

**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 18th day of November 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 (<i>Absent</i>)
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
DAVE DORRANCE, Landowner

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including statewide water projections.

The Board considered for discussion and action an agreement with SUN WORLD INTERNATIONAL LLC. The agreement will provide the opportunity for the District to recharge groundwater on property owned by SUN WORLD. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the agreement with SUN WORLD INTERNATIONAL LLC.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on ongoing discussions with SUN WORLD on an exchange of Cross Valley water for SUN WORLD'S supply in the Friant service area, along with an update on the Groundwater Steering Committee meeting. No action was taken on either matter.

The Board then spent time with District Counsel PELTZER and General Manager VINK on a briefing of water policy and issues related to the drought legislation, including a trip to Washington D.C. made by PELTZER and VINK the later part of October. General Manager VINK also briefed the Board on the 13i program and recirculation of SJRRP flows below the confluence of the Merced. In addition, VINK & PELTZER provided an extensive briefing on an outline of the drought bill currently before Congress. No action was taken on any of those matters.

At approximately 9:30am, the Board entered into Closed Session, to confer with District Counsel PELTZER on pending or threatening litigation, in accordance with Government Code 54956.9. Special Counsel JENNIFER SPALETTA teleconferenced into the meeting also. Upon coming out of Closed Session, it was reported that no action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an update from Operations Manager BATTLES and Business Manager LIMAS on the Avenue 116 project in Pixley ID. The project is in its final stages, with the few remaining structures and loose ends in progress and should be substantially complete by the end of the year.

The Board then considered authorizing a filing of grant application connected to the construction on the Riparian expansion project. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the filing of the grant application and the related expenditures. FOUR CREEKS ENGINEERING will do the work.

The Board then reviewed a contract with CAL TRANS related to the HWY 190 crossing and the relocation. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the contract with CAL TRANS.

Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK then briefed the Board on a variety of administrative activities, including a request for an annexation into Lower Tule by landowner GREG TE VELDE. The Board deferred action on an annexation given the ongoing litigation with Sandridge in that same area.

The Board then convened again into Executive Session with District Counsel PELTZER to receive an update on the RIDENOUR vs. 3M case. Upon coming out of Executive Session, it was reported no action taken.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration an agreement with the CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY for the reimbursement of cost associated with relocation of District facilities related to the high-speed rail project. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the reimbursement agreement.

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

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

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK provided a brief updated on a variety of Cross Valley canal activities. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the October 15, 2014 minutes of the Tule River Association. 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 Board reviewed the October 23, 2014 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its meeting on November 21, 2014.

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 – Nothing new to report

- B. California Farm Water Coalition – The District received a request for support for \$14,385.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized support for the California Farm Water Coalition for \$14,385.00.

- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report

- D. Tulare County Farm Bureau – The District received a letter of Scholarship support from the Tulare County Farm Bureau for their scholarship program for \$500.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment and participation in the Scholarship program in the amount of \$500.00.

The Board then briefly discussed the December meeting date. It was discussed that the Regular meeting date would have to be rescheduled to accommodate the Board members. No date was chosen.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager