

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

April 15, 2026

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

ABSENT: Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Riley Chaney attended as an observer.

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

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

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: General Manger Danny M. Wade made Watermaster Rodney Wade's reported on the usage totals for the month of March 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.

DIRECTOR REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS: None

COUNSEL REPORT:

KRWA: KRWA has new general counsel, Stef Morris' first official meeting is next week.

State Leg: AB 2132- CEQA Exemption for Groundwater Recharge Projects: Staff will continue to monitor AB 2132 implementation and utilize the exemption for eligible District projects as appropriate.

AB 2026-Groundwater Recharge and Flood Flow Diversion: Staff will continue to monitor AB 2026 and evaluate options for temporary water right applications as the bill progresses. No action taken.

LIRA Bills- Low-Income Rate Assistance: Staff will continue to monitor the LIRA legislation and report back on eligibility, funding sources, and potential District obligations. No action taken.

SGMA: Following the April 7, 2026 State Water Board hearing, the Delta-Mendota Subbasin is no longer under State Water Board's purview and has returned to DWR. The single GSP is under DWR review. The subbasin is implementing pumping reduction plans where appropriate. The Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSA JPA is up and running. The Central Delta- Mendota GSA is also updating its policies to require appropriate well and meter usage reporting. No action taken.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: Subsidence monitoring at various well locations.

Grants: Well 8- Approval to operate the system, in order to operate we need one more BAC-T test.

West Valley punch list complete. PG&E has established power.

Well 9- Provost & Prichard reported that the pump supplier has reported the new pump for well #9 will not be available until July 15, 2026. This delay may impact the grant timeline. The grant contract expires June 30, 2026, and Fresno County requires all project paperwork and reimbursement requests for charges completed by that date. Grant funds must be spent by June. Staff will seek clarification after the meeting regarding expenditure deadlines and potential impacts. The contractor may be charged liquidated damages for the delay. Bureau of Reclamation asked for an additional agreement information for the FSWD (866AF) to TID transfer.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2026 Water Schedule Tracking: the proposed schedule was presented for both TID & FSWD water usage.
2. Bureau of Reclamation – Letter: non critical year with 100 % rights water(20,200 AF) and 20% CVP water (2,760 AF).
3. Water reported to Bureau and SLDMWA February usage was 435 AF of rights water. March usage was 1,786 AF of rights water.
4. Cotton Gin Property- Staff reported on water service options for the Cotton Gin property, which is currently listed for sale. Potential buyers have inquired about water service, and rather than drilling a well, TID could provide a connection to City water. Water demand is minimal and would be used primarily for cleaning purposes. No meter was installed at the property during the grant-funded meter project due to the property being vacant at the time. The decision was made that any future property owner would be responsible for the cost of new meter installation. To ensure payment, the property must be in escrow before TID will proceed with meter installation. A meter quote from Pace Supply was presented for Board information.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board went into Closed Session at 9:24 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 9:38 a.m. with no reportable action.

President Salvador adjourned the Board meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. with no reportable action.

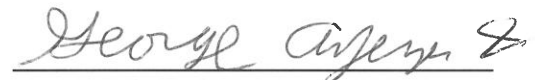
The next meeting will be held at 9:38 am on May 20, 2026 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emalina Almanza, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



~~Jerome F Salvador~~, Chairman

George Ayerza Jr.