



**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 March 14, 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 (via telephone)
Dan Vink, Consultant

Guests Present:

Allan Becker, Sunworld, Daniel DeGraff, Farmer, Cody Rork,
Farmer

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 February 14, 2019 regular meeting and February 26 special 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 statewide and local water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 100%. Millerton is also in a limited Uncontrolled Season, with 210,000 acre-feet of water allocated to Class 2 contractors and must be delivered by April 10. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the monthly delivery report and current water run. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved, for the month of March, groundwater credits for water recharged in landowner recharge basins of 80% and groundwater credits of 50% for all other application of surface water, in order to encourage as much spreading of water as possible.

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. Also discussed was an application by the GSA for liability insurance. LIMAS, consultant DAN VINK and General Counsel ALEX PELTZER, reviewed the potential need and process of setting up a Land and Water Trust, to manage retired and fallowed land. No action was taken.

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.

The Board reviewed a proposal from 4Creeks to develop a software application for SGMA Groundwater Accounting and Management and an online tool for growers. The proposal is for Phase 1 of the project. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Phase 1 of the proposal.

LIMAS reviewed the spring 2019 groundwater maps and data. 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.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

The minutes of the South Valley Water Banking Authority meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. 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, annual maintenance on the Teapot Dome and Pioneer systems and the Riparian pipeline project activities. BATTLES also reviewed the District's Spill Prevention and Containment plan and reported that the oil and fuel tanks were inspected and report submitted to Tulare County. No Action was taken.

LIMAS and BATTLES reviewed the outdated current Chemical inventory and reporting software and a proposal from 4 Creeks to develop and upgrade the software and move it to the District cloud hosted server. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 4Creeks proposal.

LIMAS and BATTLES reviewed staffing changes due to pending retirements and filling of open positions. 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 February. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the February Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the February 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 February 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