

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

**January 15, 2020**

**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, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins, & 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 December 18, 2019 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none – Mr. Fairless and Mr. Bishop were present

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of December 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 December 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:** SLDMWA – the budget for the operation and maintenance is being worked on and has to be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Kings River WA: It is Tranquillity ID's turn to appoint a representative to sit as a Director at the KRWA meetings. The Board was asked to take action to appoint Rodney D Wade as the new Director for the KRWA Executive Committee for the North Fork Units. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. Mr. Wade will replace Mr. Stadler.

**SGMA :** The Board was requested to review and take action to approve (in substantial form with Legal Counsel review) the Third Amendment to the Central Delta-Mendota Region SGMA services Activity Agreement. This amendment will authorize the participating agent to delegate authority and decisions to the JPA for budget approval and such. This is an extra layer of protection and will help decrease the number of meetings requiring attendance. Effective March 1<sup>st</sup> it will be a 10% financial split between the 10 member agencies. Our portion of the SGMA budget will be around \$60,000 but we will be getting reimbursed through grant funding of roughly 50% of our cost. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA update: the GSP has been adopted by the Central Group and will be uploaded but the end of the week. February 1<sup>st</sup> will begin SGMA implementation. To begin with, the monitoring of the water levels is what they are asking for and this information will have to be submitted to the Water Authority according to their schedule. The subsidence monitoring benchmarks will continue. The annual

report is being drafted right now. The contract with Woodard & Curn has reached its end. The implementation contract is out now and will be voted on at the end of the month. Grants update: Lift 3 is getting an extension for completion to be done next winter. There is still no update on the water meter grant.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. JID – Letter to Deputy Director: James ID sent a letter to the Deputy Director of the SWRCB requesting assistance concerning the 2018/19 River Channel Loss and Loss Compensation Calculations.
2. JID – Comment letter (Angiola WD) : James ID sent a letter to the USBR in regards to the Assignment of the Fresno Slough WD contract water to Angiola WD. He stated that the proposed action would cause unrecoverable land subsidence that would affect the James ID, Reclamation District 1606 and TID area. He also pointed out that the groundwater that is being pumped into the Pool is of poor quality in the vicinity of the Fresno Slough with quality ranging between 1500 ppm to 2000 ppm TDS. Our records indicate the highest TDS we have ever had is 950 ppm and we monitor this on a regular basis. Based on these and other comments made Tranquillity ID will submit their own comment letter to the USBR.
3. Review – 2020 Water Plans & Costs: Mr. Wade reminded the Board of the customer rates for the 2020 year.
4. Van De Pol Luncheon TID shop Wed 01/22/20 at 11:30am. They have provided their own insurance coverage for this event

**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 9:45 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on February 19, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President