



APPROVED

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 August 2010, 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	2013	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2011	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2011	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2013	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2013	JOHN ROELOFFS

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

District Counsel Alex Peltzer was also present for a portion of the meeting.

**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 July 13th Regular and Adjourned Regular (July 14<sup>th</sup>) meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the minutes were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of July 2010 were reviewed. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA 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 the payment of the June bills following the July meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director

ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June bills.

The Board also discussed a policy on credit card use. The District staff was requested to prepare a draft.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water related activities including a recap of the Districts summer water run. The run is projected to be extended into August or early September.

The Friant declaration has been increased to 10% Class II. It is expected that the final declaration will be at 100% Class I and 10% Class II along with uncontrolled season water as it was made available.

General Manager VINK reported on the recirculation of the District's share of the 2010 San Joaquin River Restoration flows. The District will receive approximately 7,500 A/F of water in San Luis Reservoir from recirculation of its San Joaquin River flows. That recirculation water will be delivered to the District via an exchange with Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District.

General Manager VINK then provided a report on the 2010 Cross Valley Canal reconciliation. The District will receive approximately \$400,000.00 from Cross Valley reconciliation for 2010.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board an agreement with Water Works District #18 / Friant Ranch for the final agreement on transfers of a portion of the Districts Class One supply to the Friant Ranch program as per memorandum of understanding in 2004. After considerable discussion, including a discussion on dealing with inclusion of the 9d form of contract into the term associated with the agreement with Water Works #18, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2010-8-1, approving the form of agreement. A copy of Resolution 2010-8-1 approving the form of agreement is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board then welcomed District Counsel ALEX PELTZER to the meeting and convened the meeting into closed session to discuss recent meetings with the ANGIOLA WATER DISTRICT representatives.

Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken.

### **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

General Manager VINK and Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the construction activity associated with the Tule River Inter-tie canal, including continuing discussions with CAL TRANS to negotiate a permit for the Hwy 190 crossing.

General Manager VINK also reported that the #2 canal would have to be shut down on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2010 in order to accommodate construction at the #2 crossing.

#### Personnel

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS reviewed with the Board the 2011 health insurance rates and had a brief discussion on potentially modifying the health insurances plan for the District to try and mitigate future increases. No action was taken.

The Board spent considerable time discussing the 9d conversion and the contract financing including a briefing from LIMAS on different financing options. Staff will be working very closely with District Counsel, Bond Counsel and with representatives from WELLS FARGO in the coming few weeks to prepare documents for the Boards review and the September meeting. The Board then had a brief discussion on the processing of the District's 218 Election and the upcoming landowner meetings. No action was taken.

The District has received renewal request for liability insurance from ACWA-JPIA. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized renewal of the contract with JPIA for the liability insurance for 2011.

Operations Manager BATTLES then reported on a recent accident involving one of the Districts dump trucks. The District has received a claim from the other party. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board rejected the claim and ordered the matter to the insurance company.

**4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a purposed agreement with PWRPA for the amending of the Districts WAPA power distribution within WAPA. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement with PWRPA.

**5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed a variety of activities associated with the Tule River including a Reservoir Management conversation and a discussion on modified operation language for Tule River Storage.

The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

**6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 22nd regular meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

**7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 22nd regular meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 16th regular meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such 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
- L. Ag Leadership
- M. Tulare County Farm Bureau

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager