

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 June 2007, 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 FERNADES was on a family related trip to Germany.

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

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

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 May 8th, 2007 regular meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes of the May 8th 2007 regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of May 2007 on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the April bills following the May meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director

SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in paying of the April bills.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water resources activities including the water supply declaration, which remains at 60% Class I.

The Board spent considerable time discussing the summer irrigation run, which is scheduled to begin on June 25th. It is anticipated the District will have approximately 2– 3 weeks worth of water.

General Manager VINK also updated the Board on a variety of water related activities including:

- 2007 Cross Valley deliveries and problems related to pumping activities associated with Delta Smelt issues.
- Tule River channel clearing and the prototype release operations that are scheduled for the 20th of June, under those releases the Corp of Engineers would begin releases of approximately 3000 cfs to test gate operations and channel capacity.

The Board then considered the Poplar Ditch allocation for 2007. The initial Poplar Ditch allocation had been set at 15 acre feet per share. After thorough review and discussion focusing specifically on the water supply available, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board increased the Poplar Ditch allocation to 20 acre feet per share.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration a review of the District's Groundwater Export Policy. The policy allows the District landowners to export groundwater under emergency purposes and on a case-by-case basis with approval of the Board. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board updated the policy with a few minor changes as suggested by staff. A copy is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The District also reviewed a request from landowner Boyett, wherein Boyett has requested to export a small amount of groundwater for his farming operation in Corcoran Irrigation District. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board granted Boyett's request.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and operation activities including accelerated activities associated with the water run and the prototype release project planned by the Corps of Engineers.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the Westside Inter-tie canal and reported all work on the canal was completed and the canal was ready for operation. BATTLES also reported the plan set for Phase II of the Poplar Ditch Relocation is in review.

Considerable discussion was held on the Tule River Inter-tie canal and the benefits of the canal including an update from General Manager VINK on the scoping of the BORBA alternative, which will be available for the Board at the July meeting. Considerable discussion was given to the right-of-way and a construction schedule with the consensus of the Board to begin a deliberative yet expedited process.

Staff reported on the successful award from the Air Resources Board wherein the District was awarded a grant in the amount of \$518,166.00 for the purchase of several pieces of new equipment. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board accepted the contract from the Air Resources Board and authorized staff to prepare bids for the various pieces of equipment. It was anticipated that a joint meeting would be held with the Pixley Irrigation District some time in July to review the bids and award contracts and discuss financing at that time.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative matters including the San Joaquin Settlement issues and the PAYGO issues associated with that settlement.

General Manager VINK reported on a coordination of a Washington DC trip involving District landowners. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized the sending on landowner DAVID CARDOZA and VINCENT SOLA on the trip to Washington D.C. Board member ROELOFFS may also attend and participate in those meetings if his schedule allows. The purpose of the trip is to advocate for the passage of the San Joaquin Settlement Bill.

The Board discussed other activities including District wide strategic planning and the report of award of the Districts 2007 Scholarship. The Scholarship was awarded jointly to Kirby Jordan & Danielle Oliveria.

The Board spent considerable time discussing Collector's Deeds issues. No action was taken.

Business Manager LIMAS presented for consideration the purchase of a new copy machine to replace the Districts current copy machine, which is approximately 5 years old. The new machine would cost \$12,000.00 to be split 2/3, which 1/3 with Pixley Irrigation District. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of the new copy machine.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

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

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the May 16th meeting of the Tule River Association Board.

The minutes of the Tule River Authority Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here. Staff also updated the Board on a variety of other activities including the dam safety project.

Success Power Project

Nothing new to report.

Dam Safety Project

Staff updated the Board on a variety activities including the dam safety project.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the May 24th meeting Friant Water Users authority. The minutes of the FWA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Deer Creek Tule River Authority will be holding it's meeting on the 19th of May.

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 – General Manager VINK reported that ACWA has hired TIM QUINN as its new Executive Director. Mr. Tim Quinn was with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California as its Sacramento Representative.

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

Approved

- G. Water Education Foundation
- H. California Farm Water Coalition
- I. Family Farm Alliance
- J. California Farm Bureau

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink