

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

**February 19, 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 8:35 am.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2020 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 January 2020 including the payments and balances on long-term debts. The cash disbursements and receivables were presented as well. 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 January 2020, 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 budgets were passed and Frances Mizuno is retiring at the end of March. She has been there since 1992.

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Kings River WA: grant funding has been received for cloud seeding which will be done around March 25<sup>th</sup>. ACWA Leg Committee: there are a lot of spot bills for now. On the Federal side – WOTUS rule will protect streams and such and will not include ditches and perennial rivers.

SGMA : everything for the GSP has been submitted and is out for the 75 day public comment period. The Board was asked to take action to delegate management committee representatives and activity agreement authority for SGMA to the Central Delta Mendota GSA and select representatives. The representatives selected for the Committee are Jerome Salvador and Danny M Wade. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA update: Joe brought the entire GSP in hard copy form. The data collection is going on right now. The annual report will be turned in April 2020. The budget has been approved for the fiscal year 2021. Prop 68 grant was approved for \$ 500,000 for projects in basin that will include a subsidence study. Any funds left over (around \$25k) will go back into the GSP for development. The cost sharing will change to 10% of the 82% of the total GSA groups. The subsidence survey has been completed and was presented. Graph shows we are holding steady for now. Grants update: P&P is submitting for levee improvements. There is no update on the meter grant.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Unwired/update: the tower is now operational
2. Response letter JID – (Angiola WD) : Danny presented the TID response letter submitted to USBR addressing the water quality issues and such that JID presented in their letter to USBR.
3. 2020 Water Request: we submitted a letter requesting permission to move some Rights Water forward in the year (realignment request) and are waiting for approval from USBR. This will be an annual thing going forward. Right now the wells are being pumped inside the District in small quantities and not at night. Joe recommended pumping all over the District instead of concentrating in just one area as subsidence is a real problem here.
4. SLWD/Rescheduling of 2019 CVP water: we have submitted a request to move 1380 af of our remaining 2019 contract water forward into the 2020 water year at the request of SLWD.
5. SGMA/Workshop: this workshop will be held to determine what rules will be for things like well pumping. Rod & Danny will attend.
6. WIIN Act Negotiations: there will be another meeting 02/26/2020

**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 10:10 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on March 18, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

