

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District convened a meeting on January 12, 2023, 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

District Staff present:

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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Dan Vink, Consultant

Landowners and Public:

Alisson Tristao, Geof Vanden Huevel, Travis Millwee, Luis Sanchez, Nicole Bonna

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 SCHOTT, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting, were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Due to recent storms, Tule River releases from Success are currently at 1400 CFS and will hold there until storage can be drawn down from 43,000 AF to approximately 20,000 AF. The Friant Water Year 2022 allocation increased from 30% to 35 % Class 1. Millerton is also in flood operations. As soon as the Friant Kern Canal is placed back into service on the first of February, the District will look to start taking Friant deliveries. Deer Creek natural runoff has reached the District in the last couple of storms. The District has been able to divert and recharge some of those flows. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. No action was taken.

The Board discussed a possible water run and pricing. If water becomes available consensus was the price should be \$100/AF and it will depend on how much water is available whether landowners will be able to recharge water for SGMA credits. No action was taken.

LIMAS, reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, the water quality ad-hoc committee activities, subsidence/capacity correction current activities and studies of phase 2 capacity correction options and a potential cost share with Lower Tule for their share. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

DAN VINK reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activity including legislation introduced by Congressman Valadao and a Fishbio study on 2022 fish mortality in the Delta. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

JOHN MICHAEL DOMONDON reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. DOMONDON reported on well permits that have been reviewed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. DOMONDON also provided an update on the CalTrans Hwy 190/Westwood siphon extension project. Winter maintenance activities are currently on hold to deal with Flood Water Operations. DOMONDON also gave an update on the following Pixley projects; Deer Creek Basin, Lateral 4, and Eastside capacity improvement projects. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported that the District has been notified over the last month that it will be awarded \$4 million in grants from DWR and the US Bureau of Reclamation (\$2 million each) to construct the Lateral 4 canal in Pixley. LIMAS also presented the current construction schedule. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

Controller GREENALL presented an analysis of prefunding the District's OPEB liability. Staff will bring further information to the Board at future meetings.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of December. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of December. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bills paid.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

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

LIMAS announced actions taken in prior closed sessions which now have become final; water transfer and exchange agreements with Homer LLC, previously approved in closed session have been executed; Pending litigation (Friant Water Supply Protection Association v. Del Puerto WD et.al.; Action taken: District Board agreed to authorize FWSPA to file Notice of Appeal of October 31, 2022, ruling.

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