



**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 August 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President DEGROOT. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio – <b>ABSENT</b>
Director Div. 1	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

***District Staff present:***

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

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Joe Mastro, Cuttone and Mastro, auditor (via video conference)  
Abby Hart, The Nature Conservancy, MLRP Project Manager (via video conference)

***Landowners and Public:***

Sonia Sanchez  
Stephanie Mercado  
Susan Long  
Seth Merritt  
Allison Tristao  
Jim Morehead

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the July 13, 2023, meeting, were approved as presented.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Friant Water Year 2023 allocation is 100 % Class 1 and 15% Class 2. Uncontrolled Season ended on July 29. The CVC allocation is currently 100%. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the monthly water delivery report. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the current water run and water rates. The water run is currently estimated to end in the last week of August. No action was taken.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, water policy activities, subsidence/capacity correction current activities, studies of phase 2 capacity correction study, and upcoming FWA Board retreat. No action was taken.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association activity and scope of work given that several SVWA districts have joined Friant Water Authority. No action was taken.

## DISTRICT OPERATIONS

### Construction and Operation activities

JOHN MICHAEL DOMONDON reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. In addition to water run activities, safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. DOMONDON gave updates on the SPP, Pixley Lateral 4 project and winter maintenance planning. Staff also met with the meter dealer and manufacturer to discuss issues with meters. There is some activity under way to correct those issues. No action was taken.

MIKE BATTLES presented options for the purchase and/or lease of a Caterpillar grader. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved pursuing the 84-month lease for the grader.

MIKE BATTLES presented options for pickup purchases. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the purchases of 3 single cab Ford pickups and 1 quad cab Ford pickup.

### Administrative Activities

Auditor, JOE MASTRO, presented the 2022 audited financial statements. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the audit report and ordered them placed on file.

LIMAS and GREENALL reviewed recommended 2023 budget adjustments. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the recommended adjustments to the O&M and District Budgets, adjusting the 2023 budget to \$13,779,424.

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

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

**OTHER MATTERS**

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'EL', is written over the printed name.

Eric Limas  
General Manager