

**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 13th day of February 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

Others Present: Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Richard Junio, Farmer, Jace Vanderham, Farmer, Mike Faria, Farmer, Preston Brittain, Pacific Resources and Dave Dorrance, Rob Van Es and Jules Kortenhorst from Sunworld.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the January 9, 2018 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager LIMAS gave an overview of Success Reservoir and Millerton Reservoir conditions. LIMAS also reviewed a program where westside CVP water was able to be purchased to meet District exchange obligations in lieu of CVC water that has yet to be

pumped from the Delta. LIMAS also reported that the District's recapture/recirculation water was delivered under exchange for future east side payback as well.

The Bureau of Reclamation is offering CVP contractors the opportunity to convert their water service contracts to repayment contracts. In order to consider the conversions, Districts need to send a letter to the Bureau expressing interest. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved sending a letter of interest to the Bureau regarding the Cross Valley Contract.

The Board considered Resolution 2018-2-1 to execute an Unreleased Restoration Flow water contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-2-1.

The Board considered Resolution 2018-2-3 to execute a Temporary water contract (215 Contract) with the Bureau of Reclamation. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-2-3.

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, including reviewing and discussing drafts of Chapters 4 and 5. No action was taken.

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. The Board discussed Temperance Flat MOU group activities. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2018-2-2 supporting the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-2-2.

4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including grading, canal dipping, discing basins, new turnout installations, construction of the Burns Basin, new structure in Taylor Ditch, Pioneer and Teapot Dome maintenance, Pixley SCADA and Ave 116 extension projects and the starting of the Riparian pipeline project. No action was taken.

At 10:35 a.m. General Counsel PELTZER joined the meeting via teleconference to go into closed session to discuss three cases of existing 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 January 2018. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the January Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the January bills. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director ROELLOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the January 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.

Manager LIMAS gave a brief update on 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.



Approved

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

Respectfully Submitted

Eric L. Limas, Secretary