

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANQUILLITY IRRIGATION

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 20, 2026

PRESENT: 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: President Jerome F Salvador

Director Ayerza called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Director Pucheu made a motion to approve the April 19, 2026, meeting minutes and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2026 were approved unanimously.

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

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS: Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Watermaster Rodney Wade Review and consider taking a reported on the usage totals for the month of April 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: Director Pucheu reported resignation from the SLDMWA Board of directors.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Ratification of Executed Agreement- Fresno Slough Water District water transfer to Tranquillity Irrigation District. Director Bill Puchue moved to ratify the execution of the Water Transfer Agreement with Fresno Slough Water District for the 2026-2027 water year, as executed and submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation, Director George Ayerza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- b) Review and consider on taking action on CEQA Exemption Determinations for One-Year Water rights Transfer agreement with Fresno Slough Water District. Director Bill Pucheu moved to adopt the notice of exemption for the transfer agreement, determining the agreement is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15301. Director George Ayerza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- c) Review and consider Taking action on Biennial Review of District Conflict of Interest Code. Director George Ayerza moved to adopt the District's Conflict of Interest Code as presented, with no revisions, and directed staff to file the 2026 Biennial Notice with the County Board of Supervisors. Director Bill Puchue seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Counsel Report:

State Leg: ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2026. Several bills of concern to the District were held on the assembly Appropriations committee suspense file last week, including AB 2447, which would have impacted the irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. With AB 2247 held on suspense, the bill will not move forward this legislative session. No action taken

AB 2026, regarding groundwater recharge, which is still moving through the legislative process. Counsel noted they are serving on a working committee reviewing proposed amendments to the bill. No action was taken.

ACWA has announced Karla Nemeth as its new Executive Director, effective September 2026. Ms. Nemeth currently serves as Director of the California Department of Water Resources. An interim Executive Director will continue to serve ACWA until Ms. Nemeth's start date.

SGMA: Following the April 7, 2026 State Water Board hearing, the Delta- Mendota subbasin is no longer under the State Water Board's purview and has returned to DWR. The Department of Water Resources will now review the Subbasin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan and has up to two years to complete its review pursuant to Water code Section 10733.4.

Delta Mendota Subbasin- Joint Powers Authority Update: The JPA Board discussed calibration of the existing groundwater model used to develop the single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Board approved a Two- year phased approach to complete model calibration. The DMJPA is reviewing cost allocation methodologies for technical work including model calibration. The recommendation under consideration is to return the cost sharing structure used during initial model development, which allocated approximately 16% of cost to the Central Delta-Mendota SSA group, rather than the current equal 1/7th charge of 14%. This proposed allocation would reduce percentages for some smaller member agencies to approximately 11-12%. The proposal will be presented to The Central Delta-Mendota GSA Board next week for consideration.

ENGINEER CONSULTANT REPORT:

SGMA: Kings subbasin coordination meeting June 19, 2026.

Grants: Well 8 is operating. Few punch list items that need to be completed. Retention will not be released until complete.

Well 9- P & P reported contractors are pouring concrete today for electric panel.

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. The contractor may be charged liquidated damages for the delay. Notice will be sent out stating if the Districts grant dollars are negatively impacted, the District will pursue liquidated damages.

Drought Response Program Grant recharge basin. Consensus not to pursue at this time.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. 2026 Water Schedule Tracking: the proposed schedule was presented for both TID & FSWD water usage.
2. FSWD water transfer agreement: board meeting is needed to approve FSWD water transfer agreement.
3. Bureau of Reclamation: Letter: non critical year with 100 % rights water (20,200 AF) and 25% CVP water (3450 AF).
4. City water issues: Manager Danny M Wade reported on customer complaints regarding brown water and request for reimbursement. Board discussed that line flushing is part of normal system operations. TID policy does not allow reimbursement for routine maintenance.

5. CVP water valve: Manager Danny M Wade updated the Board on DMWA's \$335M grant to address subsidence on the north end of the Delta Mendota Canal. Subsidence is impacted two bridges in Panoche Water District; Russell Ave Bridge is currently inundated. Planning is underway, referencing similar work on the Friant- Kern Canal by Friant Water Authority. No action taken.

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: TIO & Angiola WO

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.

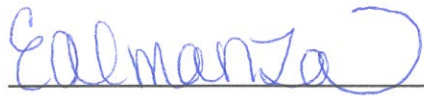
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al. - United States District Court, Eastern District of California (Case No. 1:16-CV-307 DAD-SKO). *(no reportable action)*

Reports out of Closed Session: The Board came out of Closed session at 9:51 a.m. with no reportable action.

Director Ayerza adjourned the Board meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. with no reportable action.

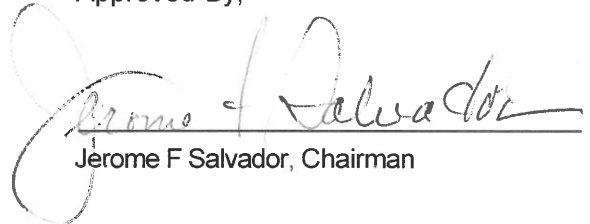
The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on June 17, 2026 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emalina Almanza, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Chairman

