

**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 8th day of November 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
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Assistant Manager
Mark Greenall, Controller
Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Mike Faria, Farmer
Geof Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council
Vincent Sola, Farmer
Paul Greidanus, Farmer
Nicole Bonna, MuniLife

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Water Year 2022 initial allocation remains at 30% Class 1. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS, reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, the water quality ad-hoc committee activities, and subsidence/capacity correction activities. LIMAS reported on the upcoming Friant retreat and a recommendation by FWA and the Central Valley Water Project Authority to support the Bureau of Reclamation requesting money from the Aging Infrastructure Account to fund extraordinary operations and maintenance projects on the CVP. The Board agreed to send a support letter. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. BATTLES reported on well permits that have been reviewed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. Canals are being sprayed and graded. Turnouts are being repaired and installed in various locations. BATTLES gave an update on the Deer Creek basin, Lateral 4 and Eastside capacity improvement projects going on in Pixley. BATTLES also provided an update on the CalTrans Hwy 190/Westwood siphon extension project. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed an easement termination agreement for an old easement. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the easement termination by the General Manager.

Administrative Activities

The Board and staff discussed a potential banking relationship with Valley Strong Credit Union. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved closing the District's accounts at Citizens Business Bank and establishing a banking relationship and opening the accounts at Valley Strong. Authorized signers are President Barcellos, Vice President Costa, General Manager Limas and Controller Greenall.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of October. 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 October. On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bills paid.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update on the Success Power Project including contract renewal options. No action was taken.

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

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.

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