

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

October 17, 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 8:35 am

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of September 19, 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 month of September 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 month of October 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 the head engineer reported on subsidence happening along the DMC especially along the area where the wells are pumping heavily into the DMC. They are going to have to raise the bridge at Check 18 Russell Ave. since it has sank about 5".

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Exchange Contractors: Chris White is the new manager. State Leg Committee: currently out of session. SB998 – the Governor signed into law the Water Shutoff Protection act. By April 2020 we will have to be compliant with new policy and procedures as an urban water supplier. SGMA:ELF case- public trust doctrine affects groundwater pumping and how it impacts the river flows. SGMA will have to consider this. State Mandated projects –Since Prop 218 gives public agencies authority to adopt fees the State now says they don't have to give public agencies funding to cover these mandated projects.

Revised Employee Handbook – the final revisions were presented to the Board for review and approval. The revisions will become effective 01/01/19. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) meeting: It has been difficult to set a meeting with DFW so P&P is drafting a letter to them outlining the approach to comply with their request. P&P has a submitted a notice of interest to 2 different grant funding opportunities; Kings IRWM & FEMA.
2. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority – Test Wells: Ken Carvalho has an older well on the parcel formerly owned by Salvador Bruno. SJVDA has asked to use this well for testing for the ground water

trend monitoring plan. These network wells will be sampled annually for basic water quality and nitrates being the priority.

3. SGMA/TID Board Meetings/Provost & Pritchard Assistance Plan: For SGMA they are setting up 3 public workshops in different areas in the Delta Mendota Subbasin. For the P&P assistance plan and the TID board meetings – they will be able to do the meetings over the phone. They could provide updates as well as handling any reporting and such. They will be able to split the costs with other districts for the SGMA updates. We could do a trial basis for six months and start January 1st to see if this will be cost effective. P&P could put together scope for this and include cost estimates. The Board unanimously agreed to proceed with this and bring back proposal once received for review.
4. Update PG&E – Solar: We should be seeing credit from PG&E by next billing cycle and we have processed the quarterly payment for Tranquillity Solar LLC.
5. IRWM Integrated Regional Water Management –presented a meeting schedule and framework thru 2021 and the will be sharing information with SLDMWA.
6. We have received a project update from Provost and Pritchard. – Well 7 update: Layne Christensen has put a camera down and we are waiting on the results. Flow Monitoring project: there is more calibration needed to get a more accurate flow reading.
7. Schedule next board meeting – we will be cancelling the November board meeting and the next meeting will be December 19th.

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.
(no reportable action)
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)

6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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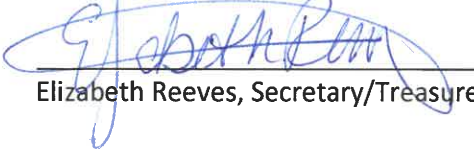
Board returned to open session at 10:10am.

Consent to and waivers of conflicts of interest of Baker Manock & Jensen. Director Pucheu motioned for approval for this item and Director Ayerza seconded the motion subject to all other parties approval.

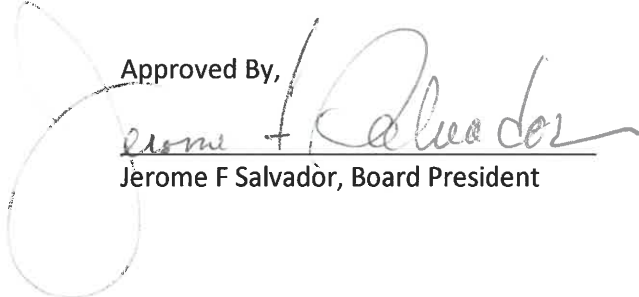
The Board adjourned at 10:15 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30am on December 19, 2018 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President