

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 May 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
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 COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the April 14th, 2009 regular meeting and April 22nd adjourned meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS, with one minor correction, the Board accepted the April 14th, 2009 regular and the April 22nd adjourned meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of April 2009. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements for the month of March and ordered them 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 FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the

Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills following the April meeting.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources and water supply declaration activities. At present the Bureau of Reclamation has declared uncontrolled season water for Friant contractors. It is estimated that the uncontrolled season water will remain in the system for another ten days to two weeks and possibly longer depending on use and SJR runoff.

The Board spent considerable time discussing the 2009 tentative water run. General Manager VINK speculated that the Districts Class II uncontrolled season water would be available through the 20th of May or perhaps a little longer. At that point, the District may have to begin using its Class I contract supply. After thorough review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to continue the existing run through the 5th day of June, which would use approximately ten to fifteen thousand acre-feet of the Class I water supply. The summer run will resume again on the 10th day of July and will last as long as the available water supply remains, which is estimated to be approximately three weeks.

The Board then spent considerable time reviewing the 2009 water rates and review of the applicable data including the Districts five year rolling average water rate plan. After considerable discussion by the Board, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board set the summer water rate at \$65.00 an acre-foot effective June 1, 2009.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of other water supply issues including:

- Groundwater monitoring. The spring reports were distributed and put on the Districts web site.
- Recent meetings with Angiola Water District representatives
- A review of the Riparian operational guidelines
- The potential east-west water exchanges and;
- Discussions on-going with the Yokohl Valley water management program.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including an update from Operation Manager BATTLES on various equipment

replacements per Air Board regulations and the need for bid on a new backhoe. BATTLES also reported that the District has contracted with Proteus to receive grant funding through the federal government for workers to begin clearing the Tule River channel.

The Board turns its attention to the Tule River Inter-tie canal and ongoing discussions with the landowners in the area for Right of Way. The District has received a counter proposal from BORBA and SONS for purchase of the BORBA property needed for the canal construction. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board directed General Manager VINK to counter the BORBA proposal and provided relevant terms and conditions for the counter offer.

The District has prepared a grant application for funding under the Bureau of Reclamation's 2009 Stimulus Funding program. After thorough review, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized filing of the application with the Bureau of Reclamation for funding under the Challenge Grant program and all related matters thereto. A copy of Resolution 2009-5-1 Water Marketing and Efficiency Grant Funding Application is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

Legal Matters

The Board spent considerable time reviewing and discussing the San Joaquin River Settlement and the water management mediation and proposed implementation agreement. After thorough review of the potential impacts to the District, the Board deferred any final action on the matter to a subsequent meeting and requested that General Manager VINK arrange a meeting with the consultants that prepared the modeling.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety Cross Valley including the final development of an agreement for capacity sharing with various CVC entities and a reconciliation of PWPRA related activities.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed a variety of activities related with the Tule River Association including the Board meeting on the 15th day of April. The minutes of the meeting have

been distributed and as such are not repeated here. An update was also provided on the Reservoir Management software on the river automation program.

The Board spent a brief amount of time reviewing Success Power Project and Dam Safety activities.

It was also reported that Tule River Water Master Mr. RICHARD SCHAFFER and his wife were involved in a tragic accident and Mrs. Schafer passed away. The Board expressed their wholehearted condolences to the SCHAFFER family.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 23rd regular meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority Board of Directors meeting will be held on the 15th day of May. 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 - The District has received a request for funding from the Family Farm Alliance. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized \$1000.00 participation for the Family Farm Alliance.

- J. California Farm Bureau
- K. California Special Districts Association
- L. Ag Leadership

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager