# Minutes of Meeting Held January 6, 2022

President Bransford called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. with the flag salute. The meeting was held at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board Room, 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, California

#### **Present:**

Donald R. Bransford, President, Division 4 Peter Knight, Vice-President, Division 1 John Amaro, Director, Division 2 Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

#### Absent:

Logan Dennis, Director, Division 3 (via teleconference)

## **Staff Present:**

Louis Jarvis, Finance Director Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant Jered Shipley, Water Operations Superintendent Jeremy Richardson, Acting Maintenance Superintendent Holly Dawley, Water Resources Manager Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

## **Others Present:**

None.

### **Public Participation**

President Bransford called for public participation and asked if anyone would like to address the Board and as no one from the public wished to address the Board, the meeting continued.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

# **Authorize Payment of Claims**

Director Knight moved to approve the payment of claims # 21 10574 through 22 10714, in the amount of Nine Million, Three Hundred One Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$9,301,981.59). Director Amaro seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Vann

Absent: Director Dennis

# Approve Minutes of December 16, 2021 Board Meeting

Director Amaro moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 Board meeting. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Vann

Absent: Director Dennis

# Consider and Approve Resolution No. 2022-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)

Director Vann moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e). Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Vann

Absent: Director Dennis

The resolution is attached to the minutes as Attachment A.

### **Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:06 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation and Public Employee Performance Evaluations.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9) Name of Cases:
  - i. *PCFFA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-DAD-EPG); and
  - ii. *CNRA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00426-DAD-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits]
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code Section 54957)
  Titles: Management/Supervisory Employees

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:19 a.m.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates on *Anticipated Litigation*, and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54957, during which the Board heard updates and provided direction to staff.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Local Control

Thaddeus L. Bettner
Secretary

Attest a true record of proceedings made and taken at the above foregoing meeting our consent thereto and our presence thereat.

Donald R/Bransford)

Peter Knight

John Amaro

<u>Absent</u>

Logan Dennis

Blake Vann

# ATTACHMENT A

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

WHEREAS, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (District) recognizes the importance of transparency and clear communication in government, and is committed to full compliance with the letter and spirit of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 – 54963) (hereinafter "Brown Act"); and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District's Board of Directors are open and public, as required by the Brown Act, so that any member of the public may attend and participate; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)), allows members of a legislative body to participate in meetings remotely, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), if a state of emergency is proclaimed pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors previously adopted Resolution 2021-18 on November 18, 2021 finding that the requisite conditions exist for the District to conduct remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the District is required to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency every thirty days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors as follows:

- 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- 2. The Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- 3. The Board of Directors does hereby find that the State of Emergency proclaimed by Governor Gavin Newsom pursuant to Government Code section 8625 on March 4, 2020 remains in effect and emergency conditions continue to persist in the District.
- 4. The Board of Directors does hereby find that the continued increase of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Glenn and Colusa Counties due to the Delta variant poses an imminent risk to the health and safety those attending meetings of the District's Board of Directors directly impacting the ability to meet safely in person.
- 5. The General Manager and staff are hereby authorized and directed to continue to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including,

conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) February 5, 2022, or (ii) such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors may continue to meet remotely without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District on January 6, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Vann

NOES:

ABSENT:

**Director Dennis** 

ABSTAIN:

Donald Bransford

President, Board of Directors Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

ATTEST:

Thaddeus Bettner

Secretary, Board of Directors Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District