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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 March 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:

Director	Div. 2	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2016	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2016	GARY FERNANDES (arrived at 9:15 am)
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 Clifton LOLLAR, Sunworld  
PRESTON BRITTIAN, Pacific Resources

**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 February 9, 2016 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

AUBREY BETTENCOURT, from California Water Alliance, joined the meeting to give a presentation on the California Water Initiative. Current activities are the gathering of signatures to try and qualify the initiative for the ballot.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water related activities including the groundwater issues and current conditions, reporting the Tule is shaping up very well, as is the Friant, where operational and policy decisions will dictate the actual allocation. No Action was taken.

Assistant General Manager LIMAS reviewed hydrogeologist Tom Harder's report on groundwater elevations and flows on the east side of the District to determine potential benefits to the District where Sunworld has property they would like to partner on for groundwater recharge. The report shows groundwater flows to the southwest from the area analyzed. For the properties in question, the most direct benefit of recharging water in the area would accrue to the Saucelito ID landowners, and thus, it is not recommended that Lower Tule move forward on a partnership on properties in this area.

General Counsel ALEX PELTZER joined the meeting via telephone. The Board then convened into Closed Session to discuss two issues of potential litigation. Upon, reconvening into the regular Board meeting, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**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. 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 grading and spraying canals, custom work and making sure recharge basins are ready to take water. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

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

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

**7. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

At this point, the Board of Directors adjourned the meeting to be reconvened on March 21, 2016.

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The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District reconvened their adjourned meeting from March 8, 2016, joining the Pixley Irrigation District Board, on the 21st day of March 2016 at 12:30 p.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director	Div. 2	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2016	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2016	GARY FERNANDES (arrived at 1:00 p.m.)
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	JOHN ROELOFFS (12:30-12:45 p.m.)

District Staff Present: DAN VINK – General Manager  
 MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
 ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager

**WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed current water supply conditions. The Bureau has declared an initial Friant allocation of 30% class 1, as well as a block of 100,000 acre feet of water that must be moved by May 1, in order to avoid a spill at Millerton. Lower Tule’s share of this block of water is approximately 17,000 acre feet. There will also be an unknown amount Unreleased Restoration Flows that will have to be moved in April as well. It is anticipated this will also be approximately 17,000 acre feet for Lower Tule. Lower Tule will start filling the system today for deliveries starting Wednesday, March 23. The Board reviewed the District’s 5-year water pricing model and scenarios for pricing for the water year. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board set the April and May water rate at \$60 per acre foot and the summer time water rate at \$80 per acre foot, with the summer time rate being re-evaluated if there are changes to the water supply.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
 Secretary