

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
July 21, 2022**

President Bransford called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:01 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
John Amaro, Director, Division 2
Logan Dennis, Director, Division 3

Absent:

Peter Knight, Vice-President, Division 1
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

Staff Present:

Thaddeus L. Bettner, General Manager
Greg Krzys, Assistant 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 (via teleconference)
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies
Matt LaGrande, Water User
Leo LaGrande, Water User
Kurt Richter, Water User
Justin Dahl, Water Operations Supervisor
Sam Rivera, Acting Water Operations Supervisor

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 Dennis moved to approve the payment of claims #22 10117, #22 11445 through #22 11458, and #22 11460 through #22 11495, in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$498,834.75), and approve the July 7, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Director Amaro seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Knight and Vann

Approve Payment of Claims to Colusa County Farm Supply

Director Amaro moved to approve the payment of claim #22 11459 to Colusa County Farm Supply in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$493.51). Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford and Amaro

Abstain: Director Dennis

Absent: Director Knight and Vann

BUSINESS ITEMS

Consider and Approve the Sale of up to 5,000 Acre-Feet of Additional Water for Use Within the District

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that, as the irrigation season has progressed, landowners and water users have begun contacting District staff to inquire about the availability of additional water and the terms on which it may be offered. The inquiries have come from water users who need small amounts of water to fulfill crop needs as well as some that would to flood fields in September and October for habitat and other no-crop purposes. Staff believe that the District should make available all the water it is able to divert for productive use within the District. The limiting factor in the District's ability to deliver additional water is the maximum rate at which water can be diverted off the river, not the District's total supply. Based on water use within the District to date, and the scheduled release pattern from Keswick, staff believe that 5,000 additional acre-feet of water, beyond what has currently been purchased by landowners and water users, could be delivered within the District prior to October 31, 2022. Staff recommends allowing the sale of water for established crop needs only through Friday, August 19. After this date, water sales would be available for both crop and non-crop uses.

Landowners and water users were allowed to purchase water from the Supplemental Water Purchase Pool at a rate of \$321.79 per acre-foot. Staff recommends that any additional water sold be offered at the same rate.

Additionally, some landowners who purchased water from the Supplemental Water Purchase Pool are on a water usage pace that would result in them not fully utilizing the water they purchased. Staff recommend that landowners who are projected to not fully utilize the water they purchased be allowed to transfer their excess water to another water user within the District for compensation that they negotiate. The District will only update the quantity of water available to each water users account and deliver the transferred water within the regular delivery schedule.

Discussion took place with the water users that were present at the meeting. The water users asked why the District is not considering offering this water at a discounted rate. Water Operations Superintendent Shipley explained that it is in the best interest of all parties to offer this water at the same cost to avoid having landowners and water users sell their water at the beginning of the season for a higher price for the sole purpose of knowing they could

potentially buy it back in these instances, where excess water is available, at a lower cost. Keeping a consistent cost throughout the season will allow for sound water purchasing and selling decisions and fair opportunities for all landowners and water users.

Director Amaro moved to allow for the sale of up to 5,000 acre-feet of additional water for established crop needs through August 19, and for all uses within the District after such date, through October 31, at a rate of \$321.79 per acre-foot and direct staff to facilitate the transfer of excess water between water users within the District. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Knight and Vann

ADMINISTRATION

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance Department has been cleaning laterals and drains, repairing erosion around checks, performing J Drain restoration, spraying, mowing, disking and floating lateral banks, building up low freeboard sections on Main Canal bank, and pricing materials for new fence on upstream side of Stony Creek siphon.

He also reported that he is assisting with the coordination efforts for the gravel bar removal, has met with Mike Azevedo and Wendy Tyler of Colusa County to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding, bridges and drainage, participated in a bridge repair meeting with Glenn County Public Works at County Road 203 and the Main Canal, and has been participating in the coordination of the Market Street restoration project.

Water Operations

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that Shasta Reservoir storage is at 1.74 million acre-feet and Keswick releases remain low. He reported that he has been coordinating landowner outreach and communication regarding the status of water used. He also reported that he submitted a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Water Right permit for Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.

Engineering

District Engineer Dickens reported that the Engineering Department has completed inspections of the oldest check structures on record including 55 structures since this Spring. They have also been preparing plans and scope of work for county culvert replacements, assisted with the 2022 Critical Year planning and workflows including review of orchards that have applied for lower alternative crop unit duty, performed duties related to infrastructure modernization and hydraulic measurement and design, records enhancement and maintenance, and various administrative tasks.

Water Resources

Water Resources Manager Dawley provided an update on the Gravel Bar Removal Project reporting that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is now working with the District to get the project moving forward with a start date of late August to begin in-river work. She also reported that the Notice of Exemption has been submitted in compliance with CEQA requirements.

Treasurer's Report

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

INFORMATION REPORTS

Meeting Reports

President Bransford reported that he was interviewed out in the field by NBC Bay Area News. He also reported that he will be participating in the Rice Commission Drought Hearing where speakers each had 8 minutes to address their topics.

Manager's Report

General Manager Bettner reported that the next Board meeting will be moved to August 11, where staff will discuss the ongoing development of the District's Strategic Plan. He also reported that the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors are continuing Drought Funding efforts with the Bureau of Reclamation and an agreement and environmental documents need to be completed.

Attorney's Report

General Manager Bettner reported that there will be congressional hearing next Monday and Tuesday.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:15 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. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 10:37 a.m.

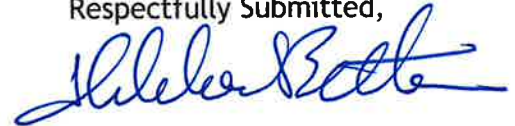
President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates on *Anticipated Litigation*, and took no action.

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, during which the discussion was tabled. This item will be brought back to a future Board meeting for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 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

Absent
Peter Knight


John Amaro
Logan Dennis

Absent
Blake Vann