

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

July 17, 2019

PRESENT: 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: President Jerome F Salvador

Director William Pucheu called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of June 19, 2019 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Michael Peters from Kaweah Pump and Well Drilling was present to listen in and Leila Biggers from Swiim was present as well to listen in.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of June 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 June 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board as well as the flow meter readings.

DIRECTOR REPORT: It was announced that Francis Mizuno is retiring from SLDMWA.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: KRWA: they will be hiring a new water programmer. The Friant gates are getting maintenance work done in August. Precipitation is at 177% of normal for the year. ACWA LEG Committee: Budget trailer bill has been amended with no mill tax. SB1 – ACWA is taking an Oppose Unless Amend position.

SGMA : Action was taken to select Jerome F Salvador as representative and Danny M Wade as alternate for the Central Delta-Mendota GSA Board of Directors. Action was also taken to authorize the budget increase (which was established out of an abundance of caution) for the Activity Agreement for the GSP preparation. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of both items and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Refunds are being issued from the grant funding already acquired and there is additional grant funding opportunities being pursued. Counsel will be preparing the by-laws for the JPA.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA Update – no significant changes to date

Project update:

USBR WaterSMART Lift 3 Replacement - The CEQA/NEPA document is out for public review which will be adopted at our next board meeting. Prop 1 Water Meter Grant : We are just waiting on DDW to issue an agreement. We are still looking at about a year out for installation and then we can switch the water rates to a volumetric charge.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Water Tower/Broadband/Rent: The agreement has been signed and they will begin the installation in August.
2. CVP-San Luis WD: They have taken 2000 AF in May and 5954 AF in June.
3. (Diesel) Portable Engine Registration: we have to fill out a registration form for each of our 12 engines. We may wish to consider selling some of them as we don't need them all.
4. SGMA/2020 Cost/TID & FSWD: We are estimating a slight increase in Irrigation water costs for the 2020 year for our farmers. We are looking to defray some of the increase by possibly increasing the assessments to help cover some of the SGMA costs as it does affect everyone (both city water and irrigation water customers) in the District. We are also looking into lowering the well water rates to our neighboring Districts so that TID can help supplement the well water needed by the FSWD farmers so they won't have to pump their wells so much; which will then help with the subsidence issue for SGMA.
5. Reminder – TID BBQ November: the next TID Farmer Appreciation Luncheon will be held 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 9:40 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on August 21, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

