

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

June 19, 2024

PRESENT: President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, General Manager Danny M Wade, Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

ABSENT: Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins, Director George Ayerza Jr,

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 May 15, 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 May 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 May 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. For the maintenance – they are still working on the new reservoir.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Easement Agreement with Tranquillity Public Utilities District (sewer lift station) – tabled until next month
- B. Resolution 2024-03 Resolution approving the second amended and restated San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and Actions related thereto – Director Pucheu motioned for approval to sign the agreement and President Salvador seconded the motion.
- C. Resolution 2024-04 Resolution ordering Even Year Board of Directors Election – President Salvador motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.
- D. TID Investment Policy for Review – after review the Board approved the Policy as presented. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Legislation: AB2079 – this bill didn't pass out of committee. AB1337 – this water rights bill has been pulled. AB460 – this water rights penalty bill is being worked on. SB1156 – this bill would require GSA's to file additional conflict of interest. It is being revised. KRWA: the dam filled to peak on June 11th. They are trying to see about raising the Pine Flat Dam for more storage.

SGMA: the draft GSP is out. There is going to be a meeting with SWRCB to go over the well mitigation program and funding.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: the GSP is out for public review. The plan is to adopt in July by the GSAs. We'll need to do water quality testing soon. We'll need to sample for a few more constituents than previous years

Projects: Well 8- Well is drilled, makes a LOT of water. We are now advertising for the pumping equipment and site improvements. The bid opening is July 8th and we'll approve at the July 17 board meeting. Once we have that bid, we can decide on how to move forward with Well 9 and A-11. Meters: Still getting the remaining few figured out. Still waiting on some equipment to arrive. Fee study is coming together. Should have a draft approach to review with you next month.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2024 Water Schedule Tracking : updated report was presented.
2. Revised Schedule/Kings River: a revised water rights schedule will be sent to USBR. We are working on an agreement to possibly do a trade with JID – giving them Kings River Water now in exchange for well water later in the year.
3. Blair, Church and Flynn – WWD consulting engineers: they are wanting to make some changes to the crossing we put in. WWD would like to widen the channel and put in new gates so they can move some flood waters thru there. If this project goes thru we could charge a wheeling fee and a fee for using our property to transport water thru this location.
4. SLWD – Update : they have taken the 2023 rescheduled CVP water and plan to take the available 2024 water as well. The agreement is up this fall and we will have to renegotiate if they would like to extend it for another 5 years.
5. Fresno Slough Water District Transfer and TID Annexing in TID owned FSWD Ground: we've been told the permanent reassignment will be only good thru 2030 because the NEPA will expire in 2030. We would like to annex in the TID owned portion of FSWD into TID. The Board agreed that this is a good idea. We will have to talk with USBR about making sure the FSWD rights water will be coming with the land once its annexed.
6. Grants/Money Return: we have received some of the grant funding for the projects.
7. 2024 Budget Salary Adjustments: the wage comparisons with other Districts was presented to the Board.
8. Vehicle Replacement 2024: this was not in the budget but we need to replace 2 trucks as we are unable to do further repairs. We are going to replace 1 now and the other at the end of the year. The Board approved this plan. Director Pucheu motioned approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

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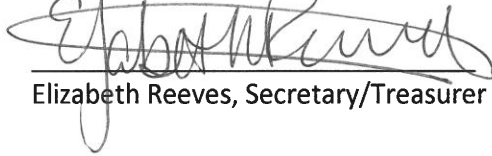
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court,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

Reports out of Closed Session: none

The Board adjourned at 10:19 am.

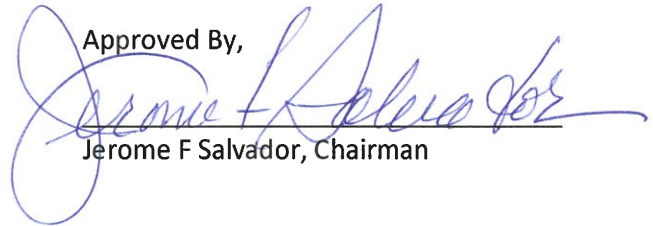
The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on July 17, 2024 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Chairman