valley contract renewal.

6. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the July 2005 meeting of the Tule River Association. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing Success Reservoir enlargement and dam safety activities.

General Manager VINK reported on the quarterly TRIJPA meeting wherein considerable discussion was held relative to appropriations and the potential need for a follow-up trip in September to secure 2007 appropriations. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

No action was taken.

DSAP

No action was taken.

7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the July 25th meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority. The minutes of the FWUA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

a. Mid-Valley Water Authority.

Nothing new to report

b. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority will be having their meeting on the 15th of June.

10. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

11. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

12. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Nothing new to report.

- 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