

**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 March 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: Matt Kidder-Farmer, Eric Greidanus-Farmer, Mike Faria-Farmer,
 Mark Hutson-Hancock Land Services, Ameer Hussein-engineer-Mena Orchards
 and Zach Foster-Sunworld.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular meeting and March 8, 2018 special 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 Success Reservoir and Millerton Reservoir conditions. Current Friant allocation is 30% Class 1 and current CVC allocation is 20%. 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 was not able 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 Board discussed potential summer water run. No action was taken.

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. LIMAS reported that Dan Vink, Dan Howes (Cal Poly) and David DeGroot (4Creeks Engineering) had a meeting with DWR to discuss the use of LandSat technology to measure consumptive water use and using data from the Irrigated Lands Program to meet water quality reporting obligations. DWR seemed to be receptive and will be taking these things into consideration. GPC commissioner Mike Faria reported on discussions related to subsidence in the basin and how that may fit into the GSP development. 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.

4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including grading, canal dipping, new turnout installations, construction of the Burns Basin, Pioneer and Teapot Dome maintenance, Pixley SCADA project and the starting of the Riparian pipeline project. Also discussed was the sale of equipment at a recent auction, the recent theft of fuel at the Pixley shop and replacement of pins and bushings needed on the excavator. No action was taken.

The Board went into closed session to discuss real property negotiations. 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 February 2018. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the February Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed updates to the Employee Handbook. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the updated Employee Handbook.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the February bills. On motion by Director ROELLOFS, 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.

Manager LIMAS reported that Don MacMillan resigned as Chairman of the TRA Board, but was interested in remaining as an alternate director to the TRA board. President FERNANDES then appointed Directors BARCELLOS and GARCIA as the TRA Directors and Don MacMillan and Eric Limas as the TRA alternate directors.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Manager LIMAS presented a request from the Tule River tribe to support their efforts to move their casino to property located near the Porterville Airport. No action was taken.

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