

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

April 19, 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: Tom Fairless asked about putting water on his game refuge and if TID would like to do this as a recharge. He did ask for compensation thru assessments. Council stated we would need to put this item on the agenda for further discussion.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of March 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 March 2023 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. President Salvador seconded the motion.

Bank accounts coverage over \$250,000: options were presented thru the ICS program with CVCB. Joe Hopkins spoke about Cal Trust as another option for coverage. This issue has been tabled for now.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of March 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.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District – State Leg: AB1637 – requiring public agencies to change their websites to a .gov or ca.gov extension. ACWA is opposing. AB429 & AB1563 – groundwater wells regulations – ACWA is opposing. AB560 & AB779 – SGMA adjudication brought to DWR – ACWA is opposing. AB460, AB676, AB1337, SB389 – water rights bills – State WB wants authority over all water rights including Pre1914 rights. Kings River: 3.2-million-acre feet run off.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: Our plan has been deemed inadequate but we are not on probation yet. Committees will be meeting to address the deficiencies. They are also considering doing a single GSP for the entire group. We are working with one consultant now for the entire subbasin. This last year we (TID) did exceed the subsidence levels set in the GSP. TW4 & 5 are showing a correlation between our well pumping and subsidence when water is pumped below the historic levels.

Projects: Meter Project: the meters have been delayed due to supply issues. CW Wells: Well 8 is to be drilled around late June to early July. Flow Meter: has been recalibrated.

(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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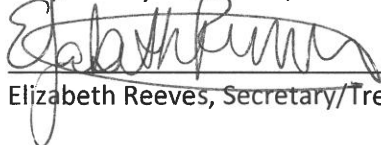
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF 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 10:35 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on May 17, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman