

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

April 23, 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 8:35 am

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2019 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 March 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 Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of March 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The Flow Meter is now active and those current readings were presented to the Board.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu advised there is potential new legislation for new testing guidelines for city water.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Exchange Contractors: They have agreed to continue with the Pool Pumpers until the end of the year. Pool Pumpers must get the Environmental Studies done by the end of the year otherwise there will be no contract renewal. One of the updates for the renewed contract will be lower levels of TDS allowed to be pumped into the Pool. ACWA LEG Committee: there are four bills on water tax and trust funds that are still there. With regards to SB998 – we need to adopt a policy by the end of the year for the new city water shutoff rules that have been established by the State for non paying customers.

SGMA: Counsel is still working on the revisions to the new JPA agreement for the Central Delta Mendota Subbassin.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA Update: At the 03/28 meeting there was further discussion about the subsidence and recharge concerns for our area along with other undesirable results for the entire basin. The GSP group is 50,000 AF over-drafted historically. The first three chapters of the GSP are posted on the Group's website.

Project update: City Well 7 issue: Layne has found the problem in the well and are going to patch the bad location in the pipe where the gravel is getting in. Water Smart grant – lift 3 replacement: USBR is completing the final review of the draft. This part is taking more time because of the Giant Garder Snake. They are

targeting mid-summer to begin construction. Crossing on Fresno Slough: A draft response letter has been provided to Management and Counsel for review requesting DFW consider allowing the structure to remain and work with us in regards to following the proper permitting requirements. Baker Connection: P&P is working on getting pressure readings and have found that the connection appears to be acceptable based on hydraulic calculations. A draft memo has been provided to Management and Counsel for LAFCO support. We are still waiting on more information for the LAFCO application from the Owner.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Baker Farming water line hookup: see Engineer's report.
2. CVP – San Luis WD: The Board approved entering into the CVP Contract transfer to SLWD subject to Legal Counsel's review of the final agreement. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.
3. Letter of Support/Paradise: We submitted our letter of support for Backfill Funding for Paradise Irrigation District (PID). This letter asked the Governor to support a one-time appropriation of \$21 million from the General Fund to PID that will help with O/M costs over the next three years. The Board was asked to ratify the submission of our letter of support. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.
4. Tranquillity Resource Conservation District (TRCD): Mr. Hurley has expressed interest in reviving this District. Danny advised him that the Board has expressed no interest in reactivating the TRCD.
5. SGMA – April 2019 newsletter was shared
6. May 2019 Board meeting has been rescheduled for May 23, 2019 at 2pm.

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)

The Board adjourned at 10:18 am.

The next meeting will be held at 2:00pm on May 23, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

