

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

July 17, 2024

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

ABSENT: 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 June 19, 2024 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of June 2024 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: Manager Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of June 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: Director Pucheu reported that the Friant group now have a “vote at the table” for the intertie.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Easement Agreement with Tranquillity Public Utilities District (sewer lift station) – tabled until next month
- B. 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice – COI Code review: after review the Board moved to approve no changes to the TID Conflict of Interest Code. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Notification will be made to the Board of Supervisors.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District:

SGMA: Friant sent a comment letter for our GSP with regards subsidence. CDM has sent a response. The single GSP is out for review with the goal to adopt the new GSP by August. Domestic Well Mitigation – many revisions have been made based on requests from SWRCB staff. We are sending back a new MOA that will go into effect by the end of August.

MAGSA Meeting: we had sent a letter of support for James ID's letter opposing the Aquaterra Water Banking Project. No CEQA was done and no comment/response had been received. The approval of this item at their meeting was removed from their agenda. They have tabled this until August.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

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


The Board adjourned at 10:08 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jérôme F Salvador, Chairman