

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

May 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

ABSENT: Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins

President Jerome F Salvador called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. O'leary from Mottech did a small presentation to the Board. Mottech creates software that provides data grabbing tools which can be used for SGMA purposes. It provides monitoring of wells, soil sensors and such. Mr. Peters from Kaweah Pump and Well Drilling was present to learn about TID and to earn our business.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2019 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of April 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 April 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The Flow Meter, well depth and PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board. City Well #7 is back online. We have been informed to expect some increase in Kings River flood flows. At this point the banks are looking good and should hold.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu advised there is a Federal Bill coming with funding to support water projects. The SLDMWA Board is in support of this bill but feel strongly that the Pacheco Pass project should be added.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA LEG Committee: SB200 – ACWA is in support of this bill with the water tax being removed. AB217 – still out there. AB1184 – Public Records Act – they are requesting that all emails must be kept for two years. But there are some issues with this that will need to be addressed. SB1 – ACWA is taking an Oppose Unless Amend position. SGMA : the JPA agreement is in progress. They are still working out the issues with regards to votes and funding and are considering a volumetric pumping charge.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

Project update: There has been no change in the status of our projects since last month.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Baker Farming water line hookup: no change in status.
2. CVP – San Luis WD: the CVP allocation is now at 70%. We have reposted our public notice of the water sale to the full 13,800af TID allotment.
3. O&M Technical Committee: they took a tour of the facilities for the purpose of preparing the 2021-2022 budget and they have found that subsidence is big issue.
4. Water Tower/Broadband/Rent: Unwired Broadband made a suggestion for the rental fee for the use of our water tower and we have countered with a higher fee to match what the going rate is at other facilities around us for the same service requested. Danny will negotiate with Unwired based on the Board input. The Board approved presenting Unwired a rental agreement specifying terms and rate subject to legal counsel review. Director Pucheu motioned and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
5. WIIN ACT Update: there is a meeting scheduled next week for the purpose of negotiating our CVP contracts. This meeting is to be held at MClellan.
6. JID/Kings River Water: See WaterMaster report.

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

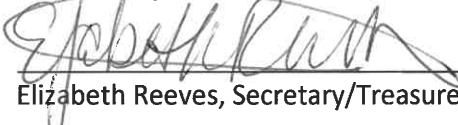
Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: James Irrigation District v. KRWA, et al.
(no reportable action)

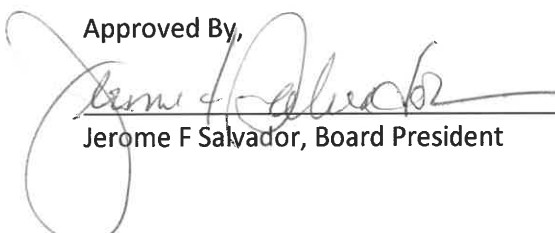
The Board adjourned at 3:25 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on June 19, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

