

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

**March 20, 2019**

**PRESENT:** President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, 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:** none

President Jerome F Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:38 am

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of February 20, 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 February 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 February 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. At this time we are lifting the Kings River Flood flows for use in the District and filling the reservoir as well. For City Well 7 – still trying to find what went wrong. At the solar plant – one of the panels broke during the last storm. Bay 4 Energy is working on repairs and are monitoring the weed situation.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** Director Pucheu advised that SLDMWA has now set the 2019 water rates. They are going to make repairs to one of the lift stations at Jones Pumping plant which will cost around \$5mil. They have decided to pay for it this year so this has been added to the rates which will increase rates by about \$5/af.

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Kings River: the budget was approved for KRWA and the cost decreased about 18%. The supplemental bill for the WR fees will be sent later in the summer time. ACWA LEG Committee: the Tax Bill is still there as well as the fund to help with the drinking water issue. There are many bills out there as well as duplicate bills looking for funding.

SGMA: The Board was asked to ratify authorizing the Central GSA Steering Committee Chairperson to execute the Local Project Sponsor Agreement and the Technical Support Services Agreement on behalf of the Central Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSA. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:**

SGMA Update: At the 02/28 meeting there was discussion about the subsidence and recharge concerns for our area along with other undesirable results for the entire basin. At the 03/12 meeting – Counsel will be working on the Data Sharing Agreement as well as the Coordination MOU and the JPA agreement that has been prepared by Fresno County.

Project update: Flow Monitoring at Fresno Slough: the new cable has been installed and the system is up and running. A buoy was installed to deter boaters. Water Smart grant – lift 3 replacement: USBR is completing the final review of the draft. 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: 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.

#### **MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Baker Farming water line hookup: see Engineer's report.
2. Tower – UnWired Broadband/Kevin McDaniel – they are interested in seeing if our water tower would be a good location for their Broadband Tower and will meet with us next week.
3. San Joaquin River Water Reallocation – we have prepared a revised water allocation request for USBR to move our Rights Water around to make more beneficial use throughout the year. USBR has approved our request 03/11/19.
4. WIIN ACT – in the most recent technical session USBR has advised they are going to amend, not redo, the contracts. Once the contracts are paid off, RRA goes away permanently.
5. SGMA – March 2019 newsletter was shared
6. 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)*

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

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: James Irrigation District v. KRWA, et al.

*(no reportable action)*

**7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – (1 case)

*(no reportable action)*

The Board adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30am on April 23, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By



Jerome F Salvador, Board President

