

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

**August 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, 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:** none

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of July 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 July 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 July 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.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** none

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg: Not much change SGMA: not much at this time.

Approval was requested to appoint Lauren Layne as Tranquillity Irrigation District representative to ACWA's Legal Affairs Committee and the State Legislative Committee. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA: there will be another data collection in the fall. With regards the subsidence study – a request has been received for well pumping data from the entire subbasin and they are working on gathering the requested data. The well registration is moving forward. There is a new well being drilled in our area. We have been notified and Manager Wade has requested the well logs. According to the land owner this is just a backup well. The GSP is under review and we can expect to receive comments towards the end of the year. Grants update: Lift 3 – working on extending the agreement. Currently looking for more grant funding from the County for this project or possibly for the replacement city well. Meter Grant – is moving forward. New city well replacement – funding for this project is being requested from the County. USBR has put out three new grant programs that are 50/50 grants. P&P will submit applications to each of these for different projects that will benefit the District.

## MANAGER REPORT:

1. Critical year water tracking: Manager Wade shared the report showing actuals to date. We are going to have to drain the canals for weed control this winter. We will be sending out a letter to notify of the canal shut down for the month of January.
2. JID/TID/Policy Maker Meeting/KRWA: There was a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> and another will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss what the loss percentages should be.
3. Mendota Wildlife – Fresno Slough Channel Cleaning: A rep from the Wildlife was present for the meeting. At the sand barge area the water is being blocked by the tullies and the hyacinth. An engineer presented some options. The most viable option was to suction dredge the area but the Wildlife said no because of the garter snake. No one wants to drain the pool to allow for proper cleaning of the channel. There will be another meeting in a couple of weeks.
4. Wells/Tanks – diesel fuel: we have a couple of wells above the Clay we are hooking up to diesel to get ready for next year. We are looking to purchase two more diesel tanks. The cost of metal has gone up significantly so we are shopping around.
5. Flowmeter/Appleswhite Easement: the son in-law contacted us about the location of the flowmeter. There is still a misunderstanding about the length of time the meter will be there. They want the meter moved from its current location or build them another small concrete slab up on the bank to replace the one we are using.
6. SLWD/CVP Water: SLWD have been invoiced for the first half according to the contract.

## 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**

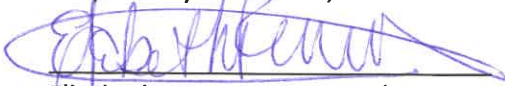
Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

- 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].  
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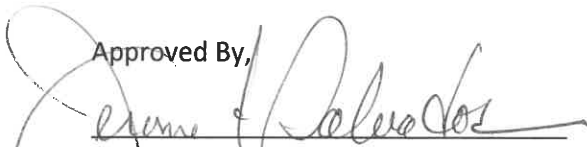
The Board adjourned at 10:43 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on September 15, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

