

**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 11th day of December 2014, at 10:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President FERNANDES. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2017	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2015	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2015	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2017	ALEX GARCIA - ABSENT
Director	Div. 5	2017	JOHN ROELOFFS

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

Guests Present: ALEX PELTZER, District Counsel
CLIFTON LAWLER, Sun World International

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The first part of the meeting was held in conjunction with the Pixley Irrigation District, to discuss joint operation matters of both Districts.

The minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director

ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

The Board then considered a reorganization of the Board and appointments. After reviewing the current slate of officers and appointments, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board voted to retain the current slate of officers and appointments.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including statewide water projections. Water conditions appear more favorable than they were in 2014 although there are considerable deficits to be made up in statewide reservoirs and storage. In addition, the problems with Delta pumping and ESA restrictions continue to occur. General Manager VINK reported on a variety of meetings being held with State and Federal officials, both elected and appointed to try and improve those pumping conditions.

The Board discussed a number of other water related activities including an update of the Groundwater Steering Committee meetings. The Groundwater Steering Committee continues to meet to discuss the best way for the landowners in the District to interface with the new Groundwater Sustainability Act.

The Board briefly discussed Prop 1A funding, Prop 1A being the bond that was passed in November 2014, and a potential exchange with SUN WORLD INTERNATIONAL LLC for Cross Valley water. No action was taken on either matter.

The Board then went into Closed Session to confer with District Counsel on pending litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9. Upon coming out of Closed Session, no reportable action was announced.

General Manager VINK and District Counsel PELTZER briefed the Board on a variety of legislative and San Joaquin River Restoration program activities. No action was taken.

3. **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including the near completion of the Avenue 116 project in the Pixley Irrigation District.

Business Manager Limas brought to the Boards attention consideration for an Environmental Quality Act Initial Study under CEQA connected to the construction of the Riparian System Expansion. After some discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the staff report and adopted an Environmental Quality Act Initial Study under the CEQA process in conjunction with the Riparian System Expansion. The requisite notifications will be prepared accordingly.

The Board considered the 2015 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all employees. After some discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized a 1.5% Cost of Living for 2015 for all District employees.

The Board spent time reviewing other litigation matters and again convened into Closed Session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9. Upon coming out of Closes Session, it was reported that on motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized dismissed without prejudice of the existing FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY et al vs. JEWELL litigation.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of November 2014. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the November Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board then reviewed the 2015 Investment Policy. There has been no change to the Investment Policy from the previous calendar year. On motion by Director

BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted the Investment Policy for 2015.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the November bills. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the November bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including Interim Renewal and Long-term contract negotiations. General Manager VINK briefed the Board on a discussion held with Bureau of Reclamation's staff at the ACWA conference in San Diego. Unfortunately, there has not been much progress from the Bureau on the renewal of the contracts, even though the existing water supply and wheeling contracts have been updated and negotiated with both Reclamation and the State. The process is held up by the completion of the environmental work, and the allowance under the biological opinions, to complete negotiations and sign the contracts.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the November 19, 2014 minutes of the Tule River Association.

The Board then considered the 2015 Success Power Project budget. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted the 2015 SPP budget and placed it on file.

The minutes of the Tule River Association meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Friant Water Authority Board of Directors will be meeting on December 12, 2014.

Some discussion was held on the facilitation process and the upcoming strategic planning meetings.

In addition, the District has received a call for funds to cover FWA expenses for January 2015 in the amount for \$17,984.68. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board approved the call for funds for \$17,984.68.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the November 21, 2014 minutes of the Tule River Association.

The minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

8. US 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 – General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the recent ACWA conference in San Diego, Ca. No action was taken.

- B. California Farm Water Coalition
- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report
- D. Tulare County Farm Bureau

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, and the meeting was adjourned to December 16, 2014 at 12pm.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR ADJOURNED 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 an Adjourned Regular meeting on the 16th day of December 2014, at 12:00 pm, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President FERNANDES. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2017	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2015	TOM BARCELLOS (Absent)
Director	Div. 4	2015	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2017	ALEX GARCIA
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The Board welcomed back Alex Garcia from a prolonged illness with all in attendance being grateful for his recovery and returning to the Board meeting.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The purpose of this meeting is to meet with the Pixley Irrigation District Board for a joint session to discuss a number of joint operations and maintenance related activities.

The Boards held a lengthily discussion on the recent Friant Water Authority meeting including the decision by the Friant Water Authority Board to form both an Executive Committee, Interim Water Supply Committee and seek the services of a

Approved

new Chief Executive. No action was taken by the Board on any of these matters. General discussion and direction by the Boards were given to Director COSTA and General Manager VINK to take to the upcoming meeting of the Friant Water Authority Board held December 17, 2014.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager