

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

March 20, 2024

PRESENT: President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, General Manager Danny M Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT: Director George Ayerza Jr, Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade

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 February 21, 2024 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 February 2024 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: Manager Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of February 2024, along with the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths along with PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board.

DIRECTOR REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Easement Agreement with Tranquillity Public Utilities District (sewer lift station) – tabled until next month

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Nothing new to report – all matters for closed session. SGMA: see Engineering Consultant report

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: water level readings are being taken right now. As a result of the SGMA meetings, the subsidence allowance will be a max of 2 feet until 2040. Then after that there will be no subsidence allowed. For our area we will need to space out our pumping across the District – not just in one area.

Projects: Meter Project: 22 locations are left to install for the 2” meters and should be done in May. The 3” meters will be installed in June. Well 8: this well is drilled and built. The well equipping contract will go out to bid next month.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2024 Water Schedule Tracking : updated report was presented
2. JID/KRWA: Snow melt will cause us to lose our water in storage and we won't be able to bring it down to us. We are still talking with other agencies about a possible exchange program for our Kings River Water.
3. 2024/O'Neill Outage April 15-May 30: the water we need will have to come through the Jones Pumping Plant which could cause us some water supply issues in May.
4. SLWD – Update - 2024 CVP Water: approval has been given by USBR for the 2023 transfer carry over
5. Reservoir / Project: they have started discing to get it ready for the work to begin

CLOSED SESSION: (opened at 8:45)

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).

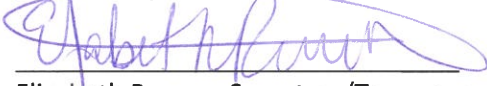
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court,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

Reports out of Closed Session: none /session ended at 9:00 am and reopened open session

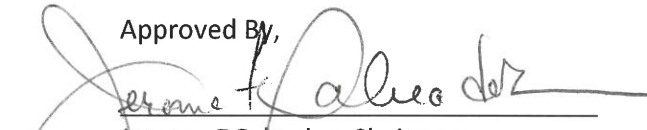
The Board adjourned at 9:37 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

