

**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 13th day of June 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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority
Farmers/landowners/public: Richard Junio, Paul Gredanus,
Eric Gredanus, Vince Sola, Rod Steifvader, Elijah
Gredanus, Mike Faria, Mark Hoffman, Vincent Sola, Jr.,
Stacie Ann Silva, Alison Tristao

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the May 15, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Tule River releases from Success are currently at 475 CFS. Friant Water Year 2023 allocation is 100 % Class 1 and 70% Class 2 and the system is currently in Uncontrolled Season. UCS is currently projected to end sometime in July. The CVC allocation is currently 100%. No action was taken.

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

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

JASON PHILLIPS, FWA CEO, reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, water policy activities, subsidence/capacity correction current activities, ACWA conference meetings, 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 and flood operation related 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. BATTLES also reported that additional weed abatement treatment to the canals is being performed because of moss issues and chemical expenses will be over budget this year due to the long water run. BATTLES also reported that the Dozer needs a new motor due to the old one locking up from water getting in the motor. No action was taken.

BATTLES reviewed proposals for a new auto stick system on the LTRID fuel tank. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved a proposal from Kern County Construction in the amount of \$25,500.

Administrative Activities

The Board did a mid-year review of the Cost of Living indexes. On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 2.75% COLA, effective July 1.

MARK GREENALL discussed information from several companies that provide investment and trust services for Other Post Employment Benefit funding. Staff will bring a more detailed analysis of a couple of the companies at a future meeting.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of May. 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 May. 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.

The Board opened a hearing to consider Resolution 2023-6-1 Considering a Resolution of Necessity on APNs 284-251-007, 284-251-008, 284-251-009, 284-251-

011, 284-770-003, 284-251-014, 284-251-017, 284-770-002, 284-790-002 for the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-6-1.

OTHER

The Board considered Resolution 2023-6-2 considering a nomination for Tom Barcellos as an ACWA Region 7 Board Member. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, the Board approved Resolution 2023-6-2.

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