



**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 on the 14th day of December 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Board President Junio. It was determined the following Directors were present:

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

District Staff present:

Dan Vink, General Manager
Eric Limas, Assistant General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

Alex Peltzer – General Counsel
Zach Foster – Sunworld

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the November 9, 2017 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the current slate of officers and committee appointments. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the board re-elected Director Junio as President, Director Schott as Vice-President,

appointed Eric Limas as Secretary, appointed Mike Pitigliano and Jim Morehead from the Groundwater Planning Commission to the SGMA group Advisory Committee and made various changes to other committee appointments. The entire roster of officers and committee appointments is **attached**.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Vink reviewed statewide conditions and CVC and recapture/recirculation water exchanges that staff is working on. No action was taken.

The Board then reviewed a Resolution 2017-12-1 authorizing execution of CVC Interim Renewal contract 14-06-200-8238-IR17. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the resolution was adopted by the Board.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the coordination agreement. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK reviewed the SVWA 2018 work plan and budget. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2018 work plan and budget.

Assistant Manager LIMAS presented a special activity agreement between the SVWA Districts to participate in the Temperance Flat MOU process through two seats on the steering committee. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board approved executing the SVWA special activity agreement with Lower Tule being the lead agency of a group consisting of Lower Tule, Pixley, Teapot Dome WD, Exeter ID, Ivanhoe ID and Stone Corral ID and Eric Limas being the representative.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

Assistant Manager Limas gave an update of this project.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles gave an update of operations and maintenance, including grading, spraying, turnout maintenance, discing basins, the SCADA project on the Ave 116 canal and construction of the Burns property basins in Lower Tule. Assistant Manager Limas and Battles reviewed findings on the East side ditch capacity study and presented a phased work plan to improve the capacity. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed 2018 CPI numbers. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for employees for 2018.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the salary of the Operations Manager. After discussion, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot, and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 5% increase to the Operations Manager salary.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of November 2017. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the November Financials and ordered them placed on file.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed an audit engagement letter from Adair & Evans to perform the 2017 audit. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

The Board reviewed the current District Investment Policy. No changes were recommended. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook, and unanimously approved, the Board readopted the current Investment Policy.

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

At 10:30 a.m. went into closed session to discuss three cases of existing litigation. At 10:45 a.m. upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

The Board was joined by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors.

The Boards reviewed an employment contract with Eric Limas for the General Manager position. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the employment contract. The Boards also expressed their deep and sincere gratitude to Dan for his many years of service and contributions to the District.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
Assistant General Manager