

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
June 16, 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 Main Pump Station at 7854 County Road 204, Orland, CA 96963.

Present:

Donald R. Bransford, President, Division 4
Peter Knight, Vice-President, Division 1
John Amaro, Director, Division 2
Logan Dennis, Director, Division 3
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5 (arrived at 9:32 a.m.)

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Thaddeus L. Bettner, General Manager
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Jered Shipley, Water Operations Superintendent
Jeremy Richardson, 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:

Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies
Anne Williams, MBK Engineers
Audrey Arnao

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 # 22 11331 through #22 11342, and 22 11232 through 22 11387, in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$678,329.52), and approve the June 2, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Director Amaro seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Vann

Approve Payment of Claims to Colusa County Farm Supply

Director Amaro moved to approve the payment of claim #22 11343 to Colusa County Farm Supply in the amount of Seventy-Two Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$72.60). Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight and Amaro

Abstain: Director Dennis

Absent: Director Vann

BUSINESS ITEMS

Winter Water Rights Presentation by MBK Engineers

Anne Williams from MBK Engineers provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation. For background, during the February 11, 2021, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) Board Workshop, District staff were directed to proceed with the licensing request to the SWRCB for the District's Winter Water Right Permit 21101 (Application 30838). Since that time, GCID and MBK Engineers staff have worked collectively to develop a memorandum to attach to the submittal to the SWRCB requesting a license.

The time in which to place water to beneficial use under Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District's Permit 21102 for rice straw decomposition, irrigation, recreation, and wildlife enhancement of 152,000 acres within the boundaries of GCID expired on December 31, 2021. MBK Engineers has developed a memorandum to provide assistance in licensing GCID's permit based on the time period between May 16, 2001 (the date Permit 21101 was issued) and the respective date to complete beneficial use. Evaluation has been completed for each of the key terms listed in Permit 21101 including water use during this period based on measured diversion records from equipment certified for accuracy by GCID and records reviewed and maintained in coordination with the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The memorandum summarized the results of MBK's analysis and provides conclusions on key terms, including place of use, season of diversion, diversion rate, and quantities, to be included in the requested license.

The Board agreed that staff should continue moving forward with the process to finalize and submit appropriate documentation to request a license based on the beneficial use under Permit 21101. The Board thanked Mrs. Williams for taking the time to share and discuss such an informational presentation.

(Director Vann arrived at 9:32 a.m.)

Consider Approval of the 2022 Alternative Orchard Unit Duties Measurement Compliance Protocol

District Engineer Dickens reported that at the June 2, 2022, GCID Board meeting, action had been deferred on this agenda matter to allow for the Operations & Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) to meet and discuss the alternative lower orchard unit duty non-compliance issues at greater length which are: the majority of the orchard meters inspected to-date are not installed to the respective manufacturer's requirements; and many orchards have not provided the required orchard information to the District, which facilitates flow meter inspection and monitoring by District personnel.

The Committee met on June 6, 2022, and has revised the former Proposed 2022 Alternative Orchard Unit Duties Measurement Compliance Protocol (Protocol) to provide even more flexibility and further extend the compliance horizon with the intent to increase the compliance for the applied alternative lower unit duty orchards. Currently, under this Protocol, the total non-compliant volume is approximately 5,600 acre-feet, which is the balance of water volume necessary for those non-compliant orchards to reach the normal unit duty. This volume is expected to markedly decrease by early summer 2022. The Board and staff reviewed and discussed the updated proposed Protocol and staff recommended that the Board approve the new Protocol.

Director Dennis moved to approve the 2022 Alternative Orchard Unit Duties Measurement Compliance Protocol. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro, Dennis and Vann

Communications Update by CV Strategies

CV Strategies Director of Account Management Janet Zimmerman attended the meeting in person and provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing all tasks accomplished and milestones reached during over the past several months since working with the District. They have assisted with many activities including a new logo and website for the District as well as the creation of new stationary for a new cohesive look. They continue to help the District with outreach and communication to its staff, water users and the broader water community. CV Strategies is currently working with the District to develop a comprehensive strategic plan. The Board thanked Ms. Zimmerman and all CV Strategies staff for their work thus far.

Consider and Approve Agreement with Stantec for Support on Sustainable Groundwater Management

General Manager Bettner reported that the District continues to engage in Sustainable Groundwater Management activities and needs additional support related to the implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans. The agreement with Stantec will allow for water budget analysis in the Groundwater Sustainability Plans, District recharge and use, and provide a better understanding of regional water use and groundwater affects. District staff is asking that the Board approve the Stantec Task Order and Master Agreement for Phase 1 of the Groundwater Program not to exceed \$60,000.

Director Knight moved to approve the Stantec Task Order and Master Agreement for Phase 1 of the Groundwater Program not to exceed \$60,000. Director Amaro seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro, Dennis and Vann

ADMINISTRATION

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance Department has been removing sediment, making improvements to the Salt Creek crossing, mowing, spraying, floating and discing, and applying Cascade treatments. Administratively, Maintenance Superintendent Richardson has been assisting with the Gravel Bar Removal Project planning and the development of the Small Group Response Plan.

Water Operations

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that Shasta Reservoir is above 1.8 million acre-feet (MAF). He reported that metering activities have been going well despite the time consuming nature of the tasks. He also reported that the District is meeting its target diversions at 400 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Engineering

District Engineer Dickens reported that the Engineering Department has performed surveys for eight check structures, assisted with the Abel Check design coordination, and assisted with encroachment requests among other tasks.

Water Resources

Water Resources Manager Dawley provided an update on the Gravel Bar Removal Project reporting that a permit was submitted yesterday with a pending August 8 start date to remove approximately 230,000 cubic yards of gravel.

Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Jarvis provided a report on the Treasurer's Report, Financial Report and Damage Claims Report for the month of May.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Meeting Reports

Director Amaro reported that the Glenn Groundwater Authority is seeking to hire a consultant for recharge projects and the Corning Subbasin is considering long-range financing options.

Manager's Report

None.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:01 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation 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 Case:
 - i. SRSC v. SWRCB (Sacramento Co. Sup. Ct. Case No. 34-2022-80003846) [2021 Sacramento River TMP Approval Order]

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis;
Karen Alves

Employee Organization: UPEC 792

D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:32 a.m.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, 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 heard an update on *Existing Litigation* and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, during which the Board heard updates regarding Labor Negotiations and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, during which the Board had discussion and took no action. This item will be brought back to a future Board meeting for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 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


Blake Vann