#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

### TRANQUILLITY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## April 20, 2022

**PRESENT:** President Jerome F Salvador, 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: Director William Pucheu

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None** 

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2022 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The <u>Cash Flow</u> statement was presented for the month of March 2022 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Ayerza motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. President Salvador seconded the motion.

**WATERMASTER'S REPORTS** -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of March 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 – <u>Leg Committee</u>: Forms for the Well Drilling Permits (Governor's Executive Order) have been revised for Fresno County. Drinking water systems are exempt from this executive order. AB2201 is being opposed by ACWA & KRWA – it's basically similar to the executive order. SB1219 looks to revamp the State Water Board. They want to form a committee to redo water law. <a href="KRWA">KRWA</a>: The coordinated run will be after June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Fisheries Management fees have increased. <a href="SGMA">SGMA</a>: There will be four meetings with DWR to amend the water plans. They are working on definitions (ie. Undesirable results...) coordinating the plans, showing the work, etc... They have two months to complete the corrections.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA: see Counsel report. Grants update: Meter Project – should be out to bid shortly. CW wells – we were able to get funding to fix CW7 and CW6. For A11 conversion – we have received approval to do move forward. This well will be primary until CW6 & 7 are fixed. Then it will revert to backup. There is potential funding available to loop the city water system so P&P will put together the information again and resubmit the project. Lift 3 – we are in the process of registering our account again with SAM.gov.

## **MANAGER REPORT:**

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: an updated plan was presented to the Board.

- 2. Exchange Contractors/ Rights Water: we are taking water from Friant to cover our rights water needs. Danny presented the Friant release report.
- 3. Dump/James & Manning: we have cleaned up the site as much as possible. They will be back quarterly to inspect
- 4. City Wells Update: see engineering report
- 5. ACWA/Spring Conference: this will be the first week in May
- 6. Provost & Pritchard is having an open house May 12, 2022

#### **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 <u>Section</u> 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).

- 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 9:47 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on May 18, 2022 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

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Approved By,

Jerome F Salvador, Board President