

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 10th day of March 2009, 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	2011	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

Also present at the meeting were District Counsel ALEX PELTZER & Consultant DAVE HOFFMAN.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the February 10th, 2009 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the February 10th, 2009 minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of February 2009. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements for the month of February and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the January

bills following the February meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the January bills following the February meeting.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the current water supply declaration & allocation. The current declaration from the Bureau of Reclamation remains at 25% Class 1 for Friant Contractors. The 25% Class One allocation is predicated upon water going down the San Joaquin River to meet exchange contractors demands as per the historical exchange agreements. With the recent precipitation and change in conditions, it appears that the need for exchange contractor water via the San Joaquin River is less probable which should adjust the declaration considerably for the Friant Contractors. In light of the ever-changing conditions the Board deferred on the action of setting the 2009 water rates and water run to the April meeting.

The Board spent considerable time discussing a variety of water issues. District Counsel ALEX PELTZER presented to the Board the conflict issues associated with the Riparian discussion. Given their position on the Riparian Board and as Riparian landowners, Director SIMONICH and COSTA must recues themselves from any future discussions.

The Board then entered into closed session to discuss issues related to groundwater pumping within the District. Upon coming out of closed session it is reported no action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

A. Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including recent requirements placed on the District's on road vehicles relative to Air Board requirements. The District will need to update it's fleet as well as place filters and engine scrubbers on a number of current trucks. More information will be available at a subsequent meeting.

The Board reviewed the Tule River Inter-tie canal including the Right of Way Acquisition process and timeline for construction. At the April meeting the Board will be considering a Resolution of Necessity to proceed with the eminent domain on the properties needed for the project. General Manager VINK also

reported on considerable efforts to try and secure funding sources through the recent stimulus monies released by the Federal Government.

B. Personnel Matters

General Manager VINK introduced SANDRA YOUNG the Districts new Accounting Assistant. General Manager Vink reported that he will have the Personnel Contract between the General Manager and the District prepared for review prior to the April meeting.

C. Legal Matters

The Board spent some time reviewing the San Joaquin River Settlement and water management and remediation sessions along with 9d conversion and financing.

D. Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK reported that he is having PROVOST & PRITCHARD Engineering Group prepare a study to review the Districts cropping patterns and associated water needs.

The Board also briefly reviewed the holding basins agreement with CDI. No action was taken.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety Cross Valley canal activities including updates on the capacity sharing proposal and the recent PWRPA meetings.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the February 18th meeting of the Tule River Association. Considerable time at that meeting was spent reviewing the Reservoir management software upgrades and the River Automation program. General Manager VINK discussed with the Board the Dam Safety Project, recent stakeholder meetings and the fact that the locals are awaiting notice from the Corp relative to any changes in the reservoir restriction. No action was taken.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the February 24th regular meeting of the Friant Water Users Board of Directors meeting. The minutes of the Friant Water Users Authority Board of Directors meeting have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority will be holding its next meeting on the 19th day of March. The minutes of the DCTRA Board of Directors meeting have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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
- 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