

**MINUTES OF A 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 on the 12th day of April 2022, at 9:00 am. The meeting was called to order by President BARCELLOS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2022	JIM COSTA - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO - <b>ABSENT</b>

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Assistant Manager  
John Michael Domondon, District Engineer  
Mark Greenall, Controller

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Don Tucker, 4Creeks Engineering  
Johnny Amaral, Friant Water Authority  
Vince Fong, California Assemblyman  
Mike Faria, Famer  
Rod Stiefvader, Pacific Resources  
Richard Junio, Farmer  
Geof Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council  
Stacey Ann Silva, New Currents Land and Water  
Tim Goble, Trinitas Farming  
Paul Gredanus, Farmer  
Steve Jackson, Farmer  
Alan Becker, Renewable Resources Group  
Maryse Suppiger, Hancock  
Austin Blomquist, New Horizon Farms

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. It has been extremely dry across the state since the first of the year. The Friant Water Year 2022 initial allocation was announced at 15% Class 1. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the Tule River supply, Poplar share balances, and Riparian entitlement earned for the year. LIMAS presented a plan on how to deliver the entitlements and allocate the remainder of the Tule River supply to the District landowners. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director Mendonsa and unanimously approved, the Board approved an allocation of 23 acre-feet per share to the Poplar shareholders. After further discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board set the water rate for allocations to landowners at \$70 per acre-foot. The water will be recharged and allocated as groundwater credits.

The Board reviewed a draft turnout meter policy. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the meter policy and directed staff to apply for grant funds before implementing the policy.

### FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Johnny Amaral, FWA COO, reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, the water quality ad-hoc committee activities, and subsidence/capacity correction activities. No action was taken.

### DISTRICT OPERATIONS

#### Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing water run and canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. Construction projects are ongoing at Teapot Dome and Vandalia. BATTLES also reported on Grader repairs needed to the slopers. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed an agreement amendment with the High Speed Rail Authority regarding a crossing at the Lawrence Ditch. After Discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement, subject to final General Manager and General Counsel review.

The Board considered Resolution 2022-4-1, Considering District Participation in California State Agency Surplus Property Program. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2022-4-1.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of March. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of March. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bills paid.

**MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update on the Success Power Project. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported on the progress on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project construction and real estate purchase activities. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed proposal to do driveway, fence and other relocations on two parcels purchased as part of the project. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Bartlett Construction proposal.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

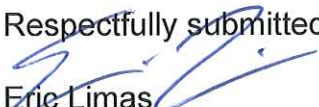
LIMAS reviewed DCTRA activities, the minutes of the meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a draft Basin Ownership Agreement between DCTRA and the individual members. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement

**OTHER MATTERS**

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Eric Limas  
General Manager