

**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 April 2018, 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: ERIC LIMAS – General Manager
 MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
 DAN VINK- Senior Policy Advisor

Others Present: Alex Peltzer – General Counsel (telephone), Richard Junio-
Farmer and Zach Foster-Sunworld.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Limas gave an overview of Millerton and Success reservoir conditions. The Friant allocation is currently 100% Class 1 and a block of 38,000 acre-feet of URF water. It is anticipated that the Bureau will be making a block of UCS water as soon as today available to Class 2 contractors. The plan is to start filling the system tomorrow, with

deliveries starting on Friday. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the board approved an April and May water rate of \$65.

The Board discussed the potential summer water run and potential District supply and allocations. No Action was taken.

The Board discussed the Poplar Ditch share allocation. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA. Second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved an allocation of 55 acre feet per share to the Poplar shareholders.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Draft Chapter 6 – District groundwater recharge credits, was reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed a Draft MOU between Lower Tule GSA, Pixley GSA and The Nature Conservancy to develop a pilot conservation project. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved entering into the MOU with a clarification that the Board must review and approve the MOU for extension on an annual basis.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

The minutes and Board packet of the South Valley Water Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. VINK reviewed SVWA activities. The Board discussed Temperance Flat MOU group activities. No action was taken.

4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, grading, spraying, new turnout installations, discing pits and the Riparian pipeline project. LIMAS and VINK reviewed the potential site plan and layout of the water resources center. No action was taken.

The Board went into closed session to discuss real property negotiations and pending and threatened litigation. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of March 2018. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the March Financials and ordered them placed on file.

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

VINK reviewed Success Reservoir Enlargement Project activity and progress. 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

Eric L. Limas, Secretary