

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 June 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 entered the meeting at approximately 9:30am.

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 May 10th Regular & May12th Adjourned Regular meetings, were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the minutes of the May 10th Regular meeting and May 12th Adjourned Regular meeting were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of May 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 April bills following the May meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the bills.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water related activities including;

- Tule River flood operations
- The outline for the Districts summer water run and;
- Recovered water account balance per the San Joaquin River Settlement.

Considerable discussion was held relative to the timing of the run for the summer. The current plan is to control the level on Lake Success by running mostly Tule River water through middle to late June with a possible shut down occurring the last week of June and the first week of July. Any shut down will be predicated upon the time of uncontrolled season releases from Friant.

The Board reviewed the 2010 Poplar Ditch allocation. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board accepted staffs recommendation of increasing the 2010 Poplar allocation make-up water to 27.5 acre feet, which is the maximum allowable under the agreement.

General Manager VINK reported that R.L Schafer has completed his review of the 2010 Riparian Operational Guidelines and comparable data. General Manager VINK will be comparing the data for accuracy per the request of Mr. Schafer. The complete package will be submitted to the Board later in June for a follow up meeting with the Riparian group in July.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

At 9:30am District Counsel ALEX PELTZER entered the meeting to review with the Board the 9d contract negotiated between the Bureau of Reclamation and the District. The 9d contract is a result of the San Joaquin River Settlement and the direction of Congress to have the Secretary of Interior convert the current Friant 9e contracts to 9d contracts.

The District has been in negotiations along with other Friant contractors and the Bureau of Reclamation for the past 6 months. The final form of the 9d contract, the validation action and the negative declaration were submitted to the Board for review prior to the meeting. In addition, District Counsel PELTZER and General Manager VINK spent considerable time reviewing the primary points of the 9d contract and differences between the current 9e form and the proposed 9d form. Following considerable discussion on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the 9d form of contract and the filing of the validation action associated with the contract. A copy of the final 9d form and the validation action is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

In addition, on motion buy Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the filing of a Negative Declaration for the contract execution. A copy of the Negative Declaration is attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

The Board then held a discussion on the 9d contract financing and the need for bond funding and a pending 218 election associated with the conversion of cost from a water base charge to a land base charge. The Board will be reviewing the Engineer's Report at the July meeting and making a final determination on the 218 election at the July meeting.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

Nothing new to report.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 19, 2010 Tule River Association Board. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK updated the Board regarding the Reservoir Management software and the conversion to the new system.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 27th 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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The District has received a request for a Resolution for approving the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District membership to the Friant Water Authority. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA the Board adopted Resolution 2010-6-1 accepting the membership of Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District into the Friant Water Authority.

8. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River 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
- 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

The Board commenced a tour of the District facilities and in particular the Tule River Inter-tie project. Briefings on District operations occurred during the tour. The Board then met for lunch in Porterville and returned back to the District office at approximately 2:00pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager