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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District sitting as the GSA governing Board, 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

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.

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

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

The Board discussed the calculation of groundwater credits for lands that were flooded for an extended period of time. After review of options, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the daily calculation and a credit of 75% at no cost to those landowners whose land was flooded from March 12 through April 11 and 90% credit from April 12 through May 31 at \$65 per acre foot. These percentages and dollar amounts match the opportunities that all landowners had during those time frames.

LIMAS presented updates to Rules and Regulations, Policies 3,4 and 8. The updates were reviewed and recommended by the Groundwater Planning Commission. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the policy updates.

LIMAS presented updates to the mitigation plan, adding sections for subsidence and water quality impacts. The updates were reviewed and recommended by the Groundwater Planning Commission. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the policy updates.

LIMAS reported that DWR is making the LandFlex land fallowing policy available to LTRIDGSA landowners. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved participating in the program with the following criteria; lands selected should be prioritized near domestic wells, in the deepest groundwater areas of the district, and long term conversions (such as recharge) over one year of fallowing. The Board also approved allowing for the sale of additional overdraft credits, dependent on the clarification that the sale of them does not come with additional future obligations.



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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. No action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas **General Manager**