

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

November 17, 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 October 20, 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 October 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: Watermaster Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of October 2021, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The Well depths as well as the TDS readings were presented along with the flow meter readings near Jacks Resort.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District - SGMA: we are expecting comments towards the end of December with regards to the Plan.

The Board was asked to review and take action to extend the negotiation period for one year under the James ID & Tranquillity ID Agreement and authorize the execution of the letter agreement. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: the budget has been approved for next year. There is grant funding available for potential recharge basins. In January they expect to review the Plan comments and will then determine if the coordination agreement will need to be revised. Grants update: Lift 3 – still at a standstill. Meter Grant: there will be 4 meetings with different meter vendors.

Prop 218 Agricultural Water Rate increase: the water rate fee study was presented to the Board. The Board accepted the rate study as presented and authorized the mailing of the Notice of Public Hearings with regards the proposed Agricultural Water Rates to the irrigation water users in the District. The public hearing date has been set for January 19, 2022. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of these items and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. The water rates (if pass) will go into effect February 1, 2022.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Hyacinth and Primrose/Boat Spraying: We are looking into getting a tracker boat to do the spraying ourselves. The Board gave direction to try to get 3 bids for the cost of a boat and present them at the next board meeting.
2. JID/TID/Update Policy Maker Meeting: we met last week and will have another meeting next week. They are drafting an agreement that will be sent to the other Lower River Units for approval.
3. Review Well Rates Needed/Rights Water percent: Manager Wade presented the proposed rates showing the income for the District at 100% rights water as well as mostly well water if we have reduced allocation of rights water.
4. Critical Water Year Tracking: updated totals were presented
5. Flood Control/Deep Wells/Crossing: we will be installing a crossing with gates in the Slough just in case we don't get any Rights Water this next year. This will allow us to pump our wells into the reservoir and bring that water across to Lift 1 for use within the District. The other long-term benefit is that if we have a flood year we can close the gates and will only have to control flooding in a shorter span of the Slough channel. We will begin work on this project in December
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 9:55 am.

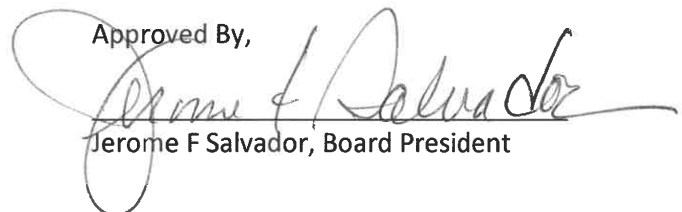
The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on December 15, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Board President

