

**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 8th day of February 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 (10:00)

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Jack Lopez, Field Superintendent
Mark Greenall, Controller

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Mike Faria, Farmer
Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources
Richard Junio, Farmer
Geof Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council
Eric Gredanus, Farmer
Alan Becker, Renewable Resources Group
Aaron Henderson, AgriCare
Maryse Suppiger, Hancock

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director GARCIA, 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 January 11, 2022, regular 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 late December/early January water run. LIMAS reviewed the water delivery report. The District may have to recharge some water for a few days during February to finish up the amount of water that needs to be run by the end of February. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. LIMAS reported the CVC Contract conversion and validation process is complete. The conveyance contract with DWR is being routed for signature. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed draft guidelines for potential operations of future water runs and SGMA implications. Also reviewed was a draft 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

JACK LOPEZ reviewed ongoing water run and canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. Replacement of the Seitz pipeline in Lower Tule is ongoing. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. The Teapot Dome and Pioneer systems are currently down for annual preventative maintenance activities. Construction projects are ongoing at Teapot Dome and Vandalia. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of January. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA 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. LIMAS presented a proposal from GridSME to review and assess contract options for the sale of power going forward. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal, to be recommended to the TRA Board, subject to a verification by the General Manager that there are offramps in the process and a follow up with Kaweah Delta WCD on their experience with this consultant.

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

The Board opened a hearing regarding Resolution 2022-2-1, a Resolution of Necessity for APN 284-560-007 for the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. Following discussion and closing the hearing, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director PITIGLIUANO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2022-2-1.

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.

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