



**MINUTES OF A 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 in a regular meeting on the 13th day of October 2020, at 9:00 am. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video and audio conference only. 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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Megan Chacoine, Farmland Management, Richard Garcia, Public, Mike Faria, Farmer, Allan Becker, Homer, Rod Stiefvader, Pacific Resources, Stacie Ann Silva, New Currents, Richard Junio, Farmer, Garrison Fernandes, Farmer, Rhett Anderson, Public

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular meeting, September 23, 2020 special meeting and September 29, 2020 special meeting, were approved.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session at 10:15 a.m., it was reported that the Board took the following action during closed session; the Board voted 4-0 (Director BARCELLOS temporarily absent) to ratify the Lower Tule River ID General



Manager's action to join the protest to PG&E's rate case (WDT3) with FERC filed by the Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority as an additional named party.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. SCE operations were interrupted due to the Creek Fire. The Bureau has been working with SCE to release water from the upper reservoirs to help avoid Millerton Reservoir hitting lowpoint. The current CVC allocation is 20%. CVC water started being delivered on Monday July 13, Lower Tule's supply was all delivered by the end of September. CVC contractors had a negotiating session with the Bureau on September 30 regarding the contract conversion. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal Water Quality policy and subsidence/capacity correction activities and the costs related to a pump rewind project at the Jones Pumping Plant that the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority is taking on. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, COVID-19 training was held, shop inspections performed, the Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction (approximately 50% complete) is ongoing and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed the strategic plan and revisions to it based on discussions at the Board Budget workshop. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved the Board approved the strategic plan as presented.

LIMAS reviewed the 2021 O&M and General District budgets and revisions based on discussions in the Board Budget workshop. After discussion, on motion by Director



BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2021 budgets.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports and bills paid for the month of September. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the September financial reports.

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

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS reviewed progress on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. 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. The Board discussed DCTRA activities, including the special project of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Staff and consultants are currently drafting formation documents to form a non-profit organization to take over administration of the program. No Action was taken.

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