

**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 10th day of October 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 (telephone), Armando Leal, Farmer, Richard Junio, Farmer, Matt Kidder, Farmer, Mike Faria, Farmer, B Van Beek, Farmer, Frank Mendonsa, Farmer, Presston Brittain, Pacific Resources, Zach Foster, Sunworld, and Adriana Renteria, Community Water Center.

**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 September 12, 2017 regular meeting, September 14, 2017 reconvened regular meeting and September 27, 2017 special meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

During the public comment period, Adrianna Renteria, Community Water Center, shared information related to a panel discussion on SGMA they will be holding and a state grant they will be applying for on behalf of the Disadvantaged Communities for SGMA purposes. She also

asked the Board to consider drafting a letter of support of their grant application. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved sending a letter of support, pending review by General Manager VINK and District Legal Counsel that such support letter would not conflict with the District and Lower Tule GSA interests and objectives.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed statewide water conditions. Reservoirs, statewide are very full for this time of year. Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the current water run and allocation. The current water run will be ending on October 31. The Bureau of Reclamation recently announced a 3% Class 2 allocation. This additional water will be recharged in basins and the rivers and will also be available for purchase by water users who have run out of allocation. No action was taken.

The Board then reviewed a Draft Interim Landowner Recharge Policy. After discussion and feedback, the draft policy will be brought back before the Board in November for possible action.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a project being undertaken by SemiTropic Water Storage District and reported the District will be submitting comments related to the project's EIR.

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. LIMAS presented an update of the basin MOU to make the six existing GSA's in the basin as the responsible parties under the MOU. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the Lower Tule River ID GSA to execute the MOU pending final attorney review.

LIMAS then presented the 2017/2018 MOU Group Budget of \$601,000, primarily to finish the groundwater model and other technical work by the hydrologist. Most of the budget is anticipated to be covered through grant funds. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the draft budget.

The GSA Board then considered Resolution 2017-10-1, as the Tule Basin MOU Group fiscal agent, supporting the filing of a grant application and fiscal commitment on behalf of the MOU Group, for \$1.5 million of funding to be used for Coordination Agreement activities for

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development and implementation of GSP's. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the GSA Board approved Resolution 2017-10-1.

The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, specifically reviewing Chapter 3 – Water Accounting and transfers. No action was taken.

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

General Manager VINK reviewed ongoing SVWA activities, including a meeting held with recent State Water Control Board appointee Joaquin Esquivel and work being done related to San Joaquin River Restoration Program plan update being done by the settling parties at the request of Dianne Feinstein. The South Valley Board packet was also sent out in the Board Packet prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK and General Counsel PELTZER presented a draft MOU recommended by the South Valley Board to the member District Boards, to be presented to Friant Water Authority as a means to establish a forum and process providing for direct lines of communication and coordination between the two entities. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved South Valley to enter into the MOU.

During the September 12 meeting, Director BARCELLOS presented an invitation from the Friant Water Authority Board President for the Board to consider a one-year trial membership in FWA and made a motion to accept the invitation, the motioned was seconded by Director GARCIA. After considerable discussion, the Board tabled the issue to a later meeting when the full Board is present for discussion. Following the action taken to present the draft coordinating MOU to Friant Water Authority, Director BARCELLOS and Director GARCIA withdrew their motions and seconds on this action.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a SVWA Board survey to help the SVWA develop its 2018 workplan and budget.

### **4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES gave an update of operations and maintenance, and reported that construction of the Burns property basins has started. Assistant Manager LIMAS reported that all of the easements are in place for the Riparian Area Pipeline project. It is anticipated that the bid requests for the pipe will go out soon and pipe will be ordered and delivered in time for the project to begin construction around the first of the year. No action was taken.

Operations Manager BATTLES presented bids for the purchase of a backhoe as well as cost ranges for 2 used trucks utilized for hauling doubles and transporting equipment. These purchases are part of the Districts equipment replacement plan and fit in the annual budget. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bid from Quinn company on the backhoe and the price ranges for the truck purchases.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 to discuss real property negotiation matters. Upon reconvening into open session, it was announced that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

The Board reported the following action that was taken at its September 14, 2017 closed session meeting: Authorize District legal counsel to file a legal action to challenge the environmental review and approval of the Angiola Water District Land Retirement Program.

The Board met in a special meeting on September 27, holding a workshop to update the District strategic plan and review the 2018 District budget and Operations and Maintenance budget. The draft budgets and projected cash flow worksheets were also sent out ahead of the meeting for review and feedback. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the strategic plan update and the 2018 budgets.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of September 2017. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the September Financials and ordered them placed on file. Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed possibilities of moving 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. A proposal will be brought to the Board for consideration in November.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the September bills. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the September 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, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, October 12, when the Board will meet with the Pixley Irrigation District Board members in a closed session.

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The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District reconvened the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting on the 12th day of October 2017, at 10:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order President FERNANDES. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
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ALEX PELTZER – General Counsel

The Board joined the Pixley Irrigation District Board of Directors and went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 545957, to discuss a Personnel matter. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel G. Vink, Secretary