

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

August 21, 2024

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

ABSENT: 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 July 17, 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 July 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: Assistant Manager Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of July 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: 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:

Legal: SB1390 – Allowing flood water diversion = new language has been added to this bill. Now ACWA has taken an “oppose unless amend” stand. SB1156 – Affects GSA’s requiring all board members and executives to file form 700 with FPPC.

SGMA: the Committee has recommended approval of the single GSP, which will be approved tomorrow at the Board Meeting. The single GSP has already been submitted to SWRCB for review. The Committee is working on amendments to the activity agreement. For the Domestic Well Mitigation program – the fee will be split between 12 GSA’s.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: water quality samples have been collected. They are working on policies for pumping reductions to avoid undesirable results.

Projects: Well 8- the well improvements contract went out to bid two times. Two bids were received. The lowest bidder was West Valley Construction Inc with a bid of \$770,568.00. The recommendation is to approve and award the contract to West Valley Construction Inc. As the bidding process was followed the Board approved the awarding of the Well 8 Improvement Contract to West Valley Construction Inc. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion. As it stands the District will have to pay out of pocket about \$500,000 to finish. P&P is looking for additional grant funding to help cover these extra costs. Meters: this project is almost complete. P&P is working on getting a cross connection plan put together for us. It is due by 2025.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2024 Water Schedule Tracking : updated report was presented.
2. 2024 Revised Schedule: a revised water rights schedule will be sent to USBR in September.
3. SLWD – Update : there is still one more year on the current transfer agreement.
4. Fresno Slough Water District Transfer: Carvalho’s will not be extending their lease after this year. Danny recommended laying the ground out of production and transferring the Rights Water to TID. We will begin converting this land into a reservoir. The Board is ok with moving forward with the plan.
5. Operation of Reservoir: the Manning Ave Reservoir is almost done with the 1st part. The headgates, pipeline and meters have all been ordered. We are going to stop this project and move to the FSWD reservoir project. There was discussion about possibly leasing out the balance of the Manning Ave property. If we do, it will have to go out to bid for a three-year lease.
6. TID Lunch BBQ – the date has been changed to November 15, 2024.

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: none

The Board adjourned at 10:20 am.

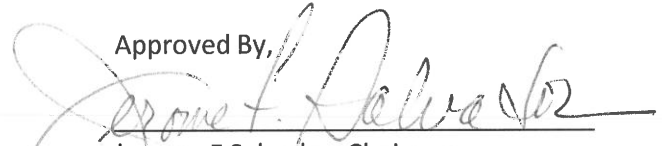
The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on September 18, 2024 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Chairman