

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

November 16, 2022

PRESENT: 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: President Jerome F Salvador

Chairman Pucheu 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 October 19, 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 October 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 October 2022, the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The Well depths and the PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board. The flow meter readings were also presented. Horacio is working to get the treatment plant back online.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District –Leg Committee: updates are coming. Exchange Contractors: They received a favorable outcome for the reservoir. USBR: they are reopening negotiations with the Exchange Contractors to discuss contract changes. Both sides will have to agree. SGMA: They are still waiting on the DWR review of the amended GSP. A response is expected end of 1st quarter 2023. They are currently working on a measurement policy – putting meters on all wells in the subbasin. We (TID) have everything metered and will be replacing some broken ones next year. It was suggested that we work up a meter calibrating schedule.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: The budget has been drafted. The Board took action to approve the Resolution 2022-04 to apply for grant funding for the Delta Mendota Subbasin. Director Pucheu motioned and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

Projects: Lift 3 has been stalled. It is now officially an emergency. Meter project- this project is almost ready to go out to bid. New CW wells – The State has agreed to move forward with this project. Plans and Specs are being worked on for the new well sites.

MANAGER REPORT:

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

2. Motor Scraper/Delivery: the new unit will be coming in December with the 1st payment being made in January.
3. Water Rate/ 2023: The new well water rate needs to be \$200.00 per acre foot. This was already approved under Prop 218. We will start charging this new rate July 16th 2023.
4. TID/BBQ Lunch: the Lions Club will be helping with the luncheon this year.

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


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

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 December 21, 2022 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

