

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

January 18, 2023

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 December 21, 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 month of December 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 December 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.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District – KRWA: Water rights fees just went out. The fishery hatchlings are being delivered. There have been no flood releases yet. USBR is sending Friant water into the Kings River – about 250 cfs. SGMA: there is a meeting next Monday about the policies.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: There are upcoming meetings. They are working on the annual report and budgets right now. The subsidence data is coming in from USBR this month. The grant is being submitted and will just have to wait to see if approved.

Projects: Lift 3 project – currently in process with USBR. They are looking to approve the submitted amendment. Meter project – currently moving forward with advertising for the bids February 7th. CW Wells – well 6 -they are pulling the pump and moving it to A11. Well 8 -working on plans and specs. Well 9 – owner says its ok to put the well on the property and we are currently working on the easement docs. The Board took action to declare an emergency to proceed with the Lift 3 repairs. Due to the critical nature of the issue, the entire lift must be replaced as soon as possible. The grant funding for this project is still over a year out. Due to the urgent nature the Board approved moving forward with advertising for bid estimates and proceed with the project to repair lift 3. The project cost can not exceed \$65,000. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. All in favor.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: an updated plan was presented to the Board.
2. Motor Scraper/Lease: two updated amortization schedules were presented to the Board. The 1st had a large final payment with smaller annual payments. The 2nd was the opposite. The Board unanimously chose to stay with the 2nd option as it was already approved by the Board previously. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. They also authorized Danny to sign the loan paperwork.
3. San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors – controlled flood releases: Danny shared a report showing the current flood releases.
4. DMC Subsidence Correction Project: this project has been put on hold for now because of the flood waters.
5. SLWD / Water Transfer update: the 2nd 2022 payment has been received.

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

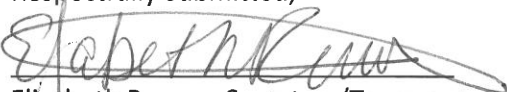
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF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

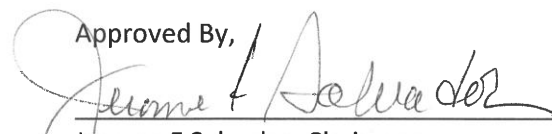
The Board adjourned at 9:50 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on February 15, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

