

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

September 20, 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 & Acting Secretary/Treasurer Emalina Almanza

ABSENT: Director George Ayerza Jr

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:41 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of August 16, 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 August 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 August 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. Well #4 is up and running and available as a backup.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District –Kings River: Flood releases from Pine Flat will be finalized in October. TID has 100% storage available. James ID will not be needing any extra water so Manager Wade will reach out to another District for storage opportunities. State Leg: Legislation will be over October 14th and the Governor will sign/veto legislation. 2 bills that affect TID are SB389 & AB779 SGMA: the Subbassin is finalizing the MOA and cost sharing percentages for the single GSP preparation. The cost will vary with acreage, with roughly \$230,000 to the larger GSA groups and \$150,000 to the smaller GSA groups. The Special Project Agreement will be established for the cost sharing of the single GSP.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: Data is being compiled and compared to the single GSP and the annual report. The District will need to collect static groundwater levels in October.

Projects: Meter Project: The contractor reports there are delays on obtaining of the meters and valves. There are more 2inch services than expected which are on backorder. The contractor proposes project completion around September 2024. However, alternative designs are being considered to expedite schedule. Contractors have not been paid yet since they haven't turned in a certified payroll. We are awaiting costs from the contractor to separate lots with double services. Rural hydrants are considered landowner's property and therefore will be metered and are landowner's responsibility. It is proposed that a policy be established for metering the city hydrants as well. Wells: Well #4 pump has been repaired and is operational. Well #8 drilling is under contract. The construction will begin at the end of September and all permits are in place. DWR might have more funds available for this project. The Well 8 equipping is still in design but will be out to bid soon.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2023 Critical Water Year Tracking: Updated report was presented.
2. Meters Update: see Engineer's report
3. United States Bureau of Reclamation: we still haven't received a response. SLDMWA has sent notification to USBR that we are not sticking to our contracted Rights Water amounts.
4. Hyacinth Spraying update: we are keeping the hyacinth under control in our area with the boat. There has been no helicopter spraying yet.
5. TPUD – Sewer Lift Station: Counsel will work on the easement agreement
6. Pool Pumpers/ Gauge: Chase Hurley will be reaching out to P&P
7. SLWD/2023 Water: the 1st half has been paid. They will be moving only 10% of the water into next year.
8. 2024 Water Rates: P&P is working on the rate study and should have it ready to present to the Board no later than the November board meeting. If the rate study is adopted the public hearing will be in January 2024

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 10:30 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on October 18, 2023 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

