

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

December 17, 2025

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

ABSENT: none

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

1. **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSITION 218 – PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES**
The Board Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 8:35am. No written protests were received. No public comments were received. Public hearing regarding proposed agricultural water rates was closed at 8:39am. Hearing passes.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSITION 218 – PROPOSED MUNICIPAL WATER RATES**
The Board Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 8:40 am. We received one (1) written protest from Fairless (APN# 030-130-58). No other written protests were received at this time. Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins made a presentation from a Tech Memo advising the process for which they arrived at the calculations for the fees per meter size. Vocal comments were received from Mr. Bishop and Mr. Fairless protesting the rate structure. They felt that the fee should be based on the usage not the size of the meter. No other protests were received. Public hearing regarding proposed municipal water rates was closed at 8:59am. Hearing Passes.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of November 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 November 2025 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: Watermaster Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of November 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.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu advised that SLDMWA will have their budget meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Action was taken to authorize the execution of the letter of agreement to extend the negotiation period for one year under the James ID & Tranquillity ID Agreement. The Board agreed to extend the agreement for one more year. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.
- b. Announcement of Prop. 218 Protest Tabulation Results
 - i. Agricultural Water Rates – 0 protests received
 - ii. Municipal Water Rates – 1 written protest
- c. 2026 Budget - Resolution 2026-03 Adopting 2026 Budget was presented to the Board. After review the Board approved the budget as presented. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
- d. 2026 Water Rates: Based on the Prop. 218 protest tabulation results, the Board approved the 2026 Agricultural Water Rate and 2026 Municipal Water Rate.
 - i. Director Ayerza motioned to approve the 2026 Agricultural Water Rate. Director Pucheu seconded the motion.
 - ii. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the 2026 Municipal Water Rate. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

COUNSEL REPORT:

State Leg: a written update will be provided next week

SGMA: there will be a meeting tomorrow. 2 agencies have not signed the JPA agreement.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: the annual report is in process. Discussions will be had with neighbors regarding the subsidence issue.

Projects: Well 8 will be energized by PG&E on the 19th. There are discussions with DWR about the water quality requirements. A11 will now become a backup well. Well 9 – the drilling has been started. They are looking at the E-log to set the perf's. They are also working on a Hydrologic analysis to see how much pumping we might could do.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2025 Water Schedule Tracking: the report was presented
2. 2025 Revised Schedule: the updated schedule was presented
3. 2026 January Revised Schedule: will be sent out January 1, 2026
4. Kings River Water: Discussion in closed session.

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).

- iii. 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*)
- iv. 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

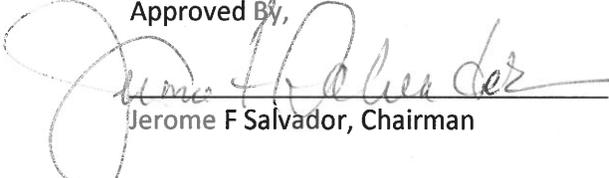
The Board adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on January 21, 2026 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman