

**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 September 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:

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| Director | Div. 2 | 2018 | JIM COSTA |
| Director | Div. 3 | 2016 | TOM BARCELLOS - ABSENT |
| 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

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the August 11, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

General Manager Vink passed out the annual strategic plan for review. The plan will be reviewed in more detail at the October meeting. General Manager Vink and Business Manager Limas reviewed the Friant Water Authority annual O&M budget

which is out for review and reported that there will be a new cost allocation methodology for the upcoming budget year which is still being discussed and refined.

Limas reviewed a draft reimbursement agreement with the Tipton Community Services District. When the District office was built, Lower Tule and Pixley paid for an extension of the TCSD system in order to receive water service. It was agreed at the time that if any other property owners tapped into the extended line, the TCSD would reimburse the Irrigation Districts for some of the costs. The agreement was never formally executed and we are now working with TCSD to get it executed. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement.

2. WATER RESOURCES

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

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.

General Manager Vink reviewed other water related issues including, comments submitted related to the Angiola Water District Land Retirement CEQA report and meetings with the Groundwater Steering Committee. Vink also reviewed an initial outline of what the groundwater sustainability plan might look like. No action was taken.

Business Manager Limas and General Counsel Peltzer reviewed a draft MOU to develop and implement a Tule Basin groundwater sustainability plan coordination agreement. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the MOU.

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

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 and upcoming plans to clean out several spots in the Tule River. Battles also updated the Board on the camera projects, reporting that the office cameras are now installed with all locations now online. No action was taken.

Business Manager Limas reviewed a draft property access agreement with Dragados Flatiron Joint Venture, subcontractors on the High Speed Rail project. Dragados is requesting access to District facilities that will be impacted by the train route to inspect and do borings for soil analysis. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the property access agreement.

Administrative Activities

At approximately 11:00 am, the Board convened as a Board of Equalization hearing to consider the 2016 assessment rolls. General Manager VINK presented the assessment rolls as prepared by District Assessor BETH GROTE-LEWIS. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2015-9-1, setting the District assessment rate at eight-tenths of 1% to be levied on lands within the District boundaries with and additional .85% of 1% to be levied on lands within the District

boundaries for the purpose of funding the bond payments. A copy of Resolution 2015-9-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT “A”**.

Business Manager Limas reviewed the 2016 District scholarship application. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved changing the scholarship to a four year, \$10,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per year), per student, provided the student continues to meet the requirements of the scholarship.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of August 2015, as well as the 2015 water budget. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the August Financials and ordered them placed on file and adjusted the 2015 water budget. The adjusted 2015 budget is attached as **EXHIBIT “B”**.

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

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. No action was taken.

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