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**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 April 2019, 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	2022	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2020	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2020	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager

Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Vincent Sola, Farmer

Mike Faria, Farmer

Matt Kidder, Farmer

Armando Leal, Farmer

Anil Kumar, Farmer

Allan Becker, Sun World, Inc.

Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council

Preston Brittain, Pacific Resources

Richard Garcia, member of the public

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

President FERNANDES opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved, noting the current water run as an action item.

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The minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

Member of the public, Richard Garcia, made comments during the public comment period.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current statewide and local water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 100%. Millerton is also in a limited Uncontrolled Season, with a block of water allocated to Class 2 contractors that must be delivered by April 30. Success Reservoir releases are currently 300 cfs per day and are no longer considered flood releases. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the water rate model and discussed the current water run and operations. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board set the May water rate at \$85 per acre foot. The model shows the summer rate will need to be in the \$95-\$100 range.

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

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. LIMAS reviewed discussions and issues that have been taken up by the GPC. LIMAS reviewed a potential boundary modification between Lower Tule and East Tule GSA to clean up some slivers of overlapping boundary conditions. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2019-4-1. Considering Lower Tule River ID GSA joining ACWA/JPIA Liability Insurance program. After Discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2019-4-1.

The Board reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. No action was taken.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

Manager LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association report provided by

Executive Director DAN VINK. 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, canal maintenance and the Riparian pipeline project activities. Also discussed was water operations issues related to on and off times for water orders and the need to the District's pump tester. No action was taken.

BATTLES reviewed the pickup purchase budget and bids for pickup purchases. The bids were within the budgeted amounts. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved a bid from Will Tiesiera Ford for the purchase of 3 pickups.

The Board considered Resolution 2019-4-2, supporting a grant application for a metering program for District recharge basins. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2019-4-2.

LIMAS presented a draft indemnification agreement with Tulare County, allowing for the installation of Phase 2 of the Riparian pipeline within the County right of way. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the agreement subject to final review of the General Manager and legal counsel.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. the Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon reconvening the meeting in open session it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

#### **Administrative Activities**

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of March. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director PITIGLIANO 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 COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously

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approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills.

**MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project activities. 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.

**OTHER MATTERS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas  
General Manager