

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

February 16, 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 January 19, 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 January 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 January 2022 (no ag water pumped). The Well depths and the PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board. For City Water – the County is asking for plans before granting final approval to convert AG Well A11 for municipal use.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu reported on SLDMWA meeting. With regards to the activity agreements – normally the fees are assessed based on the contracted acre feet of CVP water. But one District is protesting this method. The current year rate structure will remain the same. However next year could see a change in how the rates are calculated.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the district – KRWA: at the moment allocations are not looking good on the Kings River. SGMA: the Subbassin received a notice of Incomplete citing four deficiencies. There will be a meeting with DWR to discuss. We will have 180 days to correct the deficiencies. The CDMGSA is looking to revise the cost share plan. They are considering basing a portion of the fees on how much water is being pumped and the rest would be an administrative fee split evenly among all 10 members.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: see Counsel report Grants update: Lift 3 – waiting to hear if amendment is approved. Meter Grant: the recommendation is to go with Badger and are on track to begin sometime in June. CW4 & A11: a sample from A11 was submitted and passed for municipal use. Conditional approval has been given for A11 to be used but they wish to see plans before granting final approval. There is no grant funding available for this conversion so we will have to cover all costs. We are going to have to clean the transmission lines. CW7 replacement: we are looking to receive the commitment letter by the end of February.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: this year is declared a critical water year. A plan was presented to the Board.
2. Flood Control/ Crossing: we spent around \$42,000
3. Central Delta Mendota GSA/Cost Share Discussions: there will be a monthly meeting to discuss how to split the costs fairly. Five different scenarios have been presented. The most favored was 50/50 split. 1st ½ = even split for administrative costs, 2nd ½ = based on well water pumped.
4. Emergency City Well #4: see engineers report
5. Hyacinth Funding/Cost Share: TID's portion was \$5663.00 . There was no grant funding available. We will have the spraying done again soon and the rate will be about the same.
6. Well Water Rate: Critical year was announced. We will have to pump well water to compensate for the water shortage. We will charge \$150/af to cover the power bill starting in August for the well water. We will continue to monitor the water situation to see if we need to change anything.

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

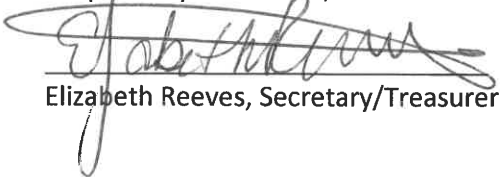
Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

- 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)*

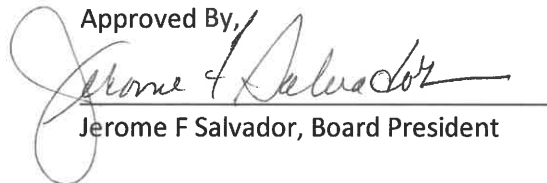
The Board adjourned at 10:30 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

