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MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 regular meeting on the 9th day of February 2010, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President SIMONICH. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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| Director | Div. 2 | 2013 | JIM COSTA      |
| Director | Div. 3 | 2011 | TOM BARCELLOS  |
| Director | Div. 4 | 2011 | GARY FERNANDES |
| Director | Div. 1 | 2013 | TONY SIMONICH  |
| Director | Div. 5 | 2013 | JOHN ROELOFFS  |

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director BARCELLOS second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the January 12th, 2010 Regular Meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. With one minor correction, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the January 12th, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of January 2010 were reviewed. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

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The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills following the January meeting. The Board also spent some time reviewing the bills. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills following the January meeting.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK updated the Board on water supply related issues. At present it looks like local watersheds are running between 95% - 120% of normal to date. The state of California is in a rather wet pattern, which bodes well for a decent water year although much of the water year and snowpack remains to be developed.

The Board then reviewed the purposed revised agreement with Del Puerto Water District. The agreement was submitted to the Board for review prior to the meeting. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the execution of the revised agreement with Del Puerto Water District.

General Manager VINK also updated the Board on a variety of other matters including;

- Yokohl Valley Water Management Program
- The development of the agreement with Fresno County Water Works #18. That agreement will be submitted for review prior to the April Board meeting and;
- Poplar Ditch stock and a review of the Districts standing offer. The Board directed staff to prepare some revised numbers for a subsequent meeting.

At approximately 9:30 am the Board convened into closed session to discuss a variety of matters. Halfway thru the closed session Director COSTA and Director SIMONICH recused themselves from the meeting do to a conflict of interest associated with the Riparian Operational Guidelines. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken. SIMONICH and COSTA rejoined the meeting.

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The Board also requested a meeting with the Riparian Board and with Water master R.L SCHAFER to review the Riparian Operational Guidelines. That meeting will be set for a Special Board meeting sometime later in the month of the first part of March.

### **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

General Manager VINK and Operation Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the construction of the Tule River Inter-tie project. The District has finally received it's Finding of no significant impact (FONSI) from the Bureau of Reclamation and as such has commenced construction.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the proposed construction schedule. The District will be going out to bid in the month of February for the Ave. 152 & Earthwork portion of the project. Those bids are scheduled to be opened in the first week of March.

#### Maintenance Activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the need to purchase five new vehicles for the Districts light equipment fleet. After thorough review and discussion of the availability of trucks locally and the review of the state bids, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized purchase of five new trucks at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00 each through the state bid process.

Legal Matters

General Manager VINK and District Counsel PELTZER reviewed with Board the 9d conversion and contract renewal negotiation process. District Counsel PELTZER spent considerable time reviewing various terms and conditions.

The Board then turned it's attention to the financing of the 9d contract and a continuing discussion on how to proceed with the payment. It was the consensus and vote of the Board at prior meetings to proceed with a change to the Districts assessment structure in order that the financing costs associated with the 9d conversion become a land base charge. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the execution of a contract with PROVOST & PRITCHARD to prepare an engineering report. The engineering report will, in more detail, outline the 218 process and the justification for the election. A subsequent vote will be required by the Board to authorized the process of the 218 election. The Engineer's Report is a requirement of the 218 process.

Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of administrative matters with the Board. No action was taken.

**4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS reviewed with the Board a variety of Cross Valley and PWPRRA related activities including a discussion on the future use of the Districts WAPA power. No action was taken.

**5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the January 20, 2010 Tule River Association Board. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the Reservoir Management Software and the Del Oro pumping issue.

Success Power Project

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the power purchase agreement with SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. That agreement is still in the development stage.

The District then considered the 2009 revenue disbursement and the disbursing of the excess revenue from the power project. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized distribution of \$26,000.00 from 2009 revenue.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the dam safety project including the 2011 funding in the Obama Administration budget of \$500,000.00. The \$500,000.00 is nowhere near adequate enough to finish the project on a pace for reasonable completion. General Manager VINK indicated that a trip to Washington D.C was being planned to grill the administration in more detail on the 2011 budget and other related matters associated with the project.

**6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the January 21<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

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**8. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

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The Board reviewed the January 22nd meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

**9. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

**10. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

**11. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

- A. Association of California Water Agencies
- B. Central Valley Project Water Association
- C. California Water Resources Association
- D. National Water Resources Association
- E. California Chamber of Commerce
- F. Ag Water Committee
- G. Water Education Foundation
- H. California Farm Water Coalition
- I. Family Farm Alliance
- J. California Farm Bureau
- K. California Special Districts Association
- L. Ag Leadership
- M. Tulare County Farm Bureau

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager