



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 May 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  
ERIC LIMAS – Controller  
MIKE BATTLES – O & M Superintendent

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regular meeting were taken up for consideration. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regular meeting were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month of April 2006. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the financial statements for April 2006 were ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the March bills following the April 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 March bills.

At approximately 9:30 am Auditor Allison Dale entered the meeting to review with the Board the District's 2005 audited financial statements. After thorough review and discussion and presentation of the audited financial statements, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the report as prepared by the auditor and ordered it placed on file.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed the current water supply and water declaration for the Friant Division. The current declaration remains at 100% Class 1 with unlimited uncontrolled season water also being available. It was reported that the Bureau will be terminating the abandon flood (free) water that has been available to the District. That water has been available to the District since the middle part of April. Those deliveries will be terminated on or about May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Board spent considerable time reviewing the 2006 summer water rate giving particular attention to the need to reduce the storage in Success Reservoir in the month of May. Accordingly after thorough review and discussion considering the need of the District to meet its cash flow requirements as well as the need to move as much water as possible in May, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board reduced the water rate to \$25.00 per acre-foot for the month of May and set the summer water rate at \$55.00 per acre-foot effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

## **3 DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including an update on the Westside Inter-tie and the Tule River Inter-tie project.

Staff also reported on meetings with engineers on the Poplar Ditch relocation project. No action was taken on any of these projects.

### Personnel

The Board reviewed the Districts vision insurance plan along with a recommendation from staff to increase the eye exam coverage to \$75.00. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the change in the vision insurance coverage to increase the eye exam coverage to \$75.00 per occurrence.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including the Ag Discharge monitoring and reporting criteria and potential changes related thereto.

The Board then spent considerable time reviewing the Districts long-term fiscal stability and the possibility of reinvigorating a study to examine various land base charges. The Board concurred on the need to keep the District financially stable. The challenge becomes whether that solvency is best accomplished through water related charges exclusively or to place some of those costs on a land base charge. No action was taken.

#### **4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the Inter-tie construction and various PWRPA activities.

General Manager VINK also reported on discussions he held with Kern County representatives to discuss the use of the Districts Cross Valley canal space. It is anticipated that a draft agreement will forthcoming.

#### **6. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the April 19<sup>th</sup> 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

Nothing new to report - No action was taken.

#### Success Reservoir Enlargement

On hold – No action was taken.

#### DSAP Program

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the 2007 funding with the possibility of a trip to Washington sometime in early summer to continue to lobby for that effort.

**7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the April 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.

The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$25,808.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds.

**8. The Friant Water Authority**

The Board reviewed the April 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.

**9. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

DCTRA

The Board was updated on the DCTRA meeting to be held in May. It is anticipated the DCTRA Board will the updated groundwater management plan at the May meeting.

- a. Mid-Valley Water Authority.  
Nothing new to report
  
- b. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.  
Nothing new to report

**10. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

**11. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

**12. 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.

General Manager VINK reported on the Farm Water Coalition Board of Directors meeting held in April.

The District has received a request from the California Chamber of Commerce to participate in their dues program in the amount of \$800.00 and continue to receive correspondence from the Chamber of Commerce as a result of their membership. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized participation in the Chamber of Commerce and payment of the dues accordingly.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink