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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY**

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District sitting as the GSA governing Board, met on the 14th day of January, 2020, at 9:00 am at 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

Others Present:

(SEE ATTENDANCE LIST ATTACHED)

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

President FERNANDES opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

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General Manager LIMAS reviewed the process and schedule for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan approval. LIMAS then presented a summary of written comments received on the GSP, as well as staff and Groundwater Planning Commission recommendations for GSP modifications and responses to those comments.

At 9:45 a.m., the Board opened a Public Hearing on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Several comments were received during the Public Hearing. A summary of those comments are provided as an attachment to these minutes (**SEE ATTACHMENT**). The Public hearing was closed at 10:00 a.m.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

The Board then held a discussion and consideration of the GSP. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board noted that the GSP is a living document that can and will need to be adjusted as better data becomes available and directed staff to prepare a final draft of the GSP based on staff and GPC recommendations and continue this issue to January 21 for consideration.

LIMAS reviewed Tule subbasin MOU Group activities, including a proposal from LAND IQ to provide ET data calculations and coordination agreement development. No action was taken.

LIMAS and 4Creeks representative DON TUCKER reviewed bids for drilling monitoring wells in the Tule subbasin. The cost of drilling the wells will be reimbursed through a DWR grant received by the Tule Subbasin. As the fiscal agent for the Tule Subbasin and lead applicant on the grant, the LTRID GSA must consider and approve work being done under the grant on behalf of the Tule Subbasin GSAs. The Board recused itself to a short closed session with General Counsel PELTZER on the issue. Upon reconvening into open session, after further discussion of the bids, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the bid from NOR-CAL Well Drilling as the lowest bidder based on the base bid of the project.



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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