

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

March 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 Emalina Almanza

ABSENT: none

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Lupe Flores spoke to the Board about how she is running for Fresno County Supervisor and her goals for the area.

MINUTES: Director Pucheu made a motion to approve the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2026 were approved unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of February 2026 including the cash disbursements and receivables. Director Ayerza made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Director Pucheu seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of February 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. They have ½ mile left to finish on the reservoir project and expect to finish the first piece in about a month.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu reported on the SLDMWA meeting – Westlands WD wishes to reexamine how TID and JID are billed out. A zoom meeting has been scheduled for March 19th 2026 to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. The Board was asked to consider entering into an independent contract agreement with Liz Reeves for fiscal and administrative services. Director Pucheu made a motion to approve the independent contractor agreement and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNSEL REPORT:

KRWA: KRWA has new legal counsel, Stef Morris. KRWA appointed a new executive committee as well as officers. The snow pack is of concern as it is melting quickly and there has been no additional rain.
State Leg: ACWA SLC is watching SB 872.

SGMA: the annual report for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin is out for review and the expectation is that the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA will authorize submittal next week. The Central Delta-Mendota GSA meeting is next week. Legal counsel is updating two policies and drafting a new policy for the Board's consideration to ensure implementation of the GSP.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: no additional update

Grants: Well 8- has power and will start up on the 24th of March.

Well 9- PG&E is working on the electrical. The deadline is the end of June.

P&P is collecting data from TID's wells for the monitoring in the Subbasin.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2026 Water Schedule Tracking: the schedule was presented for both TID & FSWD.
2. Kings River Water Transfer
 1. Reporting out for Closed Session – On February 18, 2026. The TID Board took action to enter into that certain Kings River Water Management Agreement effective as of October 1, 2025. Director Ayerza made the motion to enter into the agreement and Director Puchue second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. At this point, it is TID's understanding that all parties have authorized signing the agreement, but we have not received all signatures. Legal counsel will compile the signatures upon receipt and a copy of the final agreement will be included in the Board Meeting packet next month. TID has received the initial payment pursuant to the terms of the agreement.
3. FSWD – TID will consider moving forward with annexing the land of FSWD into TID and dissolving FSWD, subject to USBR approval.
4. Bureau of Reclamation – Letter: non critical year with 100 % rights water and 15 % CVP water (2070 AF)
5. TID Lift 3: TID has cleared the plug for the pump and doesn't need to pursue grant funding right now for replacing the system
6. Lunch for the Board on March 18, 2026 after board meeting to celebrate Ms. Reeves and her retirement.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board went into Closed Session at 9:32 a.m.

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).

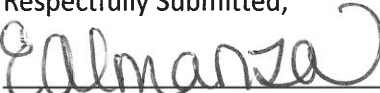
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA SPORTSFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. – United States District Court,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

Reports out of Closed Session: The Board came out of Closed session at 9:41 a.m. with no reportable action.

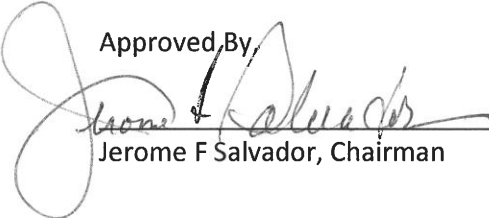
President Salvador adjourned the Board meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. with no reportable action.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on April 15, 2026 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emalina Almanza, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By 

Jerome F Salvador, Chairman