

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

February 20, 2019

PRESENT: President Jerome F Salvador, Director George Ayerza Jr., General Manager Danny M Wade, Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves, & Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins

ABSENT: Director William Pucheu

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 January 16, 2019 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of January 2019 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 Ayerza motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. President Salvador seconded the motion.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of January 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. For City Well 7 nothing showed up as wrong on video so they will have to pull the pump to see what is wrong.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Kings River: RWQCB is considering requiring a permit to be obtained before constructing a recharge pond. There are apparently issues with arsenic and uranium building up in these ponds. Even though PGE is filing for bankruptcy they are working to keep the contracts intact so that they payouts will continue from the use of the Hydro facilities.

SGMA update – JPA formation is still in the works

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA Update: the historic and current water budgets have been finalized and they are working on the projected water budgets. There are chapters prepared on Plan Area and HCM that are under review. The next step is determining at what point undesirable results become significant and unreasonable.

Project update: Water Smart grant – lift 3 replacement: P&P surveyed the underwater portion of the canal and will incorporate this survey into the design along with the Geotech borings report. Comments from USBR with regards to this project have been addressed and the final touches are being completed by USBR. They are targeting mid-summer to begin construction. Crossing on Fresno Slough: The Notice of Intent was accepted by FEMA and a grant application can now be started and is due by 04/18/19. Baker Connection: there are about 45 connections on this line already. P&P is working on getting pressure readings to confirm that this connection will not affect the other connections on the line. This will have to go through LAFCO first for approval as this is outside District boundaries. It will need to be made clear that this water is for municipal use only and not for AG

use. Prop 1 Meter Grant: the application has been submitted. The NEPA assessment and cultural survey have found no concerns to warrant a CEQA initial study. The field survey reports have been completed and submitted.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. KRWA – Flood Control: Our banks are in good shape and we aren't close to flood releases at this time from the Kings River. If it continues to rain and snow we might see some releases mid March or early April. Steve Haugen is asking for the most recent subsidence survey. P&P will provide this info.
2. Panoche WD – SGMA: they pump well water into the pool and wanted to know if we would be ok if they continue to pump in well water at 1500 tds. Danny advised that he doesn't think that the 1500 tds will be allowed under SGMA rules and we are not in favor of that "hot" of water being pumped into the pool.
3. Baker Farming water line hookup: see Engineer's report.
4. SGMA – February 2019 newsletter was shared
5. April 2019 Board meeting has been rescheduled for April 23, 2019 at 8:30 am

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.

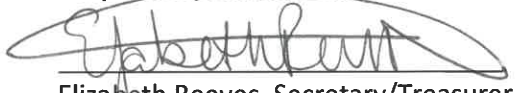
Name of case: *Kings River Water Association, et al. v. James Verboon, et al* (Kings County)

(no reportable action)

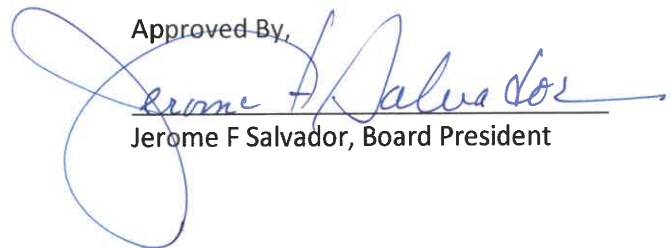
The Board adjourned at 10:15 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30am on March 20, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

