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# 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 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.

LIMAS updated the Board on ET and Transitional water usage through November. No action was taken.

LIMAS presented the calculations of Precipitation yield (0.70 AF/acre), sustainable yield (0.15 AF/acre) and District Allocated recharge (0.48 AF/Acre), for a total of 1.33 AF/acre. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIERA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board set the 2023 groundwater allocations at 1.33 AF/acre.

The Board reviewed the Transitional groundwater use rates. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board set the 2023 Transitional rates at \$90/AF for Tier 1 and \$180/AF for Tier 2. These are the same as the 2022 rates.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-1-1, Considering an Application for Grant Funding with the California Department of Water Resources. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-1-1.

DAN VINK gave updates on Watershed Coordinator activities, Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust, and Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing grant activities. The Trust is currently implementing a land fallowing program and working on the purchase of the Capinero Property. The Trust hired a Program Director who will be starting work in January. No action was taken.

DAN VINK reviewed a MLRP Subaward agreements with The Nature Conservancy, SEEN, UC Merced, Sequoia Riverlands Trust and Tri-County Water Authority. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreements subject to final review of the General Manager and General Counsel.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

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