

**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 on the 9th day of October 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

Guests Present:

Mike Faria, Farmer
Josh Pitigliano, Farmer
Richard Junio, Farmer
Megan Chicoine, Farm Land Management
Armando Leal, Farmer
Allan Becker, Farmer
Presston Brittain, Pacific Resources

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

The minutes of the September 11, 2018 regular meeting and September 27, 2018 special meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation was increased by 3% to 88%. CVC exchange deliveries started on August 29 and should be completed by late-October. LIMAS also reported on a meeting in Sacramento related to the conversion of the CVC contracts to a 9d water repayment contract. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal subsidence/capacity correction and Temperance Flat studies. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. The GSA Board reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. LIMAS presented draft Chapter 7 – CSD & PUD water use within the GSA and draft Chapter 8 Implementation and Enforcement of Plan Actions. No action was taken

The Board reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. LIMAS presented the draft 2018/2019 MOU Group Draft Budget. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Budget. The Budget is **ATTACHED** for reference.

LIMAS then reviewed a proposal by Tom Harder to the MOU Group to update and re-calibrate the groundwater flow model and run subsidence projection scenarios. The proposal total is for \$105,000 to be shared among the basin GSA's. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

LIMAS presented a draft MOU between the LTRID GSA and the County of Tulare to cover several APN's at the south west boundary of the District, under the LTRID Groundwater Sustainability Plan in conjunction with the County. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the MOU subject to final review of the General Manager and legal counsel.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2018-10-2 for the MOU Basin Prop 1 grant – Supporting the proposal and authorizing execution of the agreement by the General Manager. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2018-10-2.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association executive director memo and notes. Included was a memo provided by DAN VINK and ALEX PELTZER related to the State of California's definition of groundwater recharge and underground water storage. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, facility safety inspections, discing pits, spraying, grading, turnout repairs, canal maintenance and the Riparian pipeline project. No action was taken.

BATTLES also reported on the Riparian pipeline project. The grant agreement with USBR for Phase 2 of the project has been signed and executed. Right of way work and environmental documentation activities are under way. For Phase 1 of the project, approximately 1.25-1.5 miles remains to be laid and boring at 2 locations under Avenue 152. Pending grower harvest activities and weather, the goal is to have Phase 1 complete by year end.

BATTLES reviewed 3 bids received for an 18" boring under Ave 152 and 4 bids received for a 24" boring under Ave 152. Underground Boring Systems was the lowest responsible bidder for both locations. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS, and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Underground Boring System bids.

LIMAS presented a letter of resignation, effective December 31, 2018 from Senior Policy Advisor, Dan Vink. After review, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the letter of resignation.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2018-10-1, determining APN 300-030-004, subject to Collectors Deed is to be sold and setting the December Board meeting date as the date when the Board will consider Terminating the Right of Redemption by the landowner. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-10-1.

Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed proposals from Six-33 Solutions for 2019 services related to water supply and Groundwater Sustainability Plan development, and from Peltzer and Richardson for legal services. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposals.

LIMAS reviewed the District Strategic plan update and 2019 draft O&M and District budgets. These documents were reviewed thoroughly in the September 27 budget workshop. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the update of the Strategic Plan and the 2019 budgets. The documents are **ATTACHED** for reference.

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

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project activities, including weekly project team meeting updates and progress on updates of the environmental documents and the Project Cooperation Agreement between the local sponsors and the Corps. of Engineers. 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager