

**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 in a special meeting on the 13th day of November 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  
 Allison Tristao, Resources Coordinator  
 Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
**Farmers/landowners/public:** Lou Saephan, Eric Gredanus,  
 Vince Sola, Mike Faria, Geof Vanden Huevel, Richard  
 Junio, Brian Hauss, Art VanBeek, Rod Stiefvater, Johnny  
 Gailey

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

On motion by Director TRISTAO, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented.

During the public comment period, Lou Saephan, Superintendent, Woodville School District, thanked the Board for working with the school to sell property adjacent to the school for school expansion and helping with rerouting traffic for safety purposes.

### **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 in October. No action was taken.

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**

MIKE BATTLES 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.

BATTLES gave updates on the SPP, East side capacity improvement and Lateral 4 projects in Pixley. BATTLES updated the Board on winter construction and maintenance activities and pickup purchases previously approved. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed a proposal for the Office Remodel, which was within the 2024 budgeted amounts. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal from Sholz Construction.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of October. 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



Approved

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Limas', is written over the printed name and title.

Eric Limas  
General Manager