

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

February 15, 2023

PRESENT: President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, Director George Ayerza Jr, General Manager Danny M Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT: Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade

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 18, 2023 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 January 2023 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Amendments for the Tranquillity ID 401k plan were presented to the Board for approval. After review, Director Ayerza made a motion for approval of the amended 401k plan and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Manager Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of January 2023, 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. The excavation work has been completed for the canals. Lift 3 project - the pump has been pulled and is getting repaired. One of the pipes have been fixed which allows only one pump to run for now.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu reported that the budget for SLDMWA is almost done.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District – State Leg: Educate Judges on Water Laws bill sponsored by ACWA is moving forward. SB23 Permitting process for flood water is being sponsored by ACWA. AB560 amends SGMA = adjudication must be filed with the State Water Board – ACWA opposing. SGMA: The policy was adopted about all wells being metered in the Basin.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: The annual report info has been submitted for TID. For the well policy – we need to provide meter information to CDMGSA.

Projects: Meter Project: the bid period is opened and several parties have shown interest. The commercial meters needed in this project will have to be paid for by us (not allowed thru the grant). CW Wells: Well 4 is not working but currently trying to get it fixed. Well 8 – waiting for the rig to do the sampling and testing for the best location. Well 6 equipment is being pulled and examined to ensure its still ok to use which will then be put into Well A11. Lift 3: The cost was discussed about us paying for the repairs versus continuing with the grant. To repair it on our own it would cost around \$50,000. Out of pocket portion of the Grant would be \$836,000. The Board decided to walk away from the Lift 3 grant from USBR. Director Pucheu made a motion to reject the

grant and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Direction was given to Joe Hopkins to proceed with the necessary notifications.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2022 Critical Water Year Tracking: We are estimating to get 100% rights water allocation.
2. Flood Waters: San Joaquin River – Kings River: We will be taking flood waters if/when available. There is going to be a meeting with Brian @ P&P about the San Joaquin River flood waters, our taking this into our District, and our rights to it.
3. Update Motor Scraper/Lease: we are still waiting on the lease paperwork
4. SLWD / Water Transfer update: It looks like there will be some CVP water available this year to send to SLWD.
5. City Meters Grant/Rural cost to TID: see Engineering Report

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

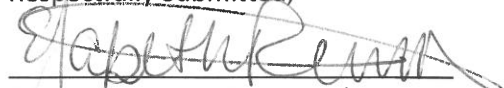
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court, Eastern District of California (Case No. 1:16-CV-307 DAD-SKO). (no reportable action)

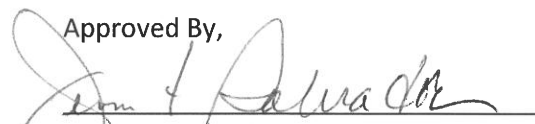
The Board adjourned at 10:10 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on March 15, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

