

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

June 21, 2023

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, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT: none

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 May 17, 2023 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of May 2023 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Ayerza motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of May 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 – SGMA: there will be an Inadequate Subbassins meeting – no actions to be taken just recommendations. We will do one GSP for the entire subbassin moving forward with the MOA to be ready around September. The Northern Group will start meeting on their own going forward and the Central Group will do the same. Kings River : the flood releases will go thru mid-July. State Leg: ACWA has no position changes for water rights bills.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: Water quality readings will be taken in July and August. Subsidence survey with USBR will be conducted end of the month.

Projects: CW Wells: Well 4 break has been fixed. Well 8 will be end of July. Well A11 – we are working with the contractor to move forward. Meter Project: still moving forward. Direction was requested with regards to two issues. 1. multiple houses on the same property – should there be just one meter per APN? Answer - yes. 2. For one service feeding multiple properties – should we switch to one service for each property potentially at the District's expense? Answer – yes. These are long standing connection situations so we will provide the meter and connection to their property and they will have to run from the meter to their house. Provost & Pritchard will look to see if we can get this covered thru the grant.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2023 Critical Water Year Tracking: Updated report was presented

2. Flood Waters: San Joaquin River – Kings River: Kings River flood releases will be off around the 20th of July.
3. KRWA- Mendota Pool Flood Damage: the meeting discussed the possibility of drying up the pool in December. If they do – then we will work with the State for permission to dredge the channel.
4. Hwy 180 Flow Meter – Lock Protection: the flow meter box was broken into and the battery was stolen. We have since had this fixed and added a bar in front with a lock in a metal box.
5. USBR – we sent a letter to USBR requesting a contract realignment of our 2023 rights water. The letter and schedule were presented to the Board.
6. Salary wage evaluation: a wage comparison was presented that showed the raise % increase from 4 other districts. After discussion the Board approved the 2023/2024 wages. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

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

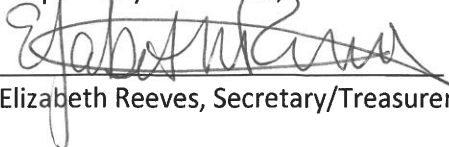
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF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

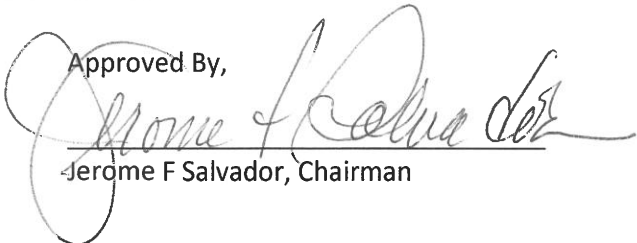
The Board adjourned at 10:18 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

