

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

**April 21, 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, & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

**ABSENT:** Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins

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 March 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 March 2021 including the cash disbursements and receivables. 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 March 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 will be super chlorinating the lines to the treatment plant again very soon. The flow meter readings were unavailable. There was a question about the easement still being in effect after one year by the owner of the property and we were locked out from accessing the meter. The easement has been recorded with the County showing no time limit. A copy of the recorded document will be sent to the caretaker of the property.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** none

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: KRWA: snow pack is at 25% of average. ACWA Leg: AB252 – Brown Act agenda translation bill – all opposed. AB377 – all water drinkable – all opposed. SB223 & SB222 – KRWA & ACWA are opposed. SB323 – ACWA has proposed alternate language – establish a rate fee or shorten statute of limitations to 120 days. WIIN ACT: the validation action is done & the comment period is over. SGMA: the current GSA Reps are Jerome & Danny. Council requested we ratify adding Bill as a second alternate for TID representation. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA: The annual report has been submitted. A monitoring event will begin this summer for groundwater. Grants update: Meter Grant – the WaterBoard is about halfway through the department approvals. Lift 3 grant – on track for the summer. City water pipeline: P&P recommends cleaning the pipeline where they are having to super chlorinate. The cost will be about \$25,000 to clean. The Board has been getting complaints about the odor increasing in the water. Director Pucheu motioned for approval to do the cleaning and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. The Board authorized Manager Wade to

determine the best method for the cleaning. P&P is working on our AG Water Management plan for the USBR as well as the fee study for the irrigation water rate increase.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Mendota Pool Group/Update: there will be a meeting at JID next month to discuss water quality. There has been good communication with regards to well pumping into the pool.
2. Critical Water Year/Wells: the well pumping plan was presented. We will still need to pump about 9800 af of well water from June through December.
3. New Water Rate/2022 & 2023: the plan was presented. We will need to do a Prop 218 for the irrigation water rate setting the cap at \$98.00. P&P is working on the rate study and should have it ready by August. We will not have to do a Prop 218 for city water or assessments. Those rate increases were already approved in the Prop 218 done in 2020.
4. SLWD/5%: it looks like CVP will drop to 0% allocation. This will trigger an automatic one-year extension on the agreement to sell our CVP water to SLWD.
5. Review Letter/ \$58.00/ \$98.00: we have already sent the letter out to all farmers notifying them of the irrigation water rate change in July to \$98.00/af (since this will be exclusively well water). We will resend this letter in June as a reminder.

**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)*

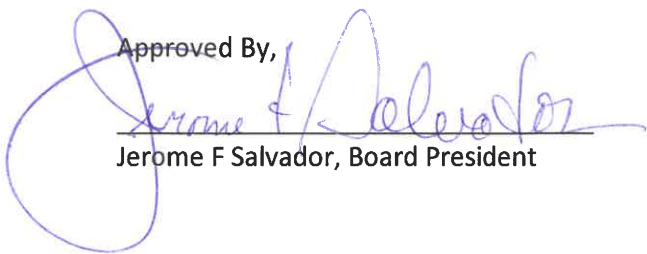
The Board adjourned at 9:50 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on May 18, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

