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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 11th day of June 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

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Guests Present:

Molly Saso, Farmland Management

Allan Becker, Sun World, Inc.

Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council

Preston Brittain, Pacific Resources

Brian Hauss, Westchester Group

Armando Leal, Farmer

Eric Thor, Mariposa Orchards

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.

The minutes of the May14, 2019 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS 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 is 100%. Millerton is also in an unlimited Uncontrolled Season probably through June 30. Success Reservoir releases are currently 150 cfs per day and the barrier has been placed in the spillway to allow for better management of the inflows. LIMAS also reviewed potential CVC water exchanges. No action was taken.

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 reviewed Resolution 2019-6-2 to enter into Letter of Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for a one-year Warren Act Contract. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2019-6-2.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. LIMAS reviewed discussions and issues that have been taken up by the GPC. No action was taken.

LIMAS presented a proposal from 4Creeks Creative to complete Phases 2 & 3 of the groundwater accounting software. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal subject to final review of terms by the General Manager.

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

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Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, facility safety inspections, canal maintenance, Success Power Project operations and the Riparian pipeline project activities. No action was taken.

The Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon reconvening the meeting in open session, it was reported that the Board approved a conflict of interest waiver with Attorney Jennifer Spaletta.

Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the May bills. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the May bills. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reported on the strategy session held in May and discussion on future financial needs and financing options. Also discussed were next steps and a potential 218 election. No action was taken.

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.



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OTHER MATTERS

The Board reviewed Resolution 2019-6-1, nominating Tom Barcellos as ACWA Region 7 Board Member. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2019-6-1.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager