

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

**March 15, 2023**

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

**ABSENT:** Director George Ayerza Jr,

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 February 15, 2023 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 February 2023 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 Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of February 2023, along with the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths and the PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board as well as the flow meter readings. City Well 4 is currently getting fixed and will be back online next month.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** none

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District – State Leg: Water Rights are a big issue. ACWA is opposing AB460, AB676, AB1337 & SB389. Water Districts have been asked to support the “Oppose Position” for all 4 bills. The Board agreed to send our letter head and signature to support the “Oppose position”.

SGMA: Delta Mendota GSA has received an “Inadequate” notice from DWR for the Plan.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:**

SGMA: The GSA will have 90 days to respond to the notice from DWR. The latest subsidence report was presented and showed a 3” drop in our region.

Projects: Meter Project: there were 6 bids received. The lowest came from Dawson Mauldin. A motion was made by Director Pucheu to accept Dawson Mauldin’s low bid amount of \$896,484.55. President Salvador seconded the motion. Direction was given to issue them the notice of award and Manager Wade has been authorized to sign the contracts. Director Pucheu also made a motion to authorize the change order to approve the additional bid items for the non-residential connections. President Salvador seconded the motion. CW Wells: Well 4 has collapsed and the pump shaft is shot. Repairs will begin next month. Well 8 is to be drilled around late June to early July. Lift 3: the letter is being submitted today to terminate the grant.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

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)*

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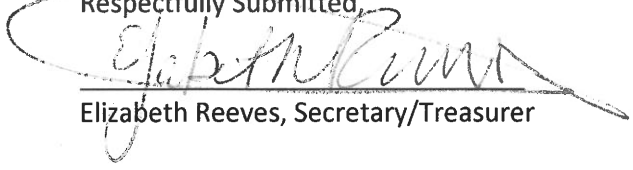
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF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

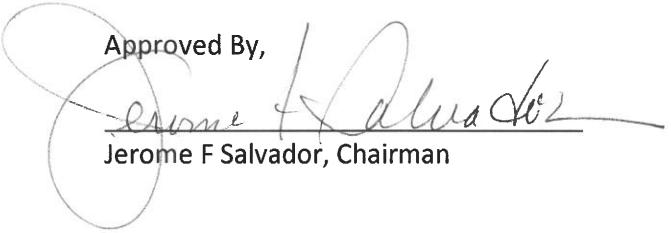
The Board adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on April 19, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Chairman