

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

**January 17, 2024**

**PRESENT:** President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, Director George Ayerza Jr, Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

**ABSENT:** General Manager Danny M Wade

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposition 218 – Agricultural Water Rate Increase Meeting was opened at 8:31. A notice had been sent out 45 days in advance of this meeting. There were no protests received and no public present. The Meeting was closed at 8:34.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of December 20, 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 December 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 December 2023, along with the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths were presented to the Board.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** SLDMWA is having a budget workshop today.

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing Tranquillity Irrigation District to set Agricultural Water Charges and Rates. A motion was made by Director Pucheu to set the new rates to \$120.00 per acre foot for surface water and \$250.00 per acre foot for ground water. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
- B. Resolution 2024-02 Adopting the Budget, Irrigation Water Rates, and Service Fees for 2024 Water Year. A motion was made by Director Ayerza to adopt the budget, rates and fees as presented. Director Pucheu seconded the motion.
- C. Easement Agreement with Tranquillity Public Utilities District (sewer lift station) – tabled until next month

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: KRWA – there are no aerial snow surveys right now and we are still in flood control space.

SGMA: see Engineering Consultant report

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:**

SGMA: Outreach is being worked on right now. Demand Management is still an issue. They are looking at setting thresholds for undesirable results. In our area we are still subsidizing and we are working on how to approach this issue. We will need to have some policies in place.

Projects: Meter Project: we are still on hold as we are waiting for all the equipment to arrive. There are two options being considered for a new billing software. Well 8: they are going to set it at 550 feet where the good water is. The water quality wasn't good in the lower section. They are still waiting on the final results. The well equipping portion will be out to bid soon.

**MANAGER REPORT: all items tabled until next month**

1. 2024 Water Schedule Tracking
2. SLWD – 2024 CVP Water
3. FID/KRWA Strategic Planning
4. 2024 Rights Water Adjusted Schedule

**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).

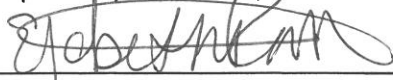
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN’S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court,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

Reports out of Closed Session: A motion was made by Director Pucheu authorizing President Salvador to execute the settlement agreement for the KRWA - James Irrigation District litigation. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

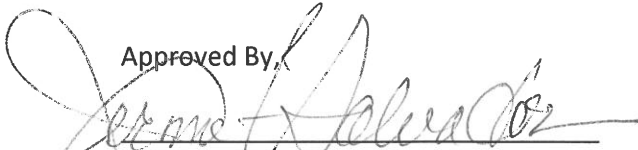
The Board adjourned at 9:30 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on February 21, 2024 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
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Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

