

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRANQUILLITY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**December 19, 2018**

**PRESENT:** President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, Director George Ayerza Jr., General Manager Danny M Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

**ABSENT:** Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade

President Jerome F Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2018 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Cash Flow statement was presented for the months of October & November 2018 including the payments and balances on long-term debts. The Cash Disbursements as well as the Receivables for both city and irrigation water were also presented for review. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**WATERMASTER'S REPORTS** -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Danny M Wade reported on the usage totals for the months of October & November 2018, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. Well depth & PH/TDS report was presented.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** Director Pucheu reported for the SLDMWA meeting – they have hired from USBR a new Executive Director = Federico Barajas and they have also hired from USBR a Water Policy Director = Scott Peterson.

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: SWRCB – they have approved a 40% increase in unimpaired flows.

The Board took action to designate Danny M Wade, Lauren Layne & Rodney Wade as real property negotiators for all WIIN Act discussions. Director Pucheu motioned for approval & Director Ayerza seconded the motion. SGMA – The Board took action to approve the second Amendment to the Central DM Region Multi-Agency GSA Agreement which was updated to include San Benito in the MOU. Resolution 2018-04 was presented to authorize execution of the Second Amendment. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Counsel added that there are talks about potentially forming a JPA for this which will be discussed at the January meeting.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. The Board was presented with the 2019 Budget. After review Director Pucheu motioned for approval of Resolution 2019-01 Approve 2019 Budget and Irrigation Water Rates and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
2. Bakers Farming has requested permission to setup a new city water hookup to their place out on Clayton by the Gin. The question was raised about potential capacity issues. Manager Wade will talk

with Provost & Pritchard about the issue. Counsel will need to put together an agreement to protect the District as this will be a connection outside the District boundaries.

3. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority: CV Salts: Manager Wade shared some information about the study the SJVDA had shared about CV Salts in the area.
4. SGMA/TID Board Meetings/Provost & Pritchard Assistance Plan: The Board took action to approve the proposal provided by Provost & Pritchard for the Assistance Plan which will be for a 6 month trial period. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
5. Somach Simmons & Dunn – water rights fees: They have decided to dismiss the Water Rights Fees litigation against the CA State WRCB as the Supreme Court has provided an unfavorable and final decision in the first lawsuit.
6. We have received a project update from Provost and Pritchard. – Well 7 update: Layne Christensen has determined that they will have to pull the pump so the casing can be video logged. Flow Monitoring project: There have been no readings received since September due to the cable being cut just above the connection to the flow meter. It is estimated that it will cost around \$800 to repair the damage. The Board unanimously approved moving forward with the repairs.
7. The Board was reminded that lunch was being provided right after the Board meeting.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code [Section 54956.8](#)

##### **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Property: Temporary Water Transfer

Agency Negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade

Negotiating Parties: TID & SLWD

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

*(no reportable action)*

2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** Pursuant to California Government Code [Section 54956.8](#)

Property: Water Rights

Agency negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade

Negotiating parties: Various Water Users, unspecified for the benefit of the public agency

Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment

*(no reportable action)*

3. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Kings River Water Rights

Agency negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade

Negotiating parties: Lower River Units of the Kings River Water Association

Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment for rental agreement.

*The Board approved the extension of the negotiating period for water costs. Director Pucheu motioned and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.*

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Closed session pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

Name of Case: NRDC v. Jewell – U.S. District Court – Eastern District of California (Case No. 1:05-cv-01207LJO-EPG)

*(no reportable action)*

**5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Closed session pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

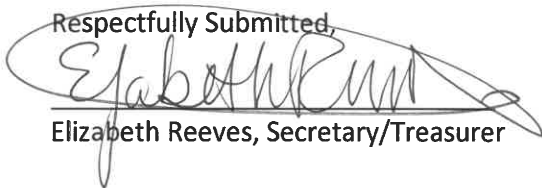
Name of case: *Kings River Water Association, et al. v. James Verboon, et al* (Kings County)

*(no reportable action)*

The Board adjourned at 10:20 am.

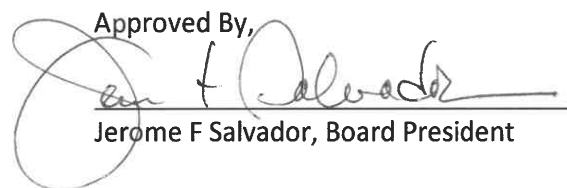
The next meeting will be held at 8:30am on January 16, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Board President

