

**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 9th day of March 2021, at 9:00 am. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video and audio conference only. 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:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Mike Faria, Farmer, Allan Becker, Homer, Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council, Stacie Anne Silva, New Currents, Casey Vender Eyk, Farmer, Molly Thurman, Hancock Farm Management, Tim Goble, Illume Ag, Jace Vander Hamm, Farmer, Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources, Justine Massey, Community Water Center, Richard Junio, Farmer

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the agenda and the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. LTRID's Friant allocation is 20% Class 1 and the CVC allocation for 2021 is 5%. If things do not change, the District is looking at approximately one week of water for the year. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the District potential surface water and Poplar Ditch allocations. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the terms of a Repayment agreement with Friant Water Authority for Recapture of Restoration flows in the Lower San Joaquin River. After Discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, water quality, pumpback project and subsidence/capacity correction activities. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections performed, Tule River and Deer Creek channel clearing projects are nearing completion, canal grading and maintenance activities, the Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction and Deer Creek Structure project are ongoing and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board considered Resolution 2021-3-1 Authorizing the General Manager to submit an application to the SJV Air Pollution Board for grant funding to purchase three off-road utility vehicles. If awarded, the District would only be responsible for the sales taxes on the equipment. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

LIMAS reviewed the District's Employee Handbook with the Board. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Employee Handbook update.

The Board discussed financing options for the District share of the Friant Kern Canal capacity correction project. After discussion staff was directed to follow up with Municipal Finance Corp. for financing of the project.

LIMAS reported on the progress of the engineer's report for a potential 218 election. The Board looked at options to include in the calculations. No action was taken.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid during the month of February. On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the February bills.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS reviewed progress on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No Action was taken.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2021-3-2 Authorizing the General Manager to execute Certificates of Acceptance for all of the properties on the Success Reservoir

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Enlargement Project. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITGLIANO, the Board approved the Resolution.

LIMAS presented a proposal from Simon and Hower, Inc. for appraisal services on the SREP. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No Action was taken.

ACWA

Resolution 2021-3-3 Placing a Nomination for Tom Barcellos as a member of ACWA Region 7 Board of Directors. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

OTHER MATTERS

It was reported that during closed session at their February 9, 2021 meeting, the Board authorized the filing of the following claim: ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT et al (inc. PixID, LTRID) VS KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY et al; Case No. BCV-21-100418; File Date 2/25/2021

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



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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager