



**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 12th day of October 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:***

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

***Guests Present:***

Alex Peltzer – General Counsel  
Aman Singh – Farmer  
Mahan Nijjar - Farmer

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the September 14, 2017 regular meeting and September 27, 2017 special 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 minutes and ordered them placed on file.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed 2017 water run recap. During January through the first week of September, the District was able to bring approximately 96,000 acre -feet into the distribution system.

The Board then reviewed a Draft Interim Landowner Recharge Policy. After discussion and feedback, the draft policy will be brought back before the Board in November for possible action.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a project being undertaken by SemiTropic Water Storage District and reported the District will be submitting comments related to the project's EIR.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the groundwater model by the consulting hydrologist. LIMAS presented an update of the basin MOU to make the six existing GSA's in the basin as the responsible parties under the MOU. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the Pixley ID GSA to execute the MOU pending final attorney review.

LIMAS then presented the 2017/2018 MOU Group Budget of \$601,000, primarily to finish the groundwater model and other technical work by the hydrologist. Most of the budget is anticipated to be covered through grant funds. After discussion, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board approved the draft budget.

The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, specifically reviewing Chapter 3 – Water Accounting and transfers. No action was taken.

## **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

General Manager VINK reviewed ongoing SVWA activities, including a meeting held with recent State Water Control Board appointee Joaquin Esquivel and work being done related to San Joaquin River Restoration Program plan update being done by the settling parties at the request of Dianne Feinstein. The South Valley Board packet was also sent out in the Board Packet prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK presented a draft MOU recommended by the South Valley Board to the member District Boards, to be presented to Friant Water Authority as a means to establish a forum and process providing for direct lines of communication and coordination between the two

entities. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved South Valley to enter into the MOU.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a SVWA Board survey to help the SVWA develop its 2018 workplan and budget.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY**

No current updates on this project.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

Operations Manager BATTLES gave an update of operations and maintenance, and reported that construction of the Burns property basins in Lower Tule has started. No action was taken.

Operations Manager BATTLES presented bids for the purchase of a backhoe as well as cost ranges for 2 used trucks utilized for hauling doubles and transporting equipment. These purchases are part of the Districts equipment replacement plan and fit in the annual budget. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bid from Quinn company on the backhoe and the price ranges for the truck purchases.

#### **Administrative Activities**

The Board went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 to discuss real property negotiation matters. Upon reconvening into open session, it was announced that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

The Board reported the following action that was taken at its September 14, 2017 closed session meeting: Authorize District legal counsel to file a legal action to challenge the environmental review and approval of the Angiola Water District Land Retirement Program.

The Board met in a special meeting on September 27, holding a workshop to update the District strategic plan and review the 2018 District budget and Operations and Maintenance budget. The draft budgets and projected cash flow worksheets were also sent out ahead of the meeting for review and feedback. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board approved the strategic plan update and

the 2018 budgets.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of September 2017. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the September Financials and ordered them placed on file. Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed possibilities of moving the hosting of the District server into the cloud, to avoid hardware capital and maintenance costs as well as removing the risk of hardware failure. A proposal will be brought to the Board for consideration in November.

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

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

### **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