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**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 8th day of December 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	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2016	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2016	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	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 LOLLAR  
ROD STIEFVATER  
PRESTON BRITTON

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the November 10, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

Pixley Irrigation District Board of Directors joined the Lower Tule Board for a joint meeting of the two Boards. General Manager VINK, presented recommendations for staffing and salary changes. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the recommendations as presented including the appointment of Eric Limas as Assistant General Manager for the Districts.

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General Manager VINK then presented the Cost of Living for 2016. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS, and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 0.50% Cost of Living Adjustment for employees for 2016.

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS reviewed the update of the Districts strategic plan. After review and discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted the updated strategic plan as presented.

The Boards then convened into closed session to confer with legal counsel to discuss anticipated litigation. Upon exiting closed session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken.

At this point, the Pixley Board excused themselves and the Lower Tule Board resumed its regular meeting.

The Board discussed the annual Board Reorganization. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the current slate of officers and appointments for the upcoming year.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including the current conditions, recharge projects, Cross Valley contract negotiations and federal and state legislative issues. No action was taken.

## **3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

General Manager Vink 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 meeting and activity report was distributed for review prior to the Board meeting. No action was taken.

#### **4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

##### Construction and Operation activities

Business Manager LIMAS reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews continue to be busy with grading canals and cleaning out several spots in the Tule River. No action was taken.

Business Manager Limas reported on grant funding through the US Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart program. A quote was received from 4Creeks engineering to prepare a grant application for the Riparian Area Expansion Project in the amount of \$3,500. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the estimate to prepare the grant application.

##### Administrative Activities

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

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

The Board reviewed the District Investment Policy. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board re-adopted the current Investment Policy with no changes.

#### **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. Business Manager LIMAS presented a proposed Success Power Project Budget for 2016. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted and recommended the 2016 SPP budget to the Tule River Association.

**6. 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.

**7. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
Secretary