

**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 10th day of April 2012 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:

Director	Div. 2	2013	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2015	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2015	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

Others Present: ALEX PELTZER - District Counsel

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the March 13, 2012 Regular and March 28<sup>th</sup> Adjourned meetings were distributed for review. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the March 13th Regular and March 28<sup>th</sup> Adjourned meetings and ordered them placed on file.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the current declaration from the Friant Division, which remains at 35% Class One.

It is anticipated that with the Friant water supply, including carry-over and recirculation, along with the Tule River water supply, that the District will have approximately 40 days worth of water this summer. The Board concurred on the timing of a run beginning sometime in July with a final date to be determined later.

The Board briefly discussed the 2012 water. No action was taken.

General Manger VINK reported that the District has reached an agreement with Orange Cove Irrigation District on a 4-1 exchange for 1,000 a/f of water wherein Lower Tule River Irrigation District will deliver a 1,000 a/f of water to Orange Cove ID in exchange for 4,000 a/f to be delivered to Lower Tule River ID when Orange Cove ID has the water supply available, most probably in a 100% Class I year.

The Board reviewed a variety of other water supply activities including:

- The completion of the long-term Tule River transfer agreement with Porterville Irrigation District. That agreement has now been executed by all parties and will extend the delivery of surplus Porterville water to Lower Tule River ID through 2023.
- Water management programs with Downstream involving the Yokohl project and;
- The 2012 Poplar Ditch allocation. No action was taken.

The Board then welcomed DAVID DE GROOT from 4-Creek Engineering to the meeting. Mr. DE GROOT was there to review the future of the irrigated lands program and to provide a workshop session with the Board on the irrigated lands issue and its trending towards groundwater regulation. The Board thanked Mr. DE GROOT for his presentation.

### **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including a review by Operations Manager BATTLES on the Inter-tie canal construction.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the bids received for the purchase of a new backhoe. After considerable discussion, particularly relating to past performance of the equipment and manufacturer service, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized purchase of a new CAT backhoe from Quinn Company for the amount of \$109,438.45.

#### **Legal Matters**

At approximately 10:00am the Board convened the meeting into Executive Session to discuss pending and threatened litigation matters related to the San Joaquin River Restoration program. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported that on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized filing of a lawsuit against the U.S DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. The basis of the lawsuit pertains to INTERIOR's position relative to the distribution of the SJR recirculation water. The Board and

council attest that INTERIOR's position is not consistent with the SJR Settlement Agreement and implementing legislation.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative actives including the Financial Statements for the month of March 2012. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March 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 March bills.

4. **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager VINK reviewed the 2012 delivery schedule for Cross Valley water. The window for delivery is closing with the potential increase in State water project supplies.

5. **TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the March 21, 2012 minutes of the meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK reported on the 2012 Operating Restriction being established at elevation 640, which will allow storage at 56,000 a/f.

Success Power Project

General Manager VINK and Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of activities related to the power project including the generator repairs and the processing of the Power Purchase Agreement with Southern California Edison. No action was taken.

6. **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the March 29, 2012 meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the March 16, 2012 meeting of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

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

Nothing new to report.

**9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

- A. Association of California Water Agencies - Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition - Nothing new to report
- C. Family Farm Alliance – The District has received a request for support in the amount of \$1000.00. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized support to the Family Farm Alliance in the amount of \$1000.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager