

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

April 17, 2024

PRESENT: President Jerome F Salvador, 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: Director William Pucheu

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 March 20, 2024 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of March 2024 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Ayerza 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 March 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.

Maintenance projects: Started the new reservoir project today

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

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: Legislation: AB2079 – prohibits drilling ag wells moving forward in an effort to stop subsidence – ACWA is opposed unless amend.

SGMA: There was a hearing for TLSB – the Basin went into probation. They will have to resubmit their plan and wait 3 months for review.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: they are currently working with SWB for the single GSP so we can be compliant with what they want to see. Currently working on policies to help keep everyone on the same page. All wells in the basin are required to have meters. The new Demand Management Policy is an issue as they want no pumping at all – still working on this..

Projects: Meter Project: still moving forward. Working on new city water rates for the Prop 218 Well 8: this has not been developed yet because of the weather.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2024 Water Schedule Tracking : updated report was presented
2. 2nd Revised Water Schedule: the new schedule was presented that has been sent to USBR
3. KRWA Water Update: no flood flows yet. We are still waiting to see if we will be able to do some sort of exchange program for the Kings River Water
4. SLWD – Update - 2024 CVP Water: we are moving forward with the transfer which should begin April or May

5. Boat Spraying/JID: a question was asked if we would rent out our spray rig since we aren't permitted to spray outside our own district. The Board decided to not allow this due to liability concerns
6. Cal/Trust: information was provided about the company. They have different funds – the Board chose the Liquidity fund which is a stable dollar in dollar out. There are no minimums or maximums with regards to investments or withdrawals. There are no fees for the public agency. After discussion the Board agreed to move forward with this company. They chose the Liquidity fund and to move the funds from the New Well CVCB account to start with. Direction was given to move forward with the application process. Director Ayerza motioned for approval to move forward with Cal Trust and President Salvador seconded the motion.
7. ACWA – Sacramento CA: just a reminder of ACWA conference first week of May

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: the Board directed Manager Wade to sign on with the comment letter for the AQUATERRA Water Bank Project.

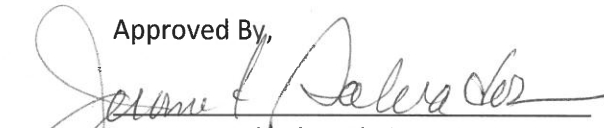
The Board adjourned at 10:00 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on May 15, 2024 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

