

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

February 18, 2026

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: Giana Olivera was present as an observer. Richard Gonzalez addressed the Board regarding is 2" city water meter bill. Joe & Lauren explained why he has a 2" meter and that he can change the meter out to a 1" meter at his own expense.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2026 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 January 2026 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 January 2026, along with the well pumping totals and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths along with PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board. We are currently excavating the last ditch.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. The Board was asked to consider appointing Emalina Almanza as Secretary/Treasurer and Assessor/Collector for Tranquillity Irrigation District. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.
- b. The Board was asked to consider adding Emalina Almaza as a signer and removing Liz Reeves for/from Valley Strong Credit Union and Community West Bank accounts. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

COUNSEL REPORT:

State Leg: new bills are coming.

SGMA: we now have three consultant companies for SGMA.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: Annual report is being prepared. Subsidence satellite data looks worse than actual onsite data shows.

Grants: Well 8- has power but no meter installed yet. Expect completion in March.

Well 9- has been drilled, developed and tested. Expect completion in June.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2025 Water Schedule Tracking Final: the report was presented
2. 2026 Revised Schedule: the schedule was presented for both TID & FSWD.
3. Kings River Water: Discussion in closed session.
4. Property Purchase: Discussion in closed session.
5. FSWD District Update: we will work on annexing the ground into Tranquillity ID. USBR is still working on the permanent transfer.
6. Lunch for the Board on March 18, 2026 after board meeting.

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).

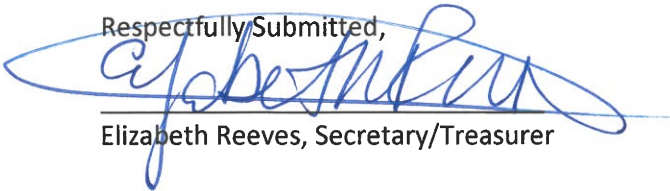
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court,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

Reports out of Closed Session: none

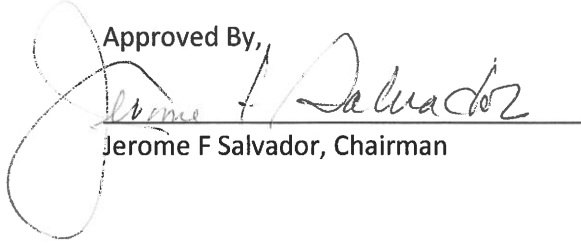
The Board adjourned at 9:45 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on March 18, 2026 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

