



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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District convened a regular meeting on September 13, 2018, 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, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Allan Becker, Sunworld

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

The minutes of the July 20, 2018 special meeting and the August 9, 2018 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Manager Limas reviewed current water conditions. CVC exchange deliveries started on August 29 and should be completed by mid-October. No action was taken.

Limas reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal subsidence/capacity

correction and Temperance Flat studies. Limas presented preliminary Temperance Flat hydraulic and cost modeling. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

General Manager Limas reviewed the South Valley Water Association executive director memo and notes. Included was a recommendation from the SVWA Board to authorize SVWA to enter into an agreement with Dan Vink to provide Executive Director, accounting and administration services beginning January 1, 2019. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the recommendation from the SVWA Board.

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

Manager Limas gave an update of this project. No action was taken.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

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

Operations Manager Battles reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, the water run, spraying, grading, turnout repairs, canal maintenance and the Riparian pipeline project. The three new pickups purchased were received in August. No action was taken.

Battles also reported on the feasibility study to expand the distribution system in the northwest area of the District. Staff and consultants have identified other potential alternatives and are analyzing West Main capacity prior to finalizing the report.

#### **Administrative Activities**

The Board went into closed session to discuss real property negotiations. Upon

reconvening into open session, the Board announced that it authorized the execution of an amendment to the purchase agreement to purchase approximately 170 acres for the construction of recharge basins.

At approximately 11:05 a.m. the Board met as the Board of Equalization and opened a public hearing to consider setting the 2019 Assessment rates. No public comments were received. At 11:10 a.m. the Board closed the public hearing. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Schott, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-9-1, setting the 2019 assessment rate at 0.70 percent of land value.

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

The Board reviewed potential dates for a 2019 budget workshop. The workshop was scheduled for September 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August 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 August 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.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas  
General Manager