

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 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 - ABSENT

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.

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

LIMAS reviewed the determination letter from California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board process on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan of the Tule Sub basin. LIMAS gave an update on meetings held between the Tule Subbasin and SWRCB staff and progress being made to analyze needed GSP revisions. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported on the final LandFlex award the District received from DWR based on landowner applications. No action was taken.

ABBY HART, MARK GREENALL, and SUSAN LONG reviewed Multibenefit Land Repurposing Grant activities. No action was taken.

SUSAN LONG, Executive Director of the Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust, reviewed Trust activities and the 2023/2024 Trust Land Fallowing program. The Trust submitted a request to the PIXIDGSA to participate in the land fallowing program. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved up to \$200,000 in matching funds for acres fallowed within Pixley.

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