

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 11th day of September 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	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 August 14th regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN with one minor correction, the minutes were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of August 2007. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the financial statements were accepted and ordered placed on file.

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

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed the current Friant declaration, which remains unchanged. General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of water related activities including:

- 2007 Cross Valley water deliveries,
- 2006 O & M reconciliations,
- The water 2025 grant program
- Various issues related to groundwater

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including the Poplar Ditch relocation. Staff presented for consideration the bid notices for the Phase II portion of the project. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized advertising for bid pending final review of the documents by staff and consultants.

Tule River Inter-tie Canal, General Manager VINK reported that the preparation of the CEQA documents has been completed and that the CEQA documents are now available for public comment.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the equipment purchase plan in conjunction with the Air Resource grant and reviewed the delivery dates and some consolidation plans for joint equipment purchases in the future. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK reported that Kenneth Pergeson has been hired as the Districts GIS Engineering Tech.

At approximately 9:45am the Board went into closed session to confer via conference call with District Counsel DAN DOOLEY on the San Joaquin River Settlement matter. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken.

At 10:00am the Board convened as the Board of Equalization pursuant to the California water code to determine the assessed values as purposed by the assessor BETH GROTE-LEWIS. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board adopted

resolution 2007-9-1 setting the 2008 assessment rate at .08%. No one appeared to challenge their assessed rates.

Upon coming out of the Equalization Hearing the Board requested that General Manager VINK to express via the minutes the Boards appreciation to the Assessor BETH GROTE-LEWIS for her hard work and dedication and exceptional job in preparing the assessments. Attached is a copy of resolution 2007-9-1 as **Exhibit "A"**.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including the continued work on the expansion project and the PWPRAs activities.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the August 15th 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.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on recent meetings with the Colonel from Sacramento and updates from the Corp on the status of the project. There has been no change. The Corp is still in a holding pattern waiting the final outcome of some modeling work.

Success Power Project

Nothing new to report.

Dam Safety Project

Nothing new to report.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the August 23rd meeting of the Friant Water Users Board. 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 \$2,279.00 for the experimental cloud seeding program in order to generate additional rainfall this summer. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment for the call for funds.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The DCTRA will be having its meeting on the 21st of September. The minutes of the DCTRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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 - The District has received the ACWA Board elections proposed slate of officers and concurred with Region 7 recommendations and as such took no action.

B. Central Valley Project Water Association

C. California Water Resources Association

Approved

- 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 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