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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 12th day of January 2016, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice President ROELOFFS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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| Director | Div. 2 | 2018 | JIM COSTA - <b>ABSENT</b>           |
| Director | Div. 3 | 2016 | TOM BARCELLOS                       |
| Director | Div. 4 | 2016 | GARY FERNANDES (arrived at 9:20 am) |
| 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 – Assistant General Manager

Guests Present ALEX PELTZER, District Counsel  
DON WRIGHT, Member of the Public

**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 December 8, 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, which are tracking slightly above average, Delta pumping operations, and Tule River Flood operations. After discussion, in the event that Tule River flood releases must be increased and enough water reaches the District and is available for deliver to landowners, on motion by

Director ROELOFFS, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board set a water delivery rate of \$25 per acre-foot.

The Board considered Resolution 2016-1-1 approving the form of the CVC Interim Renewal Contract number IR16. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-1-1. A copy of Resolution 2016-1-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board considered Resolution 2016-1-2 accepting the Statutory and Categorical Exemption from CEQA for the CVC Interim Contract Renewal. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-1-2. A copy of Resolution 2016-1-2 is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

The Board reviewed a proposal from 4Creeks Engineering to perform CEQA work on the UC Davis properties, to develop them into groundwater recharge facilities. The estimate is from \$22,000 to \$35,000, depending on final quotes from subcontractors. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal using the low bid from subcontractors, provided the final bids are within the identified range.

The Board reviewed Groundwater Steering Committee activities and recommendations. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved initiating the process for the District to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency as required under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The Board convened into closed session with general counsel to discuss possible litigation. Upon exiting closed session, it was announced that no reportable actions were taken during closed session.

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

General Manager Vink reviewed activities, work plans, future activities, and current federal and state legislative activities. The SVWA Advisory Committee meeting and activity report was distributed for review prior to the Board meeting. No action was taken.

General Manager Vink reviewed the recommended 2016 SVWA budget of \$674,000. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2016 SVWA budget.

#### **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 grading canals and cleaning out several spots in the Tule River. No action was taken.

BATTLES also reviewed with the Board plans for 2016 regarding equipment purchases and replacing some or all of the four open operations positions depending on what the water run will look like.

##### Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December 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 December 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.

#### **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.

##### Power & and Water Resource Pooling Authority

Assistant General Manager LIMAS presented a required change to the PWRPA JPA. Based on an ongoing budget and cost review process, the costs allocated to General and

Administrative costs to run the JPA itself are now more clearly defined and the responsibility to pay those costs are being changed to one District, one vote, from the old bi-cameral formula that has been in place. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved executing the amendment to the JPA.

LIMAS presented the 2016 CFWC contribution for \$14,385. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2016 CFWC contribution.

**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