

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

July 19, 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 June 21, 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 June 2023 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 Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of June 2023, along with the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. Kings flood waters will end July 19th and our Rights water pumping will begin July 20th. 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: AB460 & AB1337 are 2 year bills now. SB389 has been amended to allow SWRCB to investigate all water rights – no complaints necessary. AB2201 is a study bill now. For the budget trailer bills – there are 8 for water infrastructure which have gone through. SGMA: the MOA is moving forward. The Board was asked to take action to appoint Lauren Layne to the ACWA Legal Affairs Committee and the State Legislative Committee. The Board approved this action. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: a quote to do one consolidated GSP has been received. It will cost around \$1.4 million. They could have this done by mid July 2024. Water data is being collected. The subsidence data is currently waiting on USBR to complete their data.

Projects: CW Wells: Well 8 is ready to be drilled the end of this month. Just need the contract to be drawn up. Well 4 casing has been repaired. Well A11 – is running on diesel. In order to switch to electric we need another well running. It will cost around \$80,000 to finish fixing well 4 and make it operational. P&P is proposing to fix well 4, drill well 8, move funds from the well 9 grant to A11 and move well 9 construction to a later date. The Board is ok with this plan. Meter Project: There are currently 175 boxes installed which is about 50% done. There are issues with locating some of the connections. The contractor feels that TID should be doing the

locating. A threat of claim has been filed by Dawson & Mauldin. There will be a meeting today to discuss the issues.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2023 Critical Water Year Tracking: Updated report was presented. We are looking into doing a water trade with James ID for our Kings River water.
2. Flood Waters: San Joaquin River – Kings River: Kings River flood releases will be off around the 19th of July. We will begin pumping our rights water July 20th.
3. Commercial Water/Meters License: for our customers who use city water for commercial use – new meters will need to be installed and rates set appropriately
4. United States Bureau of Reclamation/Letter: we still haven't received a response.
5. Hyacinth Coordination/Spraying: when the channel drops down we will get a boat in to get started with the spraying in our section. The helicopter spraying will be done in the game refuge section.
6. 2023 TID/BBQ: we will approach the Lions Club to do the BBQ

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)*

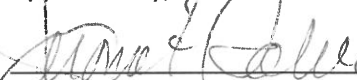
The Board adjourned at 10:03 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on August 16, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

