

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a Regular meeting on the 7th day of August 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Junio. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill De Groot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Staff present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager
Eric Limas, Business Manager
Alex Peltzer, District Counsel

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director Schott, seconded by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the June 5, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including the water conditions within the Friant Division and the State of California, neither of which are very good given the unprecedented drought nature of the year.

The Board spent some time discussing the recent Groundwater Task Force activities including the upcoming meeting of the Task Force. It appears groundwater legislation in the State of California will become a reality in this calendar year. The parameters and outlines for a

potential groundwater management program within the Central Valley are not yet clear.

At approximately 9:30am, District Counsel Alex Peltzer entered the meeting to review and discuss a variety of legal matters. President Junio convened the meeting into Closed Session, under Government Code Section 54956.9. Upon coming out of Closed Session, it was reported that the Board discussed a lawsuit between Friant Water Authority and the Bureau of Reclamation to which the District is a party through Friant Water Authority.

The Board also received a briefing from District Counsel Peltzer on the Lower Tule River Irrigation District vs. Sandridge case, and the ongoing drought legislation.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board received an extensive briefing on the Avenue 116 project from Operations Manager Battles. The project is ahead of schedule as a result of the dry conditions and the lack of water run this year. The project is also slightly over budget. Optimistic projections would indicate the project would be operational by calendar year 2015.

Operations Manager Battles and Business Manager Limas reviewed with the Board the need for security cameras at the District facilities for security purposes. No action was taken.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of June / July 2014. On motion by Director Westbrook, seconded by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June / July bills. On motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June / July bills.

CROSS-VALLEY

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board the Cross Valley long-term contract renewal negotiations and provided an update on the status. No action was taken

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the July 24, 2014 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The Friant Water Authority is proposing to hire a facilitator to do a strategic planning session.

The Board then spent considerable time discussing future representation and participation in the Friant Water Authority. Particularly in light of letters recently received by

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District and the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District, indicating their consideration of withdrawal from the Friant Water Authority. On motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board directed staff to send a letter similar to the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District and Delano Earlimart Irrigation letters, indicating the District's general dissatisfaction with the direction the Friant Water Authority is going and the intent for the District to withdraw from the 2014-15 budget obligations. At the same time, the Board would like to see the facilitation process before making any final decisions.

The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the June 11, 2014 minutes of the South Valley Water Banking Authority as well as the upcoming August 19 minutes of the meeting of the South Valley Water Banking Authority.

The minutes of the South Valley Water Banking Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the July 18, 2014 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

U.S. DEPT OF INTERIOR/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:

Nothing new to report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

1. ACWA / JPIA – Nothing new to report
2. California Farm Water Coalition

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager