



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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a special meeting on the 18th day of May 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:

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:

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

Guests Present:

Dave Dorrance, Sunworld
Dick Moss, Consultant, Provost & Pritchard
Dale Brogan, Project Manager, South Valley Water Banking
Authority
Alex Peltzer, General Counsel (via video-conference)

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Board was joined by the Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. Both Boards went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 545957, to discuss personnel matters. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

The minutes of the April 13, 2017 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed the District April monthly water use report, current water conditions, summer water run and current flood operations. Assistant Manager Limas reviewed the 2017 water supply and water costs. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board set the summer water rate, beginning June 1, at \$120 per acre-foot.

Assistant Manager Limas reviewed a summary of discussions and draft agreement with Sun World and reported the Board will be presented with a final draft in June for possible action.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. General Manager Vink reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group and Groundwater Planning Commission activities. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

Consultant Dick Moss and Project Manager Dale Brogan gave an update on the overall project /project costs/schedule and leave behind factors. Over the next month or two there will be decisions that need to be made, agreements with project partners to sign and beginning of property purchases. The goal will be to start moving dirt by January 2018. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the April steering committee meeting packet that went out in the Board packet prior to the meeting. General Manager Vink also gave an update on SVWA activities. No action was taken.

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 reinstalling dams on Deer Creek and the Tule River. Battles then gave an update of the Ave 116 extension project. The pipe for the

project has been delivered and construction is slated for June.

Administrative Matters

Assistant Manager Limas presented a proposal from 4Creeks Creative to create a Mobile App for waterusers, as well as update and upgrade the website. This project was initiated by conversations with landowners related to SGMA and how the District can provide better information to the water users. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook, and unanimously approved, the District approved the proposal for the project.

The Board then went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER in accordance with Government Code Section 545956.9, to discuss existing litigation. Upon reconvening into open session, is reported that no reportable action took place in closed session.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of April 2017. On motion by Director DeGroot, second 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 April bills. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot, and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the bills.

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
Assistant General Manager