

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

June 15, 2022

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, & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT: Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins

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 May 18, 2022 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 May 2022 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

Resolution 2022-03: Resolution Ordering Even-Year Board of Directors Election – Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Resolution and President Salvador seconded the motion.

WATERMASTER’S REPORTS -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of May 2022, the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The Well depths and the PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board along with the flow meter readings. City Water: well A11 has been testing positive for 3 weeks. Fresno County authorized super chlorinating the well for city water use as our other wells are down. This is causing the iron & manganese to break loose in the system causing brown water.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu reported on the SLDMWA board meeting – the main canal has dropped 15” due to subsidence in the area. It is going to cost around \$700 million to bring the canal backup. The debt will be spread over 30 years.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District –Leg Committee: AB2201 amendments have been made and they are currently fighting the bill. AB2449 amends the Brown Act to allow virtual meetings. AB1157 moves to reduce the amount of water consumed per household to 42 gallons. SGMA: Coordination meeting on Monday will finalize the draft of the GSP for public review. On July 7th they will adopt the amended GSP.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: no changes at this time.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: an updated plan was presented to the Board.
2. Letter/ Well Water Rate 2022: Danny presented the letter for the farmers to the Board. It will be sent this week.

3. Hyacinth Coordination Kick-off Meeting: Danny showed some pictures of the hyacinth coming from Millerton. There was a meeting last week to discuss the situation. We have enough materials to spray again.
4. City Well/update: see Watermaster's report. We have been receiving a lot of calls from the community with regards to the brown water.
5. Join Upper River Application (action item): The terms to join Upper River application was presented to the Board. If we join, we are applying for additional flood waters. We will have the right to divert water in excess of the UR units. We will have the ability to use this water in areas outside of our current service area. There will be no up front out of pocket costs. We will only be paying for our portion of the license fee. The Board approved moving forward with the application and direction was given for Danny to proceed. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
6. Yribarren, Lackey Well/WWD – the water currently being spilled back from these wells is being taken by WWD and moved to the San Luis Canal. The TDS is around 1200. A lot of wells are being shutoff in the pool as the TDS is getting too high. As they have been turning back on we see the TDS rising.
7. Tracker Spray Boat: we have picked it up. The final cost was \$27,000. We will not be renting out the boat as there is too much liability.
8. Water Treatment Plant Piggig (action item): OC&C Construction is available to come right away. The total cost for the piggig of the lines is around \$68k. We originally had received three bids for the project – however the company from Texas us not able to come. Based on timing OC&C Construction is the best choice as we are needing the lines to be cleaned right away. The Board gave approval to proceed with OC&C Construction. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

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

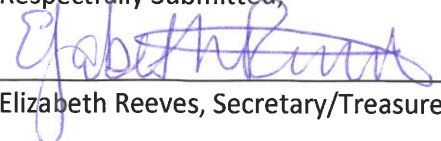
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- i. Name of case: California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Validity of the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions Groundwater Sustainability Plan, et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case 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)*

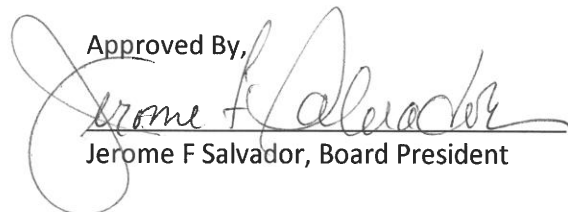
The Board adjourned at 9:55 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on July 20, 2022 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

