

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

**September 15, 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 August 18, 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 August 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 August 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: SB323 – sitting on Governor's desk for signature. Governor's executive order for the Brown Act ends September 30<sup>th</sup>. AB361 passed legislature. Curtailments are happening all over the State – notices of violations being sent out. SGMA: no comments on the plan yet. The group is working on a coordination for SGMA compliance throughout the sub-basin.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA: they are pushing for accountability in the updates to the coordination agreement. We are currently in the water level reading period so we need to submit our water levels on all the wells twice a year. Work is beginning on the annual report. Grants update: Meter Grant – we should be receiving money from this grant soon. Lift 3 – USBR is reviewing the scope reduction to see if approval can be granted. We are asking for 3 smaller pumps for this project. City Well 7 replacement project is currently being applied for in 2 different programs.

Resolution 2021-03 – Authorizing the grant application, acceptance and execution for the City Well 7 replacement project – Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. This grant is for 100% grant funding.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Critical year water tracking: Manager Wade shared the report showing actuals to date.

2. JID/TID/Update Policy Maker Meeting: This has been postponed until the 20<sup>th</sup>. We are still in negotiations with James ID.
3. Wells 16a 15a: These wells by the reservoir are above the Corcoran Clay. We are hooking up these wells to prepare for next year. They will be pumped into the reservoir to mix with gravity water. We ordered two 3800 gallon fuel tanks – they are being refurbished and delivered soon. They were in good condition and cost about \$4000 each.
4. Hyacinth & Primrose/Weed Control Plan: Maps were presented so show where the blockages were occurring. Grouleff Aviation will be bringing in a helicopter to spray the Mendota pool thru Tranquillity. We will be getting a cost to spray the whole area and then see how much each District will have to pay. We may have to keep this as a permanent maintenance cost as this will need to be done about three times per year. We will bring the cost to next month's meeting.
5. SLWD/CVP water: we have received our first payment at the end of August. We will be extending our transfer agreement by another year when there is 0% contract water
6. Grower luncheon/ Friday November 19, 2021

**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: 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)*
- ii. Name of case: Center for Biological Diversity, Restore the Delta, and Planning and Conservation League v. United States Bureau of Reclamation, Tranquillity Irrigation District, et al. In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:20-cv-00706 DAD-EPG. *(no reportable action)*


The Board adjourned at 9:56 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on October 20, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

