

# 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 October 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
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA - ABSENT
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO

#### District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager Mike Battles, Assistant Manager Mark Greenall, Controller

#### Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Mike Faria, Farmer
Geof Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council
Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources
Stacie Ann Silva, Altum, Aqua Logic

#### **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting and the September 26, 2022 Budget workshop, were approved as presented.



## **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Water Year 2022 initial allocation remains at 30% Class 1. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. 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 water operations and canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. BATTLES reported on well permits that have been reviewed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. Construction projects are ongoing at Vandalia. Canals are being sprayed and graded. BATTLES gave an update on the Deer Creek basin, Lateral 4 and Eastside capacity improvement projects going on in Pixley. BATTLES also provided an update on the CalTrans Hwy 190/Westwood siphon extension project. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

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

#### APPROVED



The Board reviewed the Draft 2023 Lower Tule Budget and the Joint Operations and Maintenance Budget. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved both budgets.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2022-10-1, considering 2023 Assessment rates. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2022-10-1.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of September. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA 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 contract renewal options. 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 presented a proposal for land survey services needed for the relocation of a road for the SREP. Three proposals were requested, only one was received back. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal from Praxis Land Surveying as presented.

#### 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.

#### **APPROVED**



## **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