

**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 on the 11th day of January 2022, at 9:00 am. The meeting was called to order by President BARCELLOS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2022	JIM COSTA - ABSENT
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:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Jim Koontz, General Counsel
Ryan Ruckman, public
Melissa Ruckman, public
Mike Faria, Farmer
Rod Stiefvater, Pacific Resources
Jace Vanderhamm, Farmer
Geof Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council
Richard Junio, Farmer
Matt Kidder, Farmer

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the December 14, 2021, regular meeting and December 23 special meeting, were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant allocation was increased from 25% to 40% Class 1 at the end of December and the water must be ran by the end of the water year, February 28. This resulted in the current water run. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. The SWP initial 2022 allocation is 0%. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the current water run, potential operations of future water runs and SGMA implications. Also discussed was a potential turnout meter policy. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, the water quality ad-hoc committee activities, and subsidence/capacity correction activities. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing water run and canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. Replacement of the Seitz pipeline is ongoing. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. Construction projects have started at Teapot Dome and Vandalia. The Pioneer and

Teapot Dome systems will be going down soon for annual preventative maintenance projects. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of December. On motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of December. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bills paid.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update on the Success Power Project including a discussion on the contract expiration in 2022. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported on the progress on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project construction and real estate purchase activities. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed with the Board, cashflow needs for the project and reported on discussions with Tulare County to increase the amount of the cashflow loan. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved increasing the loan amount to \$9,000,000.

The Board opened a hearing regarding Resolution 2022-1-2, a Resolution of Necessity for APN 284-670-013 for the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. Landowner Ryan Ruckman provided comments during the hearing. Following discussion and closing the

hearing, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2022-1-2.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

LIMAS reviewed DCTRA activities, the minutes of the meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No Action was taken.

The Board reviewed an amendment to the IRWMP Memorandum of Understanding. On motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the amendment.

OTHER MATTERS

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Limas
General Manager