

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

March 17, 2021

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of February 17,2021 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of February 2021 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 presented the WaterMaster report. He reported on the usage totals for the month of February 2021, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths with the PH\TDS testing were also presented to the Board. We are currently using City Well #4. Just finished the super chlorinating last week of the lines to the treatment plant.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg: The Board ratified the signing of the Climate Change comment letter and the SB223 letter. ACWA is opposed to AB377 which requires all waters be drinkable. There are 4 different bills for the Brown Act – one of which, AB703, ACWA is supporting. SB559 which is funding for Friant and State water projects ACWA is supporting.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: The final draft of the annual report will be sent by April 1st.

Grants update: Meter Grant – the WaterBoard has an April 1st deadline for approval. Lift 3 grant – ready to be advertised for bids. P&P is looking into finding a solution for the constant bacterial growth in the city water lines to the treatment plant. They are working to get a quote for cleaning that section. P&P is working on our AG Water Management plan for the USBR.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2021/ AF well charge: we have sent a letter to all the farmers notifying them of the water charge being increased to \$98.00 in August to cover the cost of well pumping.
2. Mendota Pool Group/Update: water quality was discussed at the meeting. They suggested that they would like to go around to wells pumping into the pool and check the well water quality themselves. If they feel the water quality is too high they want to demand shutoff. The feeling is that they do not have

the authority to take this action. This issue has been tabled for now. There will be a meeting every other month. In regards to the Hyacinth issue – a Waterworks Industry proposal was presented to the Board for the estimated cost of removal in another District. This could be done in our area and would have to be done annually. Manager Wade was authorized by the Board to contact them to get a quote and set a cap of \$10k for the cost of removal. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

3. Subsidence Plan: in September we will rent a carryall to move dirt to build up the Fresno Slough banks to prevent potential flooding due to subsidence. We are also looking into ways to reduce well water pumping as much as possible.
4. New Water Rate/2023: Manager Wade presented a proposed schedule for rate structure thru 2023 water year. After review of the proposed schedule the Board chose to increase the irrigation water rates in 2022 which will trigger a Prop 218 process. (the city water and assessment rates are already approved under the 2020 Prop 218 process) P&P will need to do a new rate study for the Engineers Report along with a 45-day notice to all ag water users. P&P will get started on this right away.
5. Review Critical Water Year Plan: since USBR has advised it will be increasingly difficult to get approval to move our Rights Water forward in the year we will have to remain at the critical water year plan which requires us to pump well water from July thru the end of the year.
6. We will be hosting the Grower BBQ – Friday, November 19,2021.

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 Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: James Irrigation District v. KRWA, et al.
(no reportable action)

6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION – 1 case

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
(no reportable action)

7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Fresno Slough Water District land
Agency Negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade
Negotiating Parties: TID & Angiola WD
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms
(no reportable action)

8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

- i. Name of case: Tranquillity Irrigation District v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of the Contract Between the United States and Tranquillity Irrigation District Providing for Project Water Service From Delta Division and Facilities Repayment, Contract No. 14-06-200-701-A-LTR1-P. (Fresno County Case No. 20CECG03315)
- ii. Name of case: California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Validity of the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions Groundwater Sustainability Plan, et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case No. CV-20-001748 [Delta-Mendota Subbasin SGMA Challenge].
(no reportable action)


The Board adjourned at 10:30 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on April 21, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

