

**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 September 2013 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 - ABSENT
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 August 13, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes of the August 13, 2013 Regular meetings and ordered them placed on file.

General Manager VINK reported that Business Manager LIMAS has been appointed to the Central Valley Project Water Association Board of Directors serving on behalf of the Friant Water Authority.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of Water Resource related activities including a report on the completed summer water run prepared by General Manager VINK. There were discussions held regarding creating a Memorandum to clarify the water transfers and exchanges within the District at the end of the water year.

General Manager VINK reported he had prepared an internal memorandum for the files, and will be happy to share with the Board.

General Manager VINK reported on a meeting with the Groundwater Task Force Committee, which was held on August 27th. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the recent fact finding trip to Southern California to meet with Orange County Water District and Chino Basin Watermaster, completed by VINK, District Counsel PELTZER and Engineering Consultant DE GROOT.

The Task Force requested that tests be done on different plots of land in the District to determine actual usage by crop. General Manager VINK is in the process of developing a proposal and outline of that project for presentation at the October meeting.

The Board then received a detailed report and explanation of the 2012 Central Valley Project water reconciliation report prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation and presented by Business Manager LIMAS. The District has an obligation for the CVP 2012 water for \$560,596.75. That number will roll into the water rates for 2014 and will be part of the Districts rolling year average. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of staff in paying the 2012 O & M deficit to avoid interest to the Federal Government.

The Board then convened into Executive Session to discuss a variety of Groundwater related activities. Upon coming out of Executive Session, the Board spent a brief time reviewing the Groundwater export policy and the need to provide protection for the benefits of the District, in the terms of imported surface water converted into groundwater. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized updates to the Groundwater Export Policy as submitted to the Board prior to the meeting.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an update on the Avenue 116 project and the work in progress on the Riparian area to develop the CEQA documentation for the Riparian distribution expansion.

Operations Manager BATTLES also reviewed with the Board a variety of maintenance activities including dipping, spraying, grading and general repairs of the Districts system.

Considerable work will begin on the Avenue 116 project this fall that will occupy a great deal of District employees manpower and hours for the next 1 ½ years.

Administrative Activities

General Manager Vink reviewed several administrative activities including the land sale to the official Wildlife Service, which is in the process of going through the appraisal and mechanics with the Bureau of Reclamation. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed an update on several matters including the process of the LAFCO detachment of lands in the District. The LAFCO hearing is scheduled for October 9, 2013. No action was taken.

The Board then convened as a Board of Equalization to consider Resolution 2013-9-1, setting the 2014 assessment rate. After considerable discussion, with no one being present to protest the assessment rate, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2013-9-1, setting the 2014 assessment rate at 1.65%. A copy of Resolution 2013-9-1, is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of August. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager Vink provided an update on Cross Valley deliveries for 2013. Approximately 3000 acre feet of the Districts 6000 acre feet was delivered in the first week of

September and is anticipated the balance of the water will be pumped and either delivered or stored for delivery by the end of September 2013.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the August 21, 2013, minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed for review and as such are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK reported that the District has received notice from the Corp of Engineers; the Success Dam Risk Assessment report to be presented to the Senior Oversight Group was delayed until January 2014.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the August 22, 2013 minutes 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 Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be meeting on the 20th of September. Considerable time at that meeting is expected to be spent discussing the Irrigated Lands program.

8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority acting on behalf of landowners in the region, held a Summit on August 28, at 6:00pm at the Heritage Complex in Tulare, Ca to discuss the Irrigated Lands program and in particular the new groundwater component.

10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. Association of California Water Agencies

Approved

- B. California Farm Water Coalition
- C. Family Farm Alliance
- D. Tulare County Farm Bureau

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager