

**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 12th day of March 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

Allan Becker, Sun World, Inc.

AJ Salyers, Farming Consultant

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 GARCIA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

The minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting and March 5, 2019 special meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file with a change noting that Director PITIGLIANO was absent from the February meeting.

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 210,000 acre-feet of water allocated to Class 2 contractors and must be delivered by April 10. Success Reservoir releases are currently 1,000 cfs per day. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2019-3-1 considering execution of a Temporary Water Service Contract (215) with the Bureau of Reclamation. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2019-3-1.

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. Also discussed was an application by the GSA for liability insurance. 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. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed a proposal from 4Creeks to develop a software application for SGMA Groundwater Accounting and Management and an online tool for growers. The proposal is for Phase 1 of the project. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Phase 1 of the proposal.

LIMAS reviewed the spring 2019 groundwater maps and data. 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, annual maintenance on the Teapot Dome and Pioneer systems and the Riparian pipeline project activities. BATTLES also reviewed the District's Spill Prevention and Containment plan and reported that the oil and fuel tanks were inspected and report submitted to Tulare County. No Action was taken.

LIMAS and BATTLES reviewed the outdated current Chemical inventory and reporting software and a proposal from 4 Creeks to develop and upgrade the software and move it to the District cloud hosted server. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 4Creeks proposal.

LIMAS and BATTLES reviewed staffing changes due to pending retirements and filling of open positions. No action was taken,

At approximately 10:45 a.m. the Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon reconvening the meeting in open session, at approximately 11:30 am, 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 February. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the February Financials and ordered them placed on file.

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

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project activities. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the Project Cooperation Agreement Amendment between Lower Tule as the lead agency for the local group and the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers for the SREP.

Approved

After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement amendment.

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