

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 January 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 – **ABSENT**

District Counsel Alex Peltzer was also present during the closed session portions of the meeting.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the December 8th, 2009 Regular Meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the December 8th, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes, with minor corrections, and ordered them placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of December 2009 were reviewed briefly by General Manager VINK.

On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Financial Statements were ordered placed on file.

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Business Manager LIMAS will present an end of year 2009 accounting at the February meeting.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of 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 the payment of the November bills following the December meeting.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including a bleak forecast for the Westside declaration and a review of a recent precipitation forecast for the Friant Division.

The Board then went into closed session to discuss groundwater pumping and groundwater monitoring in recent meetings with Angiola Water District representatives. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration the 2010 Interim renewal contract for Cross Valley Canal. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2010-1-1, certifying the Categorical Exemption for the Cross Valley canal contracts.

After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the Interim renewal contract and all related documents. A copy of Resolution 2010-1-2 is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

The Board then reviewed a lead agency agreement whereby Lower Tule River Irrigation District will act as the lead agency for the processing of the CEQA documents needed for the long-term Cross Valley contracts. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the CEQA lead agency agreement. A copy is attached as **Exhibit "B"**

General Manager VINK then distributed for review the revised Riparian Operational Guidelines as prepared by staff. Director COSTA and Director SIMONICH recused themselves as Board members due to a conflict of interest associated with their membership in the Riparian association.

The meeting was then adjourned into Executive Session to confer with District Counsel on the Riparian Operational Guidelines, COSTA and SIMONICH left the meeting. Vice President FERNANDES chaired the meeting during the closed session. The meeting was then brought out of Executive Session and it was reported that no action was taken.

APPROVED

COSTA and SIMONICH represented themselves as members of the public for purposes of discussion, and the Board opened up the floor for questions relative to the Operational Guidelines. After a brief discussion, on motion by Director BACELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the Operational Guidelines as prepared by staff and directed that they be sent Riparian Association Board for consideration.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of other matters including the Yokohl Valley Water Management program and revisions to the Del Puerto agreement.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

General Manager VINK and Operation Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board a variety of construction and maintenance activities including the Tule River Inter-tie canal project. The timeline for construction remains for February / March time frame. The District is waiting for the Bureau of Reclamation to complete the environmental documentation needed to commence the project.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the need to replace a number of half-ton vehicles in the District's light equipment fleet. BATTLES will be bringing a proposal at the February meeting.

The Board reviewed the General Manager's salary and compensation per the agreement with the General Manager effective January 1, 2009. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board made no changes to the General Manager's salary for 2010. General Manager Vink concurred and agreed with the action.

The Board reviewed a variety of other administrative and District activities. No action was taken.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK provided the Board with an update on various matters related to the Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority including a discussion on WAPA Power. Business Manager LIMAS is handling those discussions for the District and is working on alternative arrangements.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed a variety of Tule River Association activities including the meeting on the 16th of December. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing Reservoir Management software and the Del Oro pumping issues.

General Manager VINK provided a brief update on the Success Power Project and the Dam Safety program. The District is still working with Southern California Edison on the development of a new contract for the SPP.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December 11th meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The District received a call for funds in the amount of \$36,248.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December 11th 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.

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be having it's meeting on the 22nd of January.

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

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- 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 – The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$14,385.00. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized the call for funds in the amount of \$14,385.00.

- 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