

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 8th day of August 2006, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President MACMILLAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2009	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2007	DONALD MACMILLAN
Director	Div. 4	2007	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2009	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2009	JOHN ROELOFFS

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

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regular meeting were reviewed. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 minutes with some minor changes.

The financial statements for the month of July 2006 were reviewed. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the financial statements for July 2006 were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the June bills following the July meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in their payment of the June bills.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the current water supply declaration from the Friant Division, which remains at 100% Class 1 and 10% Class 2. It is anticipated, under normal August and September conditions, that the water supply available to the District will enable an irrigation run through the month of September with some carryover water for spring pre-irrigation.

The Board spent considerable time reviewing an update of the Districts ground water contour maps as prepared under contract with PROVOST & PRITCHARD. The Board concurred that the maps were most useful and requested that staff prepare the maps for further distribution. In addition, the maps will be available along with descriptions on the Districts updated web site.

**3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including the Poplar Ditch Relocation Project. Staff and the Engineering Consultants had previously submitted to the Board a recommendation for awarding the materials portion of that contract. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the Board awarded the contract to Hydro Conduit.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including an update from General Manager VINK on the status of the Ag Discharge Monitoring Program. It was proposed by the Tule River sub-watershed members that the District continue to participate in the water quality testing on the Tule River for the first half of 2007, in order to continue the program. As the District receives a benefit from the water quality testing on the Tule River, the Board concurred with that proposal and agreed to fund their agreed upon share of the testing for the first half of the 2007 program.

The District has received its property insurance renewal proposal from ACWAJPIA in the amount of \$40,300.00. The proposal covers the District's property and liability insurance. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized renewal of the District's property insurance program.

General Manager VINK reported on a field meeting to be held with various landowners and Congressman NUNES on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the District office.

4. **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager VINK updated the Board on various activities. No action was taken.

5. **TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the July 19th meeting of the Tule River Association Board of Directors. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

Nothing new to report.

Success Reservoir Enlargement

Nothing new to report.

DSAP Program

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the Corp. of Engineers during which time the Corp updated the local participants on the status of the project, including the 2007 – 2008 funding.

General Manger reported that at least one trip to Washington D.C would be necessary this fall meet with DC representatives and Administration staff relative to the continued funding of the project.

6. **FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the July 27th, 2006 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.

**7. The Friant Water Authority**

The Board reviewed the June 27th, 2006 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.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

General Manager VINK and Director FERNANDES updated the Board on the July meeting of the Deer Creek Tule River Authority. At that meeting the Deer Creek Tule River Authority Board took action to accept the authorities updated water management plan.

Mid-Valley Water Authority.

Nothing new to report

**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

Approved

- 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