

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

December 20, 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 November 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 November 2023 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

The Board was made aware of some updates: The updated 2024 budget was presented to show the replacement backhoe lease expense. The employee handbook has been updated to reflect the new 40-hour sick time law in effect for 2024.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of November 2023, along with the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths were presented to the Board.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District – still working on water rights bills. SGMA: the SWRCB hearing for our subbasin will be the 1st quarter 2025. The single GSP will be done in June or July 2024. Once submitted it will take SWRCB about 3 months for them to review. The fees will be looked at again from DWR since the ones in place are rather high.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: the MOA was approved at the Central Delta Mendota meeting. There has been discussion about projects and the GSP. Need a more concrete plan if the projects fail. Subsidence is still occurring in our area. SWRCB wants to see 0 subsidence.

Projects: Meter Project: we are about 6-8 weeks away from the grant payment for the meter project. Dawson is coming in January to finish the installation of the 1" meters. Well 8 drilling and sampling is done. We are waiting for the results so the design part can be completed. TID has been awarded \$300,000 for on farm improvements.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2023 Critical Water Year Tracking: Updated report was presented. There was a meeting with USBR – they now have a new streamline process for making our rights water rescheduling requests each year.
2. Dawson-Mauldin Construction modified change order: the 2" and 4" meters have been added. The Board took action to approve the \$80,000 change order. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

3. Well #8 quarterly progress report 5: this has been signed and submitted.
4. Well 9: the grant updated paperwork has been signed
5. Mendota Pool update: the pool has been refilled already
6. Kings River Water Association meeting Dec 7, 2023: meeting was attended. No updates available
7. 2024 maintenance projects: the property Olivera leased will now be converted to a reservoir. The project will be completed in 3 sections. The total space is about 200 acres and expect to hold around 1–2-thousand-acre feet.

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

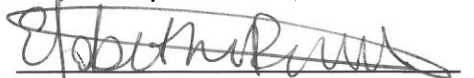
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NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF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

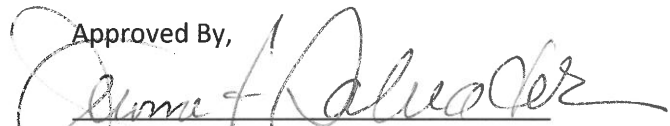
The Board adjourned at 10:05 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on January 17, 2024 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

