

**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 meeting on the 14th day of November 2017, 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	2020	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2020	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	JOHN ROELOFFS

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

Others Present:            Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Armando Leal, Farmer, Richard Junio, Farmer, Matt Kidder, Farmer, Mike Faria, Farmer, Eric Greidanus, Farmer, Paul Greidanus, Farmer, B Van Beek, Farmer, Presston Brittain, Pacific Resources, Zach Foster, Sunworld, and Dave Dorrance, Sunworld.

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the October 10, 2017 regular meeting and October 12, 2017 reconvened 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.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the October water delivery report and fall 2017 groundwater well measurements and maps.

The Board then reviewed a Draft Interim Landowner Recharge Policy. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the policy was adopted by the Board.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the groundwater model by the consulting hydrologist. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

**3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

General Manager VINK reviewed ongoing SVWA activities, including work being done related to San Joaquin River Restoration Program plan update by the settling parties at the request of Dianne Feinstein and a recap of his October trip to Washington DC. The South Valley Board packet was also sent out in the Board Packet prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK also reviewed efforts related to putting together a JPA to study the benefits of Temperance Flat. The members of SVWA are working together to participate in this process. No action was taken.

**4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed the bids received for the purchase of pipe for the Riparian pipeline project. The bids were reviewed with finance committee members GARCIA and FERNANDES on November 6, where the finance committee gave direction to staff to accept the bid from the lowest responsible bidder and directed staff to enter into a contract with them. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee.

The Board then discussed the Burns Property recharge basin project. Assistant Manager LIMAS and General Manager VINK reviewed the background of the agreement related to the property and Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed the details of the basin

construction. BATTLES also gave an update of operations and maintenance, and reported in addition to construction of the Burns property basins, crews are busy with grading, turnout maintenance and turnout installations. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board then went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 545957, to discuss a Personnel labor negotiation. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

The Board went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956 to discuss pending litigation. Upon reconvening into open session, it was announced that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reported on the progress of filling the District Engineer position.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of October 2017. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the October Financials and ordered them placed on file.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a proposal to move the hosting of the District server into the cloud, to avoid hardware capital and maintenance costs as well as removing the risk of hardware failure. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the October bills. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELLOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the October 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 provided an update of the Corps. of Engineers progress on updating the benefit to cost ratio of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No action was taken.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel G. Vink, Secretary