

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

May 20, 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 8:30 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of April 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 April 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 April 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: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg Committee: SGMA funding is getting cut. USDA has some grant funding available. Kings River: the coordinated run will be June thru August. SGMA : the comment period was supposed to close last Friday but DWR has left the comment portal open for a bit longer.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: The Prop 68 grant funding is the focus right now. Some of the comments with regards to the GSP have been responded to. E.K.I. is the new consultants and Woodard and Curran will be staying on for the implementation process. Monitoring wells are being used. Training will be done soon for implementation so that all are reporting the same way. Grants update: Meter Grant – the environmental review has been signed off on. The cost analysis is next and the final completion is about 6-8 months out.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. USBR-WIIN Act Contract "TID": no change
2. 2020 – Rights Water at 75%: The CVP was increased on 05/17/20 to 20% allocation. The Rights Water has yet to be increased to 100% allocation. We will have to pump well water to move forward into July & August.

3. Well Water Rate Change: if we stay at 75% rights water allocation – September thru November will have to be straight well water. The winter water rate of \$98.00/af for well water will have to apply during this time. We will send out a letter to our farmers if this will be the case.
4. James ID / certified letter – Claim letter for damages 2018-2019 water year has been received :
 - a. Board went into closed session: meeting reopened at 9:55. The Board has moved to reject the claim. Director Pucheu motioned and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. A rejection of claim letter will be submitted to James ID by next week.
5. COVID-19 Operation: we will reopen once the COVID-19 dies down. We are looking into putting a partition up to protect our office staff.

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

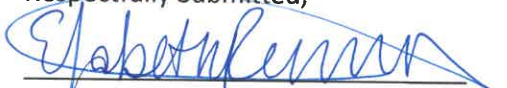
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)

(no reportable action)


The Board adjourned at 9:57 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on June 17, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By/


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

