

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

**March 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 8:33 am.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of February 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 February 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 February 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 – Leg Committee: AB1773 & AB2449 look to amend the Brown Act to allow virtual meetings. Three bills are being introduced for some California Water Law changes. KRWA: snowpack is at 59% of average. ASO flights have started. Water Rights fees are expected to go up 7.2% SGMA: amendments are being worked on for the Plan. A hearing will be held between June 22 thru July 12.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA: Coordination meetings are being held to ensure all are saying the same thing and working together as a whole. This should be done by June. Grants update: Lift 3 – waiting to hear if amendment is approved. Well A11 (CW replacement well) & CW8 – working with DDW to convert A11 to a city well. Currently testing this well to see if the current pump can handle 50psi needed to get to the treatment plant and the tank. Also working on a corrective action plan with DDW. They want us to do more public notifications with regards to our current city water situation as well as water conservation. CW8 has been approved for emergency drilling and equipping. We have a commitment letter but are still working on the funding agreement.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: an updated plan was presented to the Board.
2. Dump/James & Manning: we received a site inspection report. They are asking us to do further cleanup and to post signs with regards to “No Dumping”.

3. PG&E/Easement/Andrew Groppetti Farms: Mr. Groppetti has asked for an easement to run electrical across our canals to his trees. Manager Wade signed the easement request.
4. City Wells Update: adding to the Engineers Report – DDW was also asking us to do water rotation enforcement.
5. Exchange Contractors/Pool Operations: Adam (WM for Exchange Contractors) took a tour of our area to see how we operate in our district as well as how the hyacinth are affecting us.

**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**

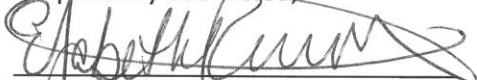
Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

- 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 9:40 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

