

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

October 19, 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, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT: none

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 17, 2022 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 months of August and September 2022 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 months of August and September 2022, the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The Well depths and the PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board. The flow meter readings were unavailable.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District –Leg Committee: memo will be going out about legal updates. Kings River: Funding for Four ASO flights has been received. SGMA: See Engineering report

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: Grant funding is available for more monitoring wells and possible injection well in our area. We are still waiting on State review of the comments submitted for the GSP. Joe presented the subsidence information for our area which shows that we are still declining but not as rapidly.

Projects: Lift 3 has been stalled. Meter project- this project is almost ready to go out to bid. The Highschool service connection – the AG Program is wishing to go larger for their service line. However, P&P have not received any information to verify if our system could handle the increase.

Board action requested: The Board was asked to declare an emergency for the improvements to the existing municipal well by allowing to directly hire a qualified contractor as we can not delay for the bidding process. We do not have a backup city water well and are out of compliance with the Division of Drinking Water regulations by not having the correct number of wells for municipal use. We will need to drill two new wells to be in compliance. Motion was made by Director Ayerza to approve and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: an updated plan was presented to the Board.
2. Hyacinth/ Helicopter Spraying: the spraying has been done
3. Letter/Bureau of Reclamation: a letter was submitted to USBR with James ID regarding the Hyacinth control. The letter expressed concern with regards to the channel being ill equipped to handle flood flows from the Kings River in its current state. The Hyacinth as well as the Primrose (which is now across the channel) are making Pool operations very difficult. There is not enough spraying being done to rectify the problem.
4. Reclamation/Water Delivery Tour: Danny took the USBR reps around the District showing the new meters and the hyacinth issue.
5. Activity Agreement Cost Allocation: we are not in agreement with the proposal.
6. Motor Scraper/Rent or Purchase Lease: After reviewing the proposals, the Board approved moving forward with the "Own at the end of the Lease" option. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. We will move forward with this next spring.
7. TID/BBQ Lunch: the Lions Club will be helping with the luncheon this year.

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)*

9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION


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

NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court, Eastern District of California (Case No. 1:16-CV-307 DAD-SKO). *(no reportable action)*

The Board adjourned at 10:18 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on November 16, 2022 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


William Pucheu, Chairman

