

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

**August 16, 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 July 19, 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 July 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 July 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 –Kings River: power revenue checks will be coming soon. They have experienced some flooding damage on the lower river. State Leg: no new updates SGMA: they are still working on the 1 GSP for the subbasin. The draft MOA is almost ready. They are currently working on how many seats there will be on the Coordination Committee. They expect a resolution by the end of the month and then they will be able to send out the MOA.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:**

SGMA: they are collecting water quality samples today

Projects: Meter Project: issues have been resolved and the project is moving forward. There is a list forming of connection issues in the system, multiple houses fed by one connection or water line running thru the middle of a property to another property behind it. We will need to have a meter for each individual property. Wells: Well 8 – they will start drilling 30 days after all parties have signed the contract. The equipment portion is going out to bid. The goal is to have the equipment portion ready to go as soon as the well is drilled. Well 4- Cal West Rain is waiting on the column pipe to come in. An Executive Order from the Governor is in place for flood maintenance. Basically, we can get to work on the levees and clean up the sand barge without the “red tape”. We will have until November to get this work done.

## MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2023 Critical Water Year Tracking: Updated report was presented.
2. Commercial Water/Meters License: with regards to the list of issues P&P is finding for the meter project – we will need to wait until the end of the project to resolve these. The list of places will have to be split up and have one meter going to each parcel/property. We will need to know the cost to make these corrections and determine who pays for these. Joe will work on this.
3. United States Bureau of Reclamation/Letter: we still haven't received a response.
4. Hyacinth Coordination/Spraying: there will be a meeting for the helicopter spraying next week. We don't need this in our area as the boat is working out very well right now.
5. Pool Pumpers/ Gauge: Wildlife Refuge has removed the gauge that was in their territory. Chase Hurley (rep for the pool pumpers) has asked if we could put a gauge in our area. They will share the water quality data with us. The Board is ok with this. We will need to setup some kind of agreement as well as an easement.
6. 2023 TID/BBQ: the Lions Club will be doing the BBQ. It will be on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 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**

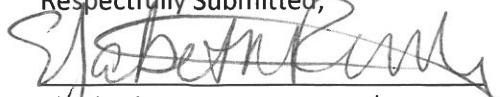
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF 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 9:40 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on September 20, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By

  
Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

