



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 July 2005, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. In the absence of President SERAFIN, the meeting was called to order by Vice - President MACMILLIAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2005	BENJAMIN SERAFIN - <b>ABSENT</b>
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 STEVE BURKE from Protect Our Water, and landowner JIM COSTA.

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 regular meeting were reviewed. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The financial statement for the month of June 2005 was reviewed. Included in the review was a re-cap of the assessment payments due in June. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the financial statement for the month of June 2005 was accepted and ordered placed on file.



The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in paying the May bills following the June meeting. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in payment of the May bills.

General Manager VINK requested that the Board consider moving the August meeting date to the 16<sup>th</sup> of August in order to accommodate his previously arranged vacation schedule. The Board very graciously agreed to the accommodation, and General Manager VINK expressed his gratitude.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water supply activities including the current water supply declaration for the Friant Division. It is anticipated that the Bureau will terminate uncontrolled season deliveries in the middle part of July, at which time there will be a 100% Class 1 and 0% Class 2 declaration. The Bureau has indicated that some additional Class 2 may be made available later on in the year.

The Board reviewed a variety of water supply activities including the plan to run water through the middle of September. The schedule is predicated upon use to date and additional supply being made available.

The Board also reviewed water supply exchange negotiations with Metropolitan and the matter of the Bureau making water deliveries into the Fresno and Chowchilla rivers.

## **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **Construction and Operation activities**

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities. O&M Superintendent BATTLES updated the Board on the status of the Westside and Tule River inter-tie projects including meetings with the various engineering consultants and potential alignments for the Tule River inter-tie project.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities. At 11:00am consulting engineer DENNIS KELLER entered the meeting to review the Districts long-term fiscal stability with the Board and staff. Considerable discussion was held relative to the possible options and the staff was directed to prepare a proposal that will include consideration of raising the base assessment rate to cover the Success capital improvement costs and the CVP capital costs for which the District is responsible.

The Board spent time reviewing the status of the 401 and 1601 permitting and the withdrawal of the Districts jurisdictional request along with valley legislative representation and potential work being done there through the Ag water committee.

The Board also considered a contribution to the Valley Water Alliance. No action was taken.

**4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the request from NRDC to offset their legal fees associated with the lawsuit filed relative to the Cross Valley Canal contract renewal. That lawsuit now has been withdrawn. General Manager VINK reported that a meeting is being held later in the week with Kern – Tulare representatives to best decide how to proceed. Vice – President MACMILLAN will attend that meeting to represent the District.

**6. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the June 2005 meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

Staff provided a generation report on the Success Power Project.

DSAP

General Manager VINK reported on a variety of DSAP activities including 2007 appropriations and discussions held in Washington D.C last week in conjunction with General Manager VINK and the District Counsel DAN DOOLEY'S trip to Washington. It was reemphasized that the 2007 appropriations will be key to the process in that the

funding increases from approximately \$8,000,000.00 annually, to an excess of \$50,000,000.00 annually.

**7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the June 23rd 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.

Included in the June Board meeting was the fourth quarter call for funds in the amount of \$ 98,933.00 for Lower Tule bringing the years total to \$285,000.00. On motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment for the fourth quarter call for funds.

**8. The Friant Water Authority**

The Board reviewed the June 23rd meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the FWA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Legal Matters**

At approximately 1:30 p.m. Vice - President MACMILLAN adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss various legal matters with District Counsel. Upon coming out of closed session, it was reported that District Counsel DAN DOOLEY was unable to be reached by phone and conference into the meeting. Therefore no closed session activities were discussed and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink