

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

April 16, 2025

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

ABSENT: Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jon Caywood attended as an observer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2025 were approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of March 2025 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

Valley Strong Credit Union – Banking account: A banking proposal was presented to the Board showing benefits to switching our irrigation water business to VSCU. After review the Board approved the opening of a new banking account with Valley Strong CU. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

WATERMASTER’S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of March 2025, along with the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting.

The well depths along with PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board. The Board suggested possibly using Mr. Caywood’s well as another water table checkpoint as it sits almost in the middle of the District.

DIRECTOR REPORT: there was discussion about the staffing cuts at USBR.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: State Leg: AB810 – with regards to local agencies using a ca.gov domain name, ACWA is not favoring. AB1146 – water infrastructure and dams, Army Corp had to do flood release because of the encroachment in the facilities. This bill will allow SWRCB control to stop them from doing flood releases. ACWA is opposed. SB601- ACWA opposing, this bill expands the Waters of USA to include all ditches. There are some adjudication bills that ACWA is not in favor of.

SGMA: the annual report was submitted on time. Our GSP is on the DWR website. We are commenting on other GSP’s as they are on the 5-year review – in particular our neighboring districts since they are

affecting subsidence in our territory. Internal evaluation shows that we are not causing this issue so now an external evaluation will be done by EKI. SLDMWA is no longer going to be handling the administration for the sub-basin. They are looking into having the GSA's form a JPA and have one of them manage the finances and administration.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: none

Projects: Meter Project- there is a problem with the data being collected. There is a large amount of loss between what is pumped and what is delivered. We are working to get this figured out.

Well 8 and 9 – we are moving forward now that PG&E has been resolved.

FSWD Water Transfer – it is with USBR. They are checking in regularly to keep it moving.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2025 Water Schedule Tracking : the report was presented
2. 2025 Revised Schedule TID & FSWD: the schedule was presented
3. Kings River Water Delivery: we have a full supply with 9k acre feet available with 1k used for temperature control. We intend to bring the water into the pool to see how much we will get. We are estimating about 1-3k acre feet. There will be a coordinated run soon so we will test it at the same time to minimize the severe losses.
4. Reservoirs: TID & FSWD: The headgates and such will be here by next week and we will get them installed soon after that. We will be lifting the Kings River water into the FSWD reservoir and will go over this with Seth at SLDMWA.
5. Channel Spraying & Cleaning: we are working on cleaning out the hyacinth. They will have to put in a road along the edge so we can get the long boom out there to clean the plants out.
6. Subsidence – EKI Environmental Report Deep Well Plan: EKI advised that subsidence was going to be a problem in the coming months. We are not contributing to the problem as we aren't pumping. When we need the extra water we will mix the water by using the wells on the other side of the District and use any wells above the Corcoran Clay.

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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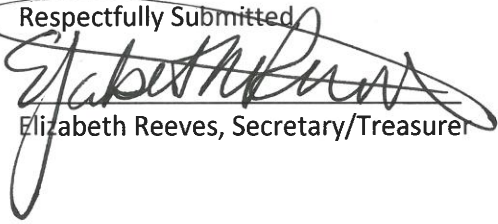
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court, 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 9:55 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on May 21, 2025 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman