

**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 July 2016, 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: DAN VINK – General Manager
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager

Guests Present PRESTON BRITTIAN, Pacific Resources
GABRIELLE RIBEIRO, Student
ALEX PELTZER, General 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 June 14, 2016 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.

The Board was introduced to, and took pictures with, GABRIELLE RIBEIRO who received the District Scholarship, and whose family farms in Lower Tule. She will be attending the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln, Nebraska, beginning in the fall.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a variety of water related activities including the current water run, groundwater issues and current conditions, with the current Friant allocation of 65% Class 1. Temperature issues in the Delta are causing the fishery agencies to push the Bureau of Reclamation to augment the flow requirements and releases from Shasta this summer. This has caused a decrease in pumping South of the Delta and is putting a strain on the Bureau meeting Exchange Contractor demands in July. No Action was taken.

VINK and LIMAS reviewed potential URF and Cross Valley water exchanges that are being discussed to try and get some extra water into the District during the current water run.

At 11:00 a.m. a public hearing was opened to consider whether the District should become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2016-7-1, declaring the District's intent to become a GSA under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and authorize filing as such with the Department of Water Resources. The public hearing was closed. Attached is Resolution 2016-7-1 as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a draft agreement between the District and the CSD's and PUD's within the District boundaries to participate in the District's GSA under SGMA. The potential CSD's and PUD's are Tipton CSD, Woodville PUD and Poplar CSD. The agreement is essentially the same as adopted last month with some clarifying language requested by the CSD/PUD's. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board approved entering into the agreement, and ratified the changes in the draft.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK reviewed the Advisory Committee meeting and activity report which was distributed for review prior to the Board meeting and a proposal for the NASA snow survey program. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved Lower Tule funding its share of the cost of a base line flight in the San Joaquin River basin. The initial cost is estimated to be \$100,000 and to be

split among the South Valley Water Association members, as well as any other Friant contractors who want to participate.

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 getting ready for the current water run. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board convened into Closed Session with General Counsel, ALEX PELTZER, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (A) to discuss potential litigation issues. Upon, reconvening into the regular Board meeting, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of June 2016. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the June Financials and ordered them placed on file.

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

General Manager VINK reviewed the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. The cost benefit ratio is being reassessed by the Corps. and federal and state funding will remain as obstacles in getting the project going.

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