

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

July 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, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT:

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chris Mathys came to meeting to see what Districts in our area are needing, what their concerns were, and challenges they are facing with regards the water situation. The main issues expressed were regulations and need for more storage.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of June 16, 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 June 2021 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Ayerza motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Pucheu 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 June 2021, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths with the PH\TDS testing as well as the flow meter readings were also presented to the Board. City well 6 is pumping a bit of sand so Well 4 has been started up again.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg: Governor's budget includes funding for SGMA and the City Water non payers. Brown Act: On September 30 we will have to go back to in person meetings or post the agenda at all virtual locations. SGMA: they are still collecting well information. DWR is releasing comment letters for some of the GSP's submitted.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: they are wanting to start discussions about well water pumping allocations. Grant funding was received through the group for the subsidence study. McMullen Waterbank : they currently don't have anyone on board for this project. It will cost around \$70-\$80 per af to bank and \$150-\$200 to recover the water. The Board is not interested at this time. Grants update: Meter Grant – all the documents are submitted and waiting on start dates for the project. They will be submitting an engineering report for City Well 7 to try to get grant funding for this project. Fresno County has Covid Relief funds and are offering it to rural communities. P&P has submitted some of our higher priority projects that are potentially shovel ready. Lift 3 grant- this is a 50/50 grant. P&P is going to try to get a time extension from USBR. Bids received for this project came in. However, the bids are higher than was estimated for the cost of the project. We could consider trying to downsize the project or seek funding from another source. Either way we will have to replace at least one of the pumps at Lift 3 whether funding is received or not.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Critical year water tracking: Manager Wade shared the report showing actuals to date.
2. Letter/Well water \$98.00/af: A reminder letter will be sent out with regards to the change to the irrigation water rate from August on.
3. JID/TID/Policy Maker Meeting/KRWA: There was a meeting on Monday discussing how to get our water off the Kings River without the losses.
4. Mendota Wildlife Area TDS: USBR contacted us advising of a complaint received from the Mendota Wildlife about TDS readings being too high in their area. Manager Wade has responded sharing a map of our area that showed the water isn't coming from our wells. There are 2 wells (not owned by us) that are pumping into the pool right where the water is lifted into the Refuge. Our records show that on 07/02/21 the TDS readings at the WWD pump #7 site were 1709 tds. The rest of the sampling sites in our area ranged from 314-674 tds. The closest TID well to their location registers at 554 tds but has been shut off for a while. USBR agreed with our findings.
5. 2022 Well Emergency Water Rate: a worst-case scenario *well water* rate was presented to the Board of \$170 per af. This would cover the increased cost to pump water if we don't receive our full Rights Water allocation. We would have to monitor the amount of water to be pumped to prevent subsidence.
6. Grants: see Engineering Consultant Report

7. 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

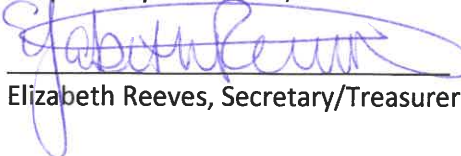
Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

- 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)

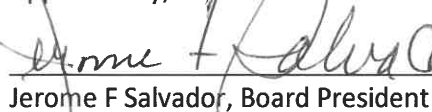
The Board adjourned at 10:35 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

