

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 January 2008, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President SIMONICH. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2009	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2011	TOM BARCELLOS
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 – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the December 11th regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes of the December 11th regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of December. Considerable time was spent discussing State of California's fiscal situation and the recent structural deficits announced by the State and how that might impact the District's deposits with LAIF. After thorough review and discussion, it was determined that the deposits with the LAIF are consistent with the District's Investment Policy. As such, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BARCELLOS 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 November bills following the December meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in paying of the November bills.

The Board considered Resolution 2008-1-1 honoring the service of outgoing Board President DON MACMILLAN. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board adopted 2008-1-1, honoring the service of DON MACMILLAN. The District will also be hosting a dinner for Mr. MACMILLAN. A copy of Resolution 2008-1-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the current declaration and water supply. Precipitation conditions on the valley floor and in the watershed are slightly below normal for the year, although a wet cycle appears to be on the horizon for January.

In light of the current reservoir restrictions a small flood release was made in the beginning of January to stay within the flood control diagram of Success Reservoir.

The Board turned its attention to the winter and spring water rate for 2008. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the previously approved water rate of \$25.00 a/f for winter and \$40.00 a/f for spring. The Spring rate will commence in February 2008.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including a report from Operations Manager BATTLES on the Poplar Ditch Relocation and a status report on the Tule River Inter-tie design process.

BATTLES also reviewed the purchase of the new equipment under the Air Board grant and the replacement of the Districts current spray truck. No action was taken.

Personnel

General Manager VINK presented to the Board a proposed 2008 compensation package and benefit adjustments. The information had been submitted to the Board as part of the monthly Board packet. After thorough review and discussion, considering modifications to the compensation package and personnel policies including the cost of living adjustment for 2008, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the recommendation of staff and authorized the changes. A copy of the 2008 purposed changes is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

Legal

The Board spent some time discussing the San Joaquin River Restoration program. No action was taken.

Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed several activities including:

- District wide strategic planning
- Transition of General Counsel from DAN DOOLEY to ALEX PELTZER. There is no change in the firm representing the District.
- Update on AB1404 and potential water metering implications for the District

The Board then turned its attention to the Districts water billing program and considered the execution of a contract with TRUE POINT SOLUTIONS for the purchase of water billing and assessment software. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution with TRUE SOLUTIONS to update the Districts water billing and assessment software.

The District has been informed by the Bureau of Reclamation that the Cross Valley water supply contracts for 2008 will have to remain as Interim Renewal

Contracts. As such, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized preparation and execution of the Interim Renewal water supply contracts along with all related documents.

It is anticipated that the Districts Cross Valley contracts will be converted to long-term contracts beginning in 2009, however that is pending significant work by the Bureau of Reclamation on the environmental documentation over the course of the next six to nine months.

4. **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

Nothing new to report.

5. **TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the December 20th 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 reviewed with the Board a number of Tule river activities including Success Power Project and Dam safety related activities.

VINK also reported that the District is preparing a proposal to convert the seven existing chart and wheel recorders on the Tule River to electronic data loggers. The presentation will be made to the Tule River Association Board at the February meeting.

6. **FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the December 14th meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority 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 \$22,367.00. This is a planned budget expenditure. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds of the Friant Water Authority.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December 14th meeting of the Friant Water Authority Board. 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.

The DCTRA will be having its meeting on the 18th of January. 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
- 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
- K. California Special Districts Association

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager