

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met in a special Board meeting on the 20th day of September 2021, at 2:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President BARCELLOS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2022	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO

## District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager Mike Battles, Operations Manager

### Others Present:

Ken Richardson, General Counsel
Christopher Mynk, QK, Inc. Consulting Engineer
Dale Brogan, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
Jace Vander Hamm, Farmer
Mike Faria, Farmer

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.



# **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Administrative Activities

Consultant MYNK gave a presentation to the Board on the drafting of the Environmental Impact Report related to the conversion of the District's Cross Valley water service contract to a water payment contract, the CEQA process, comments received, and responses to comments received.

On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board opened a public hearing for certification of the Final EIR. DALE BROGAN, Interim General Manager, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District provided the following statement.

"SWID requests the Board reconsider the project and address specific impacts on the public, landowners, and environment in general and in SWID's service area in light of our comments and other comments submitted."

No other public comments were received.

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board closed the public hearing.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2021-9-1, Resolution Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Cross Valley Contractors' Conversion of Water Supply Contracts and Renewal of Conveyance Contracts. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved via roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 2021-9-1.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2021-9-2, Resolution Adopting Findings and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract between the United States and the District Providing for Water Service and Facilities Repayment. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved via roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 2021-9-2.





The Board reviewed Resolution 2021-9-3, Resolution Adopting Findings and Authorizing the Execution of a Long-term Conveyance Contract among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation and the District for Conveyance to the District of Central Valley Project Water. After discussion, on motion by Director MENSDONSA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved via roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 2021-9-3.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

General Manager