

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

June 19, 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 Jerome F Salvador 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 May 23, 2019 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

AUDITOR REPORT: Mr. Jolley presented the audited financials for 2018. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the auditor's report as presented and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. The findings from the 2017 audit were addressed and policies were adopted mid-year 2018 which have been followed since their inception.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of May 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 May 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board. The Kings River flood flows are still coming and will be enough to supply us until the end of the week.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA LEG Committee: The Trust Fund bill is dead. SB1 – ACWA is taking an Oppose Unless Amend position. SGMA : Resolution 2019-03 – Adoption of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Services JPA. Santa Nella has volunteered to do some of the administrative work to help keep the costs down. The contributions to support this will be split evenly among all 10 members. Director Pucheu motioned for approval to authorize the adoption of the Central DM Groundwater Services JPA. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA Update -

The first 3 chapters have been placed on the group's website for public review. The first annual report will be due to 4/1/2020. An Annual Report is being drafted to capture the activities of the district for the 2018 water

year. With this we are organizing all data that will eventually be placed in the SGMA database. This includes crop maps, well completion reports, and monthly well readings.

Project update:

USBR WaterSMART·Lift 3 Replacement - The final CEQA/NEPA document is ready for District review. 30 % design is ready for District review and 60% design has begun. Bidding is anticipated for September 2019 with construction beginning in late October. Crossing on Fresno Slough - A response letter has been sent to DFW requesting that they consider allowing the structure to remain, and work with us to following the proper permitting requirements. We will continue to watch for funding opportunities. Rates and Assessments (Prop 218) - We've been reviewing past budgets and audits to develop proposed fee structure going forward.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Baker Farming water line hookup: The agreement with Baker Farming is still waiting for signatures. They are agreeing to pay all fees and costs for installation and will abide by District rules.
2. Water Tower/Broadband/Rent: The Board approved the proposed rental agreement subject to Legal Counsel's review of any red line changes from Unwired Broadband. Director Pucheu motioned and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
3. WIIN ACT Update: there was another negotiating meeting that worked on the general CVP wide terms for the amendment to our CVP contract. The validating action is still an issue with the proposed amendment. There will be another session the first week of August.
4. Kings River Flood Control/Weeds TID Canals/Cost: we had to authorize some overtime to help keep the District safe during the flood run. We are working on trying to clean the weeds out of the canals in some of the really bad sections that are limiting the flow of water to our customers.
5. CVP-San Luis WD: The first payment has been received.

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

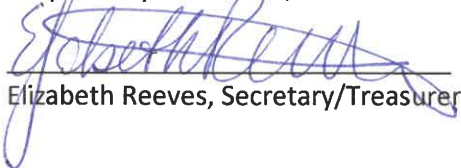
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)

(no reportable action)

The Board adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on July 17, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

