

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

October 16, 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 Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2019 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 September 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. A delinquent assessment customer schedule was presented to the Board. The Board recommended sending a letter to them in both English and Spanish from the Manager and then if no response follow up with a letter from our attorney.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of September 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: Director Pucheu presented the report from Don Wright from the SLDMWA meeting which talked about the raising of the Dam and the resistance received from the public with regards to this issue. The report also stated that Pump #2 is down at the pumping facilities.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA LEG Committee: SB1, AB638 and SB487 have been vetoed by the Governor. SB 68 has been signed. SGMA : The GSP public review and comment period ended on the 11th. We will be taking action in November or December to authorize Danny to approve this GSP at the next Central Delta Mendota GSA meeting. They are working on grant applications for well canvas and localized subsidence studies in which TID will be included. We will have to front some of the money but we will get the funds back once the grant comes through.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: P&P is working on a summary of the GSP for the TID Board. There are some issues with regards the subsidence in the Mendota Wildlife area. They want zero subsidence in the area but this is not a reasonable request so P&P will have a meeting with them and explain our management action which is already in place.
Project update: USBR WaterSMART Lift 3 Replacement – the goal is to build the pump structure first very soon.
Subsidence Report: the report shows that we are holding steady with no further decline.

PROP 218: The Engineers report was presented for the Prop 218 assessments. Three notices were created; assessments, city water & irrigation water. The assessment ballots will be mailed to all landowners in the District. The ballots will be counted at our public hearing on December 18th and in order to impose the new rate we will need to have 50 +1 votes in favor. The Board was requested to accept the PROP 218 Engineers report. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. The Proposition 218 election date was set for December 18, 2019 at 8:30 am. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Direction was given to authorize Joe and Liz to process the ballot mailings in accordance with the assessment rolls.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Water Tower/Broadband/Update: the tower is going up today
2. CVP-San Luis WD: we will do the true-up and final billing in November.
3. TPUD/Easement: The TPUD is seeking an easement from us and Salvador for the sewer pipe that is running through our properties going to the sewer plant on Levee Road.
4. WINN Act update: there is another meeting on the 22nd.
5. Next month: TID BBQ: Friday, 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

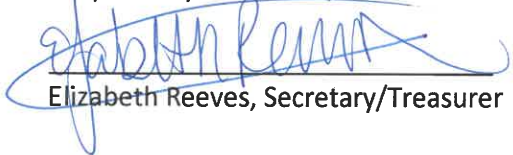
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)

(no reportable action)

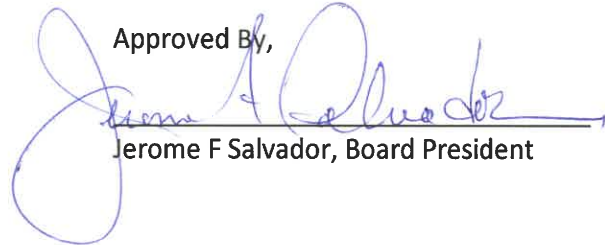
The Board adjourned at 10:10 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

