



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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District reconvened the regular meeting of February 8, 2018 on the 12th day of February 2018, at 8:00 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- ABSENT

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

Zach Foster – Sunworld
Alex Peltzer – General Counsel, via teleconference

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the January 11, 2018 regular 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 minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Limas gave an overview of Millerton and Success reservoir conditions. Limas also reviewed a program where westside CVP water was able to be

purchased to meet District exchange obligations in lieu of CVC water that has yet to be pumped from the Delta.

The Bureau of Reclamation is offering CVP contractors the opportunity to convert their water service contracts to repayment contracts. In order to consider the conversions, Districts need to send a letter to the Bureau expressing interest. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved sending a letter of interest to the Bureau regarding the Cross Valley Contract.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, including reviewing and discussing drafts of Chapters 4 and 5. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

The minutes and Board packet of the South Valley Water Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. The Board discussed Temperance Flat MOU group activities. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2018-2-1 supporting the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-2-1.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

Assistant Manager Limas gave an update of this project and reviewed the 2018 Authority budget. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including grading, canal dipping, discing basins, new turnout installations, construction of the Burns Basin, new structure in Taylor Ditch, Pioneer and Teapot Dome maintenance, Pixley SCADA and Ave 116 extension projects and the starting of the Riparian pipeline project. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board went into closed session to talk about real property negotiations and existing and threatened litigation. Upon reconvening to open session, it was announced that upon motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved entering into an agreement to hire Kevin Sullivan as special counsel.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of January 2018. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the January Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed proposals for to prepare a CEQA document for a potential recharge basin. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved a proposal from 4 creeks Engineering.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the January 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 January bills.

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
General Manager