

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINIBILITY AGENCY

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District, sitting as the GSA governing board, convened a meeting on December 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President JUNIO. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3

Randy Parreira

Director Div.2

Bill DeGroot

Director Div.5

Frank Junio

Director Div. 1

Neal Westbrook

Director Div.4

Rusty Schott - ABSENT

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager Mike Battles, Assistant Manager

Mark Greenall, Controller

John Michael Domondon, Engineer

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel Reyn Akiona, consultant Dan Vink, SVWA

Landowners and Public:

Alan Becker, Renewable Resources Group Travis Millwee, Pacific Respources Geof Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the November 8, 2021, meeting were approved as presented.

LIMAS reviewed GSA implementation activities including June through October Transitional water usage. LIMAS also reported that staff will start preparing a draft plan of project and funding priorities for the use of Transitional revenues. Staff Engineer DOMONDON reported on acres signed up for the Land Fallowing Program. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the calculations for the 2022 groundwater allocations. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board set the 2022 groundwater allocations at 1.35 acre-feet per acre.

REYN AKIONA gave updates on Watershed Coordinator activities, Watershed Plan activities, and Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust and related grant activities. Grant funds through the Department of Conservation are coming available in the spring of 2022. The Board directed staff to be the lead agency on the application for Tule Subbasin projects. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed Tule Subbasin SGMA activities including grant money available to the Tule Subbasin through the Department of Water Resources. Engineer DOMONDON presented the projects that Pixley will apply for funding for, including expansion of recharge basins near the Teviston and Pixley communities. The Board directed staff to submit the projects. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported on a preliminary letter received from DWR on the GSP review process. A letter with detailed findings will be sent by January 31 and the GSA will have 180 days to respond and update the GSP.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no action was taken during closed session.

OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas

General Manager