

**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 11th day of April 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

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Farmers/landowners/public: Mike Faria, Richard Junio, Paul Gredanus, Stacie Ann Silva, Jim Costa, Armando Leal, Eric Gredanus, Allison Tristao, Mark Hoffman, Vince Sola, Pam Sola, Tim Gobler, Mathew Young, Geof Vanden Huevel, Travis Millwee

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA 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 14, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

The Board discussed the May meeting date, which falls the same week as the ACWA conference. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved moving the meeting to Tuesday, May 16.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Tule River releases from Success are currently at 1,000 CFS. The major damage from the March flooding on the Tule River and District canal system is about complete and releases will be increased to 1,300 cfs. Friant Water Year 2023 allocation is 100 % Class 1 and 70% Class 2 and the system is currently in Uncontrolled Season. The CVC allocation is currently 80%. Snow water content is more than 300% of average in the Southern Sierras and nearly 250% statewide. No action was taken.

Staff reviewed a recap of the March flood operations including a video showing both before and after of system damages and repairs. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed an update to the Surface Water Delivery Guidelines integrating a Stage 4 for uncontrolled releases, such as happened during March 2023.

The Board reviewed the current water run and water rates. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved an April and May water rate of \$65 per acre-foot. The summer rate will be assessed at the May Board meeting.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-4-1 Considering execution of 2023 WY 215 contract with USBR pursuant to the District's Cross Valley Contract. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-4-1.

### **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.

LIMAS presented an activity agreement with FWA for a FKC Systemwide capacity study. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement subject to General Manager and General Counsel final review.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

MIKE BATTLES reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. In addition to water run and flood operation 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. No action was taken.

#### **Administrative Activities**

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

The Board considered Resolution 2023-4-2 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-4-2.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of March. On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director TRISTAO 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 activity. 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.

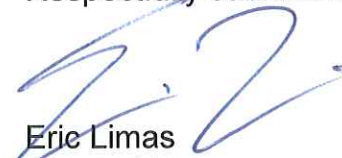
LIMAS reported on flood damages to the Deer Creek basins. LIMAS also reported that the District has executed an assignment of the 1999 DCTRA/Fresno County Water Supply Agreement to Lower Tule.

**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