



**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 8th day of September 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

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

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director Div. 1	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott - <b>ABSENT</b>

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, Assistant General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Nic Cardella, General Counsel  
Joe Butkiewiaz, landowner

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

**WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including current conditions and the process of forming the Groundwater Planning Commission. No Action was taken.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed SVWA activity and reports which were sent out in the Board packets.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews have been busy with grading and spraying and wrapping up the water run. BATTLES also reported that 4 pickups were sold at auction, getting higher prices than were anticipated. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements and the 2016 budget for the month of August 2016. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file and authorized an adjustment to the 2016 water budget, reducing it to \$400,000.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook, and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills.

The Board reviewed the positive pay service offered by Citizens Business Bank. No action was taken.

At 9:25, the Board opened the Board of Equalization hearing to consider the 2017 tax rolls. Assistant Manager LIMAS presented the rolls as prepared by District Assessor Beth Grote-Lewis. No comments were received from landowners. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-9-1 setting the 2017 assessment rate at 0.07% to be levied on lands within the District boundaries. A copy of Resolution 2016-9-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board convened into Closed Session with General Counsel, NIC CARDELLA, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (A) to discuss potential litigation issues. Upon, reconvening into the regular Board meeting, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY**

Assistant Manager Limas gave an update on the project. No action was taken.

**MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:**

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.

At this point, the Pixley Board of Directors adjourned the meeting to be reconvened on September 20, 2016.

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The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District reconvened their adjourned meeting from September 8, 2016, joining the Lower Tule River Irrigation District and Tea Pot Dome Water District Boards, on the 20th day of September 2016 at 9:30 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:

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| Director Div.3  | Randy Parreira - <b>ABSENT</b> |
| Director Div.2  | Bill DeGroot                   |
| Director Div.5  | Frank Junio                    |
| Director Div. 1 | Neal Westbrook                 |
| Director Div.4  | Rusty Schott                   |

***District Staff present:***

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager

Eric Limas, Assistant General Manager

Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

At this point the Board went into closed session with the Boards of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District and the Tea Pot Dome Water District to discuss matters of potential litigation with General Counsel Peltzer. Following closed session, the Board reported the following action:

- The Board of Directors authorized the filing of litigation on behalf of the District, its landowners and water users, subject to final approval of legal counsel and District management. The particulars of the action, defendant, and other information shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to those making inquiry to the District.
- The Board of Directors authorized the filing of a motion to intervene in a matter on behalf of the District, its landowners and water users, subject to final approval of legal counsel and District management. The particulars of the action, defendant, and other information shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to those making inquiry to the District.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink  
General Manager