

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 10th day of October 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 John Michael Domondon, Engineer

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Farmers/landowners/public: Eric Gredanus, Vince Sola, Mike Faria, Paul Gredanus, Nader Malakan, Geof Vanden Huevel, Travis Millwee, Susan Long, Allison Tristao, Richard Junio, Armando Leal, Biran Hauss, Jace Vander Ham, Art VanBeek

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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



On motion by Director PITIGLIANIO, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting and September 19 special 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. The CVC allocation is currently 100% with deliveries starting within a week. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the water run and the amount of water requested by landowners to recharge in District facilities. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the total requests of landowner requests to recharge water in District facilities totaling 62,889 acre-feet.

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

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, 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

JOIHN MICHEAL DOMONDON reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. In addition to water run activities, safety meetings were held,



shop and facility inspections were performed, and canal maintenance and spraying 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. No action was taken.

MIKE BATTLES updated the Board on the Grader and backhoe purchases previously approved. Both pieces of equipment should be received by late 2023 or early 2024.

BATTLES and MARK GREENALL presented options for pickup purchases as well as leasing options. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the purchase of 3 half ton pickups, the lease of 3 half ton pickups and replacing the Assistant Manager's pickup.

LIMAS presented a reimbursement agreement with CALTRANS on the Highway 190/Road 208 roundabout project. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS presented the draft 2024 budgets, which were also reviewed in detail at the Board Budget workshop. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the operations and maintenance budget of \$5,932,000 and LTRID budget of \$18,361,838.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-10-1 considering the 2024 assessment rates. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution setting the assessment rate at \$100.93 per acre.

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

Approved



The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of September. On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director MENDONSA 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