

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Held
March 23, 2022**

President Bransford called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 2 p.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
John Amaro, Director, Division 2
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5 (via teleconference)
Peter Knight, Vice-President, Division 1
Logan Dennis, Director, Division 3

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Thaddeus Bettner, General Manager
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Jered Shipley, Water Operations Superintendent
Zac Dickens, District Engineer
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Andy Hitchings, Legal Counsel (via teleconference)

Also Present:

Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies
Leo LaGrande, Water User
Steve Vargas

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.

Discuss and Consider 2022 Water Supply

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that the District is currently diverting water under its winter water rights from November 1 through March 31 and noted that this water right is subject to Term 91 curtailment which is currently lifted. Beginning April 1 and continuing through October 31, the District relies on its contract water supply. With the current winter water diversions, the District is working to deliver as much water as possible to permanent crops without having a huge impact on the river, maintaining diversions around 400 cubic feet per second.

He also reviewed the GCID letter to landowners that was recently distributed. The letter informs water users of the severity of the threat to the District's water supply with irrigation season water supply predicted at 25% or less of the normal contract supply. He stressed that the District is facing an unprecedented low allocation and water users will need to work together to consolidate planting in an effort to limit conveyance loss and deliver water as

efficiently as possible. A metering program will be implemented to closely monitor water allocation distribution and all gates will be locked and operated only by GCID staff. He also reported that the water supply will be unreliable and cautioned water users to take into consideration the gravity of the situation that the District is facing when making their plans for the 2022 farming season.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:12 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated and Existing Litigation.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: One Potential Case

B. 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);
- ii. *CNRA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00426-DAD-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits];
- iii. *SRSC v. SWRCB* (Sacramento Co. Sup. Ct. [case number pending], filed 03/17/2022) [2021 Sacramento River TMP Approval Order]

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:31 p.m.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard an update on Anticipated Litigation and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates on Existing Litigation and took no action.

Discuss and Consider 2022 Water Supply (continued)

General Manager Bettner provided an update on recent discussions with the State and Federal agencies regarding supply for the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors. The GCID Board of Directors will plan to have a Special Board meeting on Monday, March 28 to begin discussions regarding per-deeded acre allocations for its water users.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted,



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


Blake Vann


John Amaro


Logan Dennis