

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

**November 20, 2019**

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

**ABSENT:** none

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of October 16, 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 October 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. Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**WATERMASTER'S REPORTS** -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of October 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board along with the Flow readings from the Pool.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** Director Pucheu advised it is budget time for SLDMWA.

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Kings River WA: Pine Flat O&M – the gates should be ready by March 1<sup>st</sup>. SJV Blue Print is updating the economic report and the impacts of SGMA on the San Joaquin Valley. The Tier 3 cloud seeding will have to be cost shared for next year if this is something the organization wants to do as there are no funds available. The J&T Agreement is coming to an end this year. We will need to file an extension or we will have to go into arbitration. The Water Rights fees went up 16.5 % from last year. SGMA : GSP will be adopted around the first week of January at the CDM GSA meeting. In December we will have to authorize our representatives to approve the GSP at the GSA meeting in January.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:**

SGMA: P&P presented a summary for the Board of the GSP, in particular the parts that pertain to TID. The GSP did receive about 160 comments and they will be waiting for the next public review to respond to the bulk of them. The 2020 SGMA budget is around \$1.2 mil for the entire group. A data management system is being worked on and is almost completed.

Project update: USBR WaterSMART Lift 3 Replacement – this project is not on track to be built during this shut down period. We will have to do this sometime early next year. Meter Grant: progressing  
PROP 218: The ballots are out and we are now waiting for December's Board Meeting.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Water Tower/Broadband/Update: the tower is all setup and expect to be online in about 2-3 weeks. They are currently waiting on the inspection from the County
2. CVP-San Luis WD: The final billing has been done. There is still some unclaimed contract water that can be picked up by March 1st.
3. WINN Act update: the next meeting will be 11/26 to finalize the language for the contracts. We are looking at January to finalize and payoff.
4. JID/Letter Loss Compensation Water: Manager Wade presented the letter James ID submitted to the KRWA in regards to the allocation of Kings River channel loss compensation for the water. The TID board agreed that they do not wish to be party to the submission of this letter to KRWA.
5. TID BBQ: Friday, November 22, 2019.

**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 (1 case)

(no reportable action)

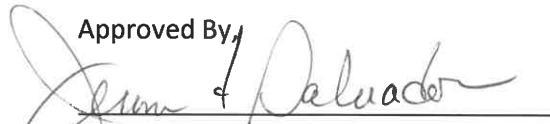
The Board adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on December 18, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

