

**Minutes of Meeting  
Held  
October 6, 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 and via teleconference.

**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:**

Greg Krzys, Assistant General Manager  
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director (via teleconference)  
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant  
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent  
Zac Dickens, District Engineer  
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager  
Holly Dawley, Water Resources Manager  
Andy Hitchings, Legal Counsel (via teleconference)  
Justin Dahl, Water Operations Supervisor (via teleconference)  
Vince Laufer, Williams Maintenance Supervisor (via teleconference)

**Others Present:**

Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies

**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 11863 through #22 11936, in the amount of Four Hundred Three Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$403,467.51) and approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022, Board meeting. 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 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Office Unit effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

The District's Labor Committee and the Office Unit have met and conferred in good faith regarding wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment. The District's Labor Committee and the Office Unit have resolved to submit this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the District's Board of Directors to adopt its terms and conditions. The term of the MOU covers October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

The Office Unit salary compensation will be increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the term period of the MOU. Additionally, in the event the District reaches an agreement with the GCID Unit which includes any terms "more favorable" than those set forth, those same "more favorable" terms shall also apply to the Office Unit.

Director Amaro moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Office Unit. 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 an update on the Gravel Bar Removal Project reporting that approximately \$173,250 cubic yards of material have been removed as of October 6. He and the Board complimented the staff that have worked on and contributed to the success of the project thus far.

### Water Operations

Assistant General Manager Krzys reported that Shasta storage levels are approximately 1.516 million acre-feet. Keswick releases are approximately 4,100 cubic feet per second (cfs), the GCID Pump Station flow is approximately 350-450 cfs and the Williams intertie is approximately 14-25 cfs. The Water department is continuing landowner outreach regarding status of water used. He also reported that there is ongoing coordination for Central Valley Operations (CVO) releases and noted that there is no schedule for when to drop releases at this time.

### Board of Equalization Hearing Regarding Setting of 2022-2023 Assessment Rate

At 9:15 a.m., President Bransford stated that it was time for the Board to meet as the Board of Equalization. He, therefore, declared the regular meeting recessed and reconvened the Board, sitting as a Board of Equalization, to hear and determine objections to the valuation, acreage, or any matters pertaining to the assessment coming before it, to be in session.

President Bransford asked whether there were any comments or protests from the public.

There being no verbal or written objections, the President declared the Board of Equalization hearing closed.

The Board reconvened to regular session at 9:16 a.m.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)**

Consider and Approve Resolution 2022-15; Resolution Setting Assessment Rate for 2022-2023  
Director Amaro moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-15; Resolution Setting Assessment Rate for 2022-2023. Director Dennis seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Dennis

Absent: Director Vann

The resolution is attached to the minutes as Attachment A.

### **ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

#### Engineering

District Engineer Dickens reported that the Engineering department has completed the Abel Check design and has opened the bidding process on September 16 and is scheduled to close on October 12. He reported that the gate components for the project have been purchased. He reported that in-channel work on the project is scheduled for completion on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The project has been budgeted for \$1.6 million.

#### Water Resources

Water Resources Manager Dawley provided an update on the Gravel Bar Project reporting that the land bridge removal is scheduled for October 13. She also reported that the 90% design has been completed for the Electric Building and will be moved to the final stage of the 100% design. She reported that the current estimate is \$4.8 million with a 3 to 6 month lead time for the electrical components. It was decided by the Board that the Diversion Point Ad Hoc Committee meet to review the status of the Electrical Building process as well as evaluate the Gradient Facility project. She also provided an update on the Restoration Project efforts by RD 108 and GCID.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### Meeting Reports

President Bransford reported that he attended a Sacramento River Settlement Contractor Policy Group meeting with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation where they discussed Biological Opinions and the 2023 projections.

#### Manager's Report

Assistant General Manager Greg Krzys reported that groundwater data efforts continue with the County and Davids Engineering. He also reported that there is a continued effort to come to an agreement with Colusa County regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for failed culvert crossings. He also reported that he is working to resolve the easement issues with landowners along the GCID Intake Channel.

#### Attorney's Report

None.

### Other Business

The District is hosting the Water Education Foundation Tour on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

The District will be having an employee luncheon on Friday, October 28.

### Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:43 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation, and Labor 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-JLT-EPG);
- ii. *CNRA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00426-JLT-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits];
- iii. *Doherty v. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District* (Colusa Co. Sup. Ct. Case No. CV24625)

#### 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

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

Employee Organization: Management/Supervisory Employees

The Board convened to open session at 10:57 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 there was no update.

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 items i, ii, and iii 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. 54957.6, during which the Board discussed Labor Negotiations with UPEC 792 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. 54957.6, during which the Board discussed Labor Negotiations with Management/Supervisory Employees, discussed their proposal and prepared a counteroffer.

Review and Consider Approval of Compensation for Management and Supervisory Employees  
This item was tabled.

Review and Consider Approval of Compensation for General Manager  
This item was tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 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

## ATTACHMENT A

**GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15  
RESOLUTION SETTING ASSESSMENT RATE 2022-2023**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District has had before it and has considered a budget and a revenue schedule setting forth estimated income and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the assessment book of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District for the year has been duly completed by the Assessor of said District and delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of said District, within the time and in the manner provided by the "Water Code"; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the meeting of the Board of Equalization, as required by the "Water Code"; and

WHEREAS, said assessments have been duly equalized by this Board of Directors acting as and constituting a Board of Equalization, and the Secretary of this Board of Directors, within ten (10) days after the close of said sessions of said Board of Directors acting as and constituting a Board of Equalization, had the total values as finally equalized into columns and added, and this meeting is held within fifteen (15) days after the close of the said sessions of said Board of Equalization all as required by said "Water Code"; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate assessed value of all the property in the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, liable to assessment as it appears on the assessment book or roll of said District, and as duly equalized, for the year 2022-2023 is \$6,133,179.20 and after the deduction of 15 percent for the anticipated delinquencies as provided by the "Water Code" is \$5,213,202.32 on which said last amount, the rate of assessment levied under the provisions of the "Water Code," for the said benefit and purpose of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, should be ascertained; and

WHEREAS, at an election duly called and held on March 31, 1964, the voters of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District authorized the execution of a contract with the United States whereby the District agreed to pay the United States up to a maximum of \$210,000.00 each year for water to be delivered by the United States to the District each year; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount that the District will be obligated to pay the United States in the year 2022-2023 is approximately \$5,339,427.00 and the Board of Directors of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District hereby determines, declares and finds that said amount is needed and necessary to be raised by the levy of an assessment upon all the lands within the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, and is sufficient therefore, for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED, DECLARED AND FOUND by the Board of Directors of said Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District that each and all the matters herein recited are true and that each and all of the acts and things precedent to, or required by the "Water Code" to be done or performed prior to the levy of this assessment, have been done and performed in every respect in accordance with the "Water Code"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED THAT the total amount to be raised by assessment for the purpose aforesaid is the sum of \$210,000.00 and based upon the value of \$5,213,202.32 obtained by deducting 15 percent from the full assessment value, the total rate of assessment for the year 2022-2023 for such purpose be and the same is hereby fixed at \$.040282 cents on each dollar of the assessed value of all lands within the Glenn-Colusa

Irrigation District subject to assessment under the provisions of an as provided by the "Water Code" according to said assessment roll or book of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, for the year 2022-2023 as equalized and the minimum assessment for each parcel assessed separately is hereby ordered to be \$10.00, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED THAT said assessment shall be payable in two installments, the delinquency dates of which shall be as specified in Section 26076 of the "Water Code"; and

BE IT RESOLVED, DECLARED, AND ORDERED THAT all tolls and charges for the use of water, and other services, heretofore fixed by the Board of Directors of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District remaining unpaid after 5 p.m. on October 17, 2022, shall be and they are hereby added to and do hereby become a part of the first installment of the annual assessment of said District for the year of 2022-2023, levied upon the lands upon which water for which such tolls and charges for the other District services, and shall, and do hereby constitute a lien on said lands.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this sixth day of October 2022 by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

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| Ayes:    | Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Dennis |
| Absent:  | Director Vann                                 |
| Noes:    |                                               |
| Abstain: |                                               |

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I, Thaddeus L. Bettner, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, as was adopted at that meeting by unanimous vote.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the seal of the District this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



Thaddeus Bettner, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District