

**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 the 11th day of March 2014, at 9:00 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
Director	Div. 5	2017	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 GARCIA, seconded by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the February 4, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the February 4, 2013 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

The Board considered adoption of Resolution 2014-3-1, authorizing withdraw from the Mid-Valley Water Authority pursuant to discussion at the January meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously



approved the Board authorized Resolution 2014-3-1. A copy of Resolution 2014-3-1, is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water resource related activities. It continues to be an extremely dry year throughout California with the Friant Declaration remaining at zero for 2014. General Manager VINK reported for the first time in the history of the Central Valley Project, the Bureau of Reclamation is planning to use San Joaquin River water, which is historically allocated to Friant Contractors, to meet exchange contract demand under the original exchange agreements. If that were to happen, there would end up being virtually no water to the Friant Contractors outside of a small amount of 2013 carry-over water and about 9,000 acre-feet of February unreleased restoration flow water.

General Manager VINK reported that the District has 2013 recirculation water in San Luis Reservoir, which it had previously been committed to the San Luis Water District.

The Board then spent some time discussing the Groundwater Task Force Committee landowner meeting held at the Heritage Complex on March 5, 2014. The Task Force continues to work on groundwater sustainability in the District. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK and District Counsel PELTZER briefed the Board on their recent meetings in Washington D.C, to discuss drought legislation with various Congressional offices. The District is specifically focusing on drought relief issues related to the Operations and Maintenance cost for 2014, along with recirculation opportunities for future San Joaquin River restoration program flows.

General Manager VINK briefed the Board on a recent water rights application filed by the Pixley Irrigation District on Deer Creek for 10,000 acre-feet of flows on Deer Creek when available.

The Board then convened into Executive Session to confer with District Counsel on threatening or pending litigation in accordance with Government Code Section

54956.9. Upon coming out of Executive Session, it was reported, that no reportable action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operations and Maintenance activities including an update on the Pixley Avenue 116 project. Operations Manager BATTLES and Business Manager LIMAS gave the Board an extensive briefing on the project. The Board also discussed the need for SCADA improvements within the District to improve water use efficiency. District staff is exploring grant opportunities that might be available to fund parts of the SCADA projects.

Operations Manager BATTLES then reviewed with the Board the need to purchase three light duty trucks to stay within the District's Vehicle Equipment Replacement plan. Even though it is a dry year, it is necessary to stay with the replacement plan to avoid getting behind and having to spend additional money in future years. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized purchase of three light duty trucks. Included in the motion, was also the ratification of a purchase of a bottom dump trailer for the operations and maintenance fund. The bottom-dump trailer was purchased as part of the Halopoff Construction going out of business sale.

The Board discussed matters related to the San Joaquin River Restoration Project. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the February bills. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director ROELOFFS

and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the February bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager Vink reported that the Interim Renewal contracts for 2014 were executed and negotiations continue on the long-term contracts. No reportable action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the February 19, 2014 minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the Tule River Association meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the February 27, 2014 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, 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 having its meeting on March 21, 2014.

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 – General Manager VINK and Director BARCELLOS briefed the Board on a meeting with ACWA staff held at the District office in Tipton, Ca.

- B. California Farm Water Coalition – Nothing new to report
- 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager