

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
April 7, 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
Logan Dennis, Director, Division 3

Absent:

Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

Staff Present:

Thaddeus Bettner, General Manager
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Jered Shipley, Water Operations Superintendent
Jeremy Richardson, Acting Maintenance Superintendent
Zac Dickens, District Engineer
Holly Dawley, Water Resources Manager
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Tara Bravo, CV Strategies
Jacob Morrison, CV Strategies
Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
Audrey Arneo

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 Amaro moved to approve the payment of claims # 22 11040 through #22 11095, in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$675,353.73) and approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 Regular Board meeting and the March 23, 2022 and March 28, 2022 Special Board meetings. Director Dennis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Vann

BUSINESS ITEMS

Review and Consider Adoption of the Revised Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Rules and Regulations

Water Resources Manager Dawley reported that the GCID Rules and Regulations were last revised and adopted in January 2014. Staff are recommending a reorganization of the rules for ease of use and reference, update the District penalties and enforcement actions for unauthorized use of water, clarify District terminologies and procedures, provide reference for additional water operations policies as needed and update the District statistics in Appendix C.

The Board provided comments and suggestions to be made to sections of the GCID Rules and Regulations. The Board and staff would like a final review by the GCID Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Ad Hoc Committee. The final version of the GCID Rules and Regulations will also be made available on the District website.

Director Amaro moved to approve the Rules and Regulations subject to implementing the suggestions and comments from the Board and final review by the O&M Ad Hoc Committee. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Vann

Review and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-12 Setting Water Rates, Setting the Allocation Rate, Establishing the Supplemental Water Purchase Pool, and Establishing Related Deadlines for the 2022 Water Year

Finance Director Jarvis explained that the adoption of Resolution 2022-12 will set several important criteria for the 2022 water year. The water rate for 2022 will be set at \$21.79 per acre-foot, which is unchanged from 2021 and is the maximum rate authorized pursuant to the previous Proposition 218 process for water rates.

The unit duties remain unchanged from 2021 except that unit duties of 1.6 acre-feet per acre and 2.4 acre-feet per acre have been added for both metered almonds and metered walnuts to account for reduced water usage by freeze-impacted trees and water conservation efforts. Due to extraordinarily limited water supplies, the allocation rate for 2022 will be set at 0.4 acre-feet per deeded acre in accordance with the District's *Critical year Allocation and Water Management Policy* and Water Code § 22250.

The Supplemental Water Purchase Pool (SWPP) is being established to facilitate the efficient transfer of water within the District between water users. Water users contributing water to the SWPP will be paid \$300 per acre-foot. Those seeking water from the SWPP will pay \$321.79 (the 2022 water rate + the payment to the water user contributing the water). If the SWPP is oversubscribed, the available water will be provided to those requesting water on a pro-rata basis based on the requestor's deeded acreage. Water users contributing to the SWPP will be paid no later than September 30, 2022, unless they voluntarily defer their payment until January 2023.

Applications will be accepted from April 4 through April 15 for those not seeking water from the SWPP. Those seeking water from the SWPP must submit a draft application by April 15 and indicate the quantity requested from the SWPP. Staff will provide notice of water availability from the SWPP no later than April 29. Those contributing to the SWPP must submit the appropriate form by April 15.

Director Dennis moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-12 setting water rates, setting the allocation rate, establishing the supplemental water purchase pool, and establishing related deadlines for the 2022 water year. Director Amaro seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Vann

Review and Consider 2022 Critical Year Water Management Rules/Policy

Finance Director Jarvis reported that staff have developed the 2022 Critical Year Water Management Rules and Policy due to the unusual conditions and supply this water year. This document may require additions as the application and water season develops. The Board provided input on a few minor changes to the document. Staff also have a call with the United States Department of Agriculture this afternoon to verify consistency with crop insurance requirements.

Director Dennis moved to approve the 2022 Critical Year Water Management and Conservation Policy Special Conditions. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Vann

ADMINISTRATION

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson provided a report on current Maintenance Department activities reporting that a wall and board grooves were added to 48-1b-1 to create a check crossing, the 22-1 private drain siphon is complete, erosion on 41-2C-1 and ESC has been repaired, a hole on MC and LaGrande Rd has been repaired, forebay dredging has commenced, and staff are continuing to spray and mow laterals and along the main canal. He also reported that staff continue to coordinate with Glenn County regarding the upcoming failed culvert replacements, a list of infrastructure improvement projects for upcoming months is being created, and two new employees will be starting in this month.

Water

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that Keswick releases are currently around 3,250 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the District is currently diverting approximately 100 to 150 cfs at the Main Pump Station. He also reported that he and staff have completed the nine forms due by March 31 as a requirement for Water Rights Supplemental Reporting.

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that Water Operations Supervisors are holding 1 to 1.5 hour “classroom” style meetings to review cfs math for more accurate deliveries and measurement. Water Operators will be asked to track deliveries by acre-feet on the back of acknowledgments to provide real time feedback to water users on their water usage.

Engineering

District Engineer Dickens reported that the Engineering Department has been performing field measurements for water applications and have been assisting with various aspects of the 2022 critical water year planning and workflows including initializing a Remote Tracker lateral head gate measurement program. Metering alternatives are still be explored for older orchards in the District. He also reported that the Engineering Department has been assisting with coordination and planning for the County Culvert replacements at three locations.

Water Resources

Water Resources Manager Dawley reported provided an update on the status of the Gradient Facility activities and said there is an effort being made toward potentially approving the removal of the gravel bar mid-summer. She also provided an update on restoration projects reporting the Reclamation District 108 is participating in the Keswick Gravel Injection Project

INFORMATION REPORTS

Meeting Reports

Director Amaro reported on activities within the Corning Subbasin and said the Executive Order from the Governor included provisions saying Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) shall approve well permits, which is proving very concerning. He also reported that there is a Glenn Groundwater Ad Hoc Committee meeting this afternoon where discussion will take place regarding the well ordinance. He reported that Tehama County hired a consultant and Glenn County may consider the same route.

General Manager Bettner reported that he and staff are continuing to conduct GCID employee meetings to keep everyone informed. He also reported that the Voluntary Agreement Memorandum of Understanding was signed and approval efforts for the Temperature Management Plan continue.

Manager’s Report

None.

Attorney’s Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:22 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation, Public Employee Performance Evaluations and Real Property Negotiations.

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 No. 34-2022-80003846) [2021 Sacramento River TMP Approval Order]

The Board reconvened to open session at 10:41 a.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 updates 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 had discussion regarding *Existing Litigation*, and took no action.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.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



John Amaro



Logan Dennis

Absent

Blake Vann