

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

December 21, 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

Chairman Pucheu 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 16, 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 November 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 month of November 2022, the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The Well depths and the PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu reported on the SLDMWA meeting – its budget time. There was also discussion about the reallocation of fees among the participating districts.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District – KRWA: hatchlings will be released in February. Some erosion is being cleaned up at Pine Flat Dam. SGMA: comments are expected from DWR by the end of 1st quarter 2023. Policies are being worked on requiring meters on wells this next year. 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 of agreement. Director Pucheu made a motion for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: there are two projects that have been submitted for the grant application. Data is being collected for the annual report due in April. Subsidence monitoring data should be available in January from USBR. Projects: all projects are stalled at the moment. A11 will be switching to electric but will have to use Well 4 until the switch is complete. This will take about two weeks. The site for CW 8 is secured and we are waiting on paperwork for the CW9 location. The lift 3 project is being tabled until next month.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Resolution 2023-01 Approve budget, irrigation water rates, service fee rates: the budget was presented and after review the Board approved the budget. Director Pucheu made a motion for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. The new well water rate of \$200.00 for the 2023 water year was

approved by the Board. Director Pucheu made a motion for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

2. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: an updated plan was presented to the Board.
3. Motor Scraper/Lease: waiting on Caterpillar for the lease agreement.
4. Water Rate/ 2023 Equipment Rental Rates: see item 1 above
5. DMC Subsidence Correction Project: SLDMWA will be shutting down the pool in January. The State is doing a subsidence study for the Lower DMC. Service should be restored by February 1, 2023.
6. SLWD Review Water Agreement: the contract is extended for two more years because of the 0% CVP allocation. The fee will stay the same.

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

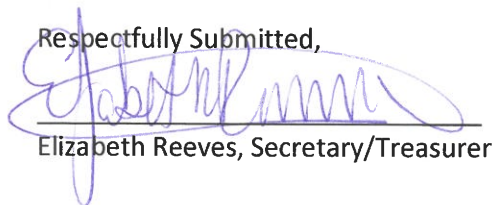
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF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

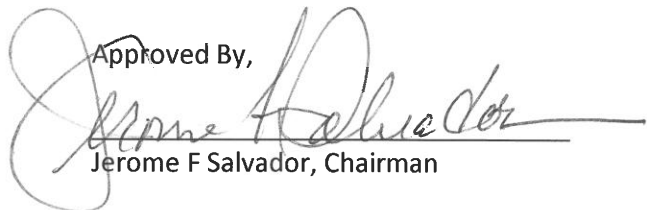
The Board adjourned at 9:54 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on January 18, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

