

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

**May 18 , 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 April 21,2021 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 April 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 April 2021, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths with the PH\TDS testing were also presented to the Board.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** none

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg: AB339 – Amend Brown ACT to require multi language agendas has been amended and will no longer apply to cities & counties. ACWA has taken a watch status. AB252- Funding for SGMA – ACWA & KRWA recommending support for this bill. Semitropic hearings start June 2<sup>nd</sup> on the SWRCB website.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** (Manager Wade read report) SGMA: The grant funded subsidence investigation has begun. Grants update: Meter Grant – the WaterBoard is about halfway through the department approvals. Lift 3 grant – ready to go out to bid soon. City water pipeline: looking for a contractor to do the job soon.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Mendota Pool Group/Update: there was a small meeting with JID, TID and Pool Pumpers. May 26<sup>th</sup> will be the big meeting with all members. They will be discussing water quality in the pool and how to figure out & keep track of where the higher water quality is coming from.
2. Critical Water Year/Update: an updated schedule was presented.
3. Hyacinth Coordination Meetings: Hyacinth are back. June 7<sup>th</sup> will start the monthly meetings with SLDMWA to discuss effective treatment options, efforts being made to keep under control and what each District is trying to do on their own. We haven't heard back from the contractor about spraying in our area yet.

4. Grower Advisory Committee/WWD: there was a discussion about water banking and recharge projects in WWD and SGMA, in particular, the effect it will have on WWD.
5. Meeting/David G Valadao: Valadao was interested in understanding water rights compared to those that don't have any. Danny explained our water situation as well as losses we suffer. Valadao talked about the equalizing of water rights to all Irrigation Districts. Danny mentioned about the new city well we need and Valadao offered to send a letter of support.

**6. 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**

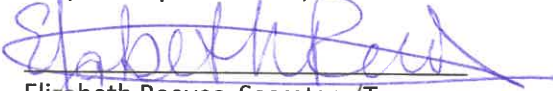
Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

- 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)*

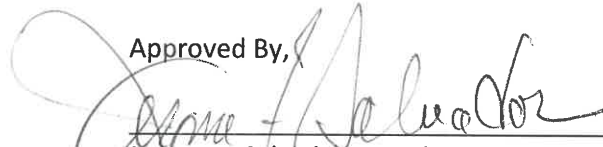
The Board adjourned at 9:40 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on June 16, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

