

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

January 16, 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 8:30 am

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2018 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 December 2018 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 2018, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. Well depth & PH/TDS report was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu reported that he was able to meet with the new Executive Director, Federico Barajas from SLDMWA here at the TID office to familiarize him with our operations and such.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Mendota Pool Pumps – EIR & EIS is out and comments are due by 01/14/19. Counsel has replied with regards groundwater quality and pump down issues as well as surface water quality issues. This has been sent to USBR and Westlands.

SGMA update – Central DM group is going to form JPA which will streamline the administrative process. Merced and Fresno Counties will draft the agreement. The Board approved the TID portion of SLDMWA SGMA Activities Budget. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

WIIN Act – there will be a negotiating meeting on March 13th and USBR is working on a draft agreement to revise the contract and the discounted cost for repayment obligation.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. SGMA – January 2019 newsletter: the newsletter provides updates for the GSP group
2. Bakers Farming - waterline hook up: Provost & Pritchard will help with verifying if capacity will be an issue. Bakers Farming is also looking into possibly running the line thru the Gin property.
3. We have received a project update from Provost and Pritchard. – Flow Monitoring project: The replacement cable has been ordered and will be installed around February. USBR Watersmart Grant: NEPA & CEQA have been drafted and are under review with the USBR. Crossing on Fresno Slough:

Notice of Interests have been submitted for two separate grant funding opportunities to fund construction; Kings IRWM, and FEMA. The Notice of Intent was accepted by FEMA and a grant application can now be started. The grant application is due April 18th, 2019. Prop 1 - Water Meter Grant: This project will install water meters on all services. The application has been submitted. Grant request was \$1,400,000. DDW has requested we do a NEPA biological assessment as well as a cultural survey of the project area. The surveys found no concerns to warrant a CEQA Initial Study. These assessments are reimbursable, and will be added to the requested grant amount. The subconsultants are conducting their field surveys and should have reports ready by February.

4. Van De Pol – Appreciation Luncheon – TID shop 11:30am Wed January 23, 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)


The Board adjourned at 9:40 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30am on February 20, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jérôme F Salvador, Board President

