

**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 10th day of January 2023, 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	2026	LOUIE TRISTAO
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2026	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2026	JOSH PITIGLIANO - ABSENT

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Assistant Manager
Mark Greenall, Controller
John Michael Domondon, Engineer
Kirk Master, Water Resources Superintendent

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Farmers/landowners/public: Mike Faria, Richard Junio, Jim Costa, Todd Turley, Matt Brady, Vince Sola, Dres Hoffman, Doug Jackson, Nicole Banna, Geof VandenHuevel, Josh Nugent, Jake Dehaan, Brent Aukman, Zack Faria, Eric Gredanus, Allison Tristao

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the December 13, 2022, meeting were approved as presented.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-1-1, Honoring the Service of Jim Costa. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved resolution 2023-1-1. President BARCELLOS also presented a plaque to Jim Costa and thanked him for his service.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Due to recent storms, Tule River releases from Success are currently at 1400 CFS and will hold there until storage can be drawn down from 43,000 AF to approximately 20,000 AF. The Friant Water Year 2022 allocation increased from 30% to 35 % Class 1. Millerton is also in flood operations. As soon as the Friant Kern Canal is placed back into service later in January, the District will start taking Friant deliveries. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. No action was taken.

The Board considered current water rates and allocations. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director TRISTAO, and unanimously approved, the Board set the water rate at \$65/AF and increased the Poplar Ditch allocation from 23 AF/share to 55 AF/share.

LIMAS also reported the District is going to stage 3 of the surface water delivery guidelines where landowners can recharge in basins, as well as take delivery on fields to get recharge and overapplication credits for SGMA purposes.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS, reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, the water quality ad-hoc committee activities, subsidence/capacity correction current activities and studies of phase 2 capacity correction options. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

JOHN MICHAEL DOMONDON reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. DOMONDON reported on well permits that have been reviewed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. DOMONDON also provided an update on the CalTrans Hwy 190/Westwood siphon extension project. Winter maintenance activities are currently on hold to deal with Flood Water Operations. DOMONDON also gave an update on the following Pixley projects; Deer Creek Basin, Lateral 4, and Eastside capacity improvement projects. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed Resolution 2023-1-3 Approving and ratifying WAPA contract extension approved previously and executed in January 2021. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-1-3.

Administrative Activities

Controller GREENALL presented an analysis of prefunding the District's OPEB liability. Staff will bring further information to the Board at future meetings.

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 MENDONSA, second by Director TRISTAO 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 of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project reimbursements, construction and real estate purchase activities. No Action was taken.

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

LIMAS announced actions taken in prior closed sessions which now have become final; water transfer and exchange agreements with Homer LLC, previously approved in closed session have been executed; Pending litigation (Friant Water

Approved

Supply Protection Association v. Del Puerto WD et.al.; Action taken: District Board agreed to authorize FWSPA to file Notice of Appeal of October 31, 2022, ruling.

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 in honor of Jim Costa and his service to the District.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Limas
General Manager