

**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 11th day of October 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 - ABSENT
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
Dave Dorrance, Sun World Corp.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Minutes of the September 11, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the September 11, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including a general overview of the water conditions throughout the State of California. There has been no measurable change



and it continues to be a very dry year. General Manager Vink reviewed some preliminary forecasts and water supply delivery scenarios for 2015.

The Board spent time discussing the activities of the Groundwater Task Force and the formation of a Groundwater Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will focus on the interface between the irrigation districts and the new "Groundwater Sustainability Act", which was passed by the State of California. The Steering Committee requested that each of the two Districts have a liaison from the Board to attend the meetings. After some discussion, President Junio appointed Director Schott to be the liaison from the Pixley Irrigation District.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board then reviewed a proposed Exhibit "F" to the long-standing agreement between the Lower Tule River Irrigation District and Pixley Irrigation District for Operations and Maintenance activities. The agreement is a joint use agreement on the Lower Tule #1 canal, which is the source of water for the Avenue 116 project. After thorough review and discussion, including a review by Business Manager Limas, on motion by Director Parreira, seconded by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of Exhibit "F" to the Lower Tule River and Pixley Irrigation Districts MOU agreement. A copy of Exhibit "F" from the MOU agreement is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board received an update on a variety of construction and maintenance activities included a review of the Avenue 116 project and the final stages of the earthwork currently underway.

The Board reviewed a variety of other operation and maintenance related activities. No action was taken.

Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board the land sale to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The District has received a proposal from the Fish and Wildlife Service. It appears the offer to the Pixley Irrigation District would be acceptable; however, the offer to the Lower Tule River Irrigation District is not acceptable based on appraised values. The Fish and Wildlife Service would like to treat the offer as a package deal, which cannot happen under the current valuations. General Manager Vink will follow up with the Fish and Wildlife Service and update the Board at a subsequent meeting.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of September 2014. On motion by Director Westbrook, seconded by Director Schott 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 September bills. On motion by Director Westbrook, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the September bills.

Business Manager Limas presented the Board a detailed review of both the 2015 General District and the O & M budgets. After considerable discussion of both the General District and O & M budgets, which had previously been sent out in the Board packets for review, on motion by Director Schott, seconded by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted the 2015 General District and O& M budgets and ordered them placed on file.

CROSS-VALLEY

General Manager Vink provided a brief update on contract renewal activities. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September 15, 2014 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. 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 October 21, 2014 South Valley Water Banking Authority meeting had been canceled, due to last minute travel arrangements for Mr. Dan Vink and Mr. Dale Brogan to be in Washington D.C. for District related business.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority September 26, 2014 meeting.

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