

**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 8th day of August 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 (9:10)

***District Staff present:***

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

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Joe Mastro, Cattone & Mastro, Auditor (via video conference)

**Farmers/landowners/public:** Richard Junio, Eric Gredanus, Vince Sola, Armando Leal, Jace Vander Ham, Matt Kidder, Geof Vanden Huevel, Travis Millwee, Susan Long, Stacie Ann Silva

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the July 11, 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.

The Board discussed the water run. It was decided to not allocate water for this year due to the late season and the quantity of water still available.

LIMAS reviewed the monthly water delivery report. 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.

### **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 GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO 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 MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA 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 MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA 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 GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the recommended adjustments to the O&M and District Budgets, adjusting the 2023 budget to \$28,604,334.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of July. On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, 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 activity. No action was taken.

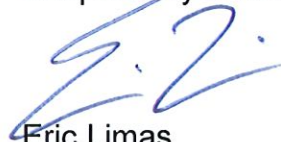
LIMAS reported on the progress of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project reimbursements, construction and real estate purchase activities. No Action was taken.

**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