

**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 14th day of February 2023, 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	2026	LOUIE TRISTAO
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2026	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2026	JOSH PITIGLIANO

District Staff present:

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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
 Farmers/landowners/public: Mike Faria, Richard Junio,
 Zack Faria, Paul Gredanus, Travis Millwee, Rod Steifvader,
 Stacie Ann Silva, Matt Kidder, Allan Becker

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, 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 January 10, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Tule River releases from Success are currently at 400 CFS and will hold there until storage space can start to be filled again. The Friant Water Year 2022 allocation increased from 35% to 50 % Class 1. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. LIMAS also reviewed the current water run and delivery numbers for January. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-2-1 Considering execution of WY 2022 215 Contract with the USBOR. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-2-1.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-2-2 Considering execution of WY 2023 215 Contract with the USBOR. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director TRISTAO and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-2-2

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

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. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. In addition to water run related activities, including trash removal in Deer Creek, the Tule River and canals, safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. PWC and Vandalia capital projects are ongoing. Winter maintenance activities are currently on hold to deal with water deliveries. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

BATTLES presented a proposal to add cabinets and storage in the accounting and water departments. The cost would be split between Lower Tule and Pixley. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved the Board approved the proposal of \$12,600.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of January. On motion by Director MENDONSA, 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