

APPROVED

**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 July 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by 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
Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Guests Present:

Carol Combs, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, Kel Mitchell,
Renewable Resources Group, Megan Chacoine, Farmland
Management

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the June 13, 2019 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DEGROOT, 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. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 100%. Millerton is also in unlimited Uncontrolled Season through July 12. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the monthly delivery report, current water run and potential CVC exchanges. No action was taken.

The Board had a discussion on future surface water allocation. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal Water Quality policy, subsidence/capacity correction and Temperance Flat studies. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. LIMAS reviewed discussions and issues that have been taken up by the GPC.

LIMAS reviewed draft Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for a Land and Water Conservation Trust, to manage retired and fallowed land. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the filing of the Articles of Incorporation. The draft Bylaws will be brought to the Board at a future meeting for finalization.

The Board reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

Manager LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association report provided by Executive Director DAN VINK. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, facility safety inspections, canal maintenance, Tea Pot Dome, Vandalia WD and Pioneer Water Company operations and the Riparian pipeline project activities. BATTLES reported on issues with moss and Sago Pond Weed that are happening in

the delivery system due to the long water season. District staff will begin additional treatment for those aquatic weeds this week in order to try and control them. No action was taken.

LIMAS provided an update on the CEQA document prepared for the Westside Expansion project. The document is out for public comment and a hearing will be held at the August Board meeting. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board convened into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of June. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the June Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June 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 June bills. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reported on the strategy session and discussion on future financial needs and financing options. The District received two proposals from Engineering firms to prepare the engineer's report and provide consultation services for a 218 election. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA, and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the proposal from Provost & Pritchard engineering to provide the necessary report and consulting services.

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. No Action was taken.

South Valley Water Banking Authority

LIMAS reviewed recent activity of the Authority. No action was taken.

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