

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

May 18, 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, & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT: Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins

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 April 20, 2022 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of April 2022 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Pucheu 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 April 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. CW11 is up and running. We hope to start pumping into the system by Monday. We are waiting on the Bac T results.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District – KRWA: they are anticipating a 30% water year from the snow pack and 42% runoff is projected. Leg Committee: AB2201 – this is the same as the Governor's Executive Order regarding well drilling permits. The burden shifts to the GSA's, away from the Counties, for reviewing the well spacing and subsidence impact. SGMA: Coordination meetings will be happening every Wednesday thru the end of June for amending the GSP's addressing the comments from the State.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: no changes at this time.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: an updated plan was presented to the Board.
2. Set Well Water Rate Charge/ 2022: currently the water rate is \$98.00 for Rights Water. We will need to increase the Critical Year Well Water rate to \$170.00 beginning in August to cover the increased cost of diesel. The Board approved this well water rate. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. A letter will be sent out to update the farmers.
3. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority: we currently have 71% of our landowners reporting the nitrogen management plans in our District. There are new rules for domestic wells. If Nitrogen shows up in the area the municipal water companies have to supply drinking water to all domestic water users in that area. No personal wells can be used.

4. City Well/update: see Watermaster's report
5. Exchange Contractors/ Rights Water: the updated report was presented
6. Disposal Site Inspection Report: County has approved the clean up and the signs posted. They asked us to stay on top of the cleanup.

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)*

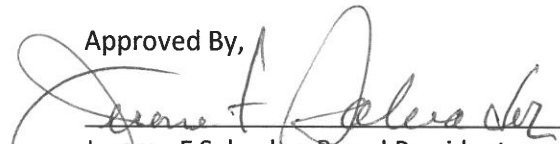
The Board adjourned at 9:22 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on June 15, 2022 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

