

**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 August 2015, 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

Guests Present ALEX PELTZER, District Counsel
NICK CARDELLA, Peltzer & Richardson, LP

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 June 17, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including the current conditions, where a strong El Nino continues to develop, Groundwater Steering Committee meetings being held with landowners and federal and state legislative issues. General Manager VINK also briefed the Board on activities related to an upcoming trip to Washington, DC in September. No action was taken.

The Board then convened into Executive Session, to discuss the litigation of LTRID vs. SWRCB with District Counsel Peltzer. Upon coming out of Closed Session, it was reported that on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board took action to authorize settlement negotiations in the case.

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS reviewed with the Board, lands that have been identified within District boundaries that would be suitable to develop into recharge basins. Developing more recharge capability is consistent with the District's strategic plan. No action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews continue to be busy with canal spraying, turnout rehab, structure rehab and canal liner rehab. BATTLES also updated the Board on the camera projects, both shops are up and running and seem to be working well. There have been some internet connection issues at the Pixley shop. Staff is working on getting cameras for the office. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

Business Manager Limas reviewed an offer from Cal Trans to purchase 1.79 acres for their Highway 190 widening project. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board voted to accept the offer.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of July 2015. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the July Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June and July bills. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the June and July bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

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

5. 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. General Manager VINK reported on meetings between TRA representatives, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Water Resources regarding the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No action was taken.

6. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK and General Counsel Alex Peltzer reviewed activities, work plans and future activities, regarding District representation on water and policy issues in Sacramento, Washington DC and locally as needed. The SVWA Advisory Committee appointed Dan Vink as the Executive Director and Alex Peltzer as General Counsel.

General Counsel Peltzer presented a letter agreement revising the SVWA MOU to not include Southern San Joaquin Municipal Water District, who has yet to decide whether they will be participating in the SVWA. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the letter agreement. General Counsel Peltzer and General Manager VINK presented issues related to the Delta and implementation of the Coordinated Operating Agreement between the Federal and State Governments. There currently is an EIS out on the COA implementation and SVWA will provide comments after getting feedback from an expert consultant on the issues. The estimated cost for this activity is \$10,000 and will be covered by the SVWA budget. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the LTRID participation in the issue through the SVWA.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association 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

General Manager VINK reviewed a request for support of the Tom Barcellos Endowment Fund through UC Davis. The endowment will fund Ag Teachers to participate in research trips and other educational opportunities to see real world on-farm applications and innovations. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and approved by a vote of 4-0 with

Director Barcellos abstaining, the Board approved a support payment of \$2,500 to the endowment.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
Secretary