

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

**December 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 November 17, 2021 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of November 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 November 2021, the well pumping totals, the Mendota pool reporting and the Well depths.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** none

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District - The Governor has imposed a mask mandate for indoor gatherings for the next 30 days. SGMA: DWR will have the comment letter to the GSA sometime in January.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA: the subsidence survey is being conducted right now. Grants update: Lift 3 – a new administrator has been assigned. Meter Grant: they are evaluating and leaning more towards an ultrasonic meter with auto-read. The expected time frame is to be out to bid around May with the actual install taking a few months to complete. Well Grant (cw7 replacement) – we will find out in January if we will be able to get grant funding.

Prop 218 Agricultural Water Rate increase: we have received no written comments yet.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Critical Water Year Tracking/Well Water Pumping 2022: an updated report has been presented.
2. Flood Control/Crossing: the work has begun and the gates will be here next week.
3. Hyacinth and Primrose: the plants are dying and we will spray again in the spring.
4. JID/TID/Update Policy Maker Meeting: December 20<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. They are close to presenting an agreement to the Lower River Units.

5. Rights Water Percent/Well Rate Cost: Income scenarios were presented that are based on potential water allocations. The worst-case scenario would be \$98.00 for surface water and \$200.00 for well water. This will allow us to cover operational costs to irrigate the District

**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**

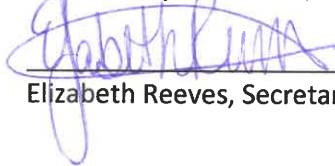
Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

- 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 10:00 am.

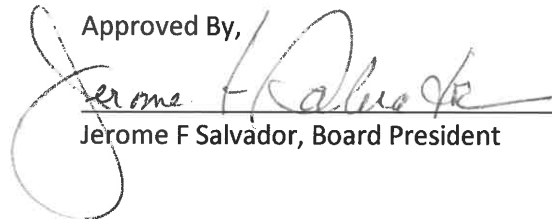
The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on January 19, 2022 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Board President

