

**Minutes of Meeting  
Held  
April 6, 2023**

President Amaro 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:**

John Amaro, President, Division 2  
Logan Dennis, Vice-President, Division 3  
Peter Knight, Director, Division 1  
Donald R. Bransford, Director, Division 4  
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

**Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Thaddeus L. Bettner, General Manager  
Greg Krzys, Assistant General Manager  
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant (via teleconference)  
Mary Spooner, Office Specialist  
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent  
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager  
Zac Dickens, District Engineer  
Jake Hancock, Interim Water Operations Superintendent  
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)  
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

**Others Present:**

Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies (via teleconference)  
Jeff Sutton, General Manager Tehama Colusa Canal Authority  
Carl Evers, Water User  
Tim Sanchez, Water User

**Public Participation**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Dennis moved to approve the payment of claims #23 10187 through #23 10188 and #23 12806 through #23 12886, in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-One Cents and approve the March 16, 2023 minutes. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### Discuss and Consider Re-Organization of Committee Appointments

General Manager Bettner reviewed the list of current committees/appointments and updated the Board of staff changes.

President Amaro requested to replace Director Knight on the Water Transfer Ad Hoc Committee.

Director Vann moved to approve the committee appointments. Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

### Review and Consider Farm Water Coalition Membership

Item tabled until the next Board meeting.

### Discuss and Consider Bid Received for Pump Station Electrical Control Room

Assistant General Manager Krzys reviewed the bid process. There were seven pre-bid attendees, but only six confirmed they were prime contractors; of those six possible bidders, only one bid was received, which was approximately 3 million over budget.

The Board directed staff not to accept the bid and to explore other options.

Director Bransford moved to deny the bid. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

### Consider Authorizing the Purchase of a Replacement Hydropneumatic Tank for Use at the Main Pump Station

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson provided information regarding the recent hydropneumatics tank inspection where rust and peeling were observed on the seams. Staff took the hydropneumatic tank out of service and has temporarily been replaced by the south well unit until a replacement is installed for the north well.

Two quotes were received for purchase and installation of the replacement hydropneumatic tank.

Director Knight moved to approve the purchase of a new hydropneumatic tank through North State Electric and Pump. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

#### Review and Consider Sponsorship to Maven's Notebook

The District has received an annual sponsorship request from Maven's Notebook. Funding from the sponsorship is used to provide continued in-depth and unbiased coverage of critical statewide water policy and science issues as they progress through key agency meetings, public meetings, legislative hearings, conferences and seminars.

Director Bransford moved to approve the annual sponsorship. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

#### Consider and Discuss Approval of Revised Wheeling and Commingling Policy

Staff has made revisions to the District's Wheeling and Commingling Policy to clarify certain terms and definitions, additional requirements for the wheeling and commingling of water and identify how violations of the policy are addressed. The Board discussed other changes and directed staff to add the additional changes and bring back to the Board Meeting on April 20, 2023.

#### Consider and Discuss Approval of District Services related to Lands Owned by Red Stick Farms Colusa LLC (Red Stick) and Pamunkey Colusa LLC (Pamunkey) including:

Since 2020, Red Stick and Pamunkey landowner representatives and District staff have discussed various means of providing irrigation service to their lands including: the sole District Main Canal turnout with condition and capacity limitations, annexation, in-basin transfer agreements and the possibility of wheeling District water via the Tehama-Colusa Canal.

In order to provide broader irrigation service to Red Stick and Pamunkey, the following agreements and action items were considered by the Board:

#### Approval of Agreement with Red Stick to Wheel District Water via the Tehama-Colusa Canal

Director Knight moved to approve the agreement. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

#### Approval of Agreement with Pamunkey to Wheel District Water via the Tehama-Colusa Canal

Director Dennis moved to approve the agreement. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

#### Approval of Reclamation License to GCID for the Proposed Turnouts and Pipelines on the Tehama-Colusa Canal to Serve Red Stick and Pamunkey

Director Bransford moved to approve the Reclamation license for the proposed turnouts and pipelines. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Approval of Inclusion of the Red Stick Out-of-District Lands in the In-Basin Transfer Agreement with Reclamation and Authorization to Prepare and File Associated CEQA Documentation Related to Same

Director Dennis moved to approve inclusion of the approximately 92.4 acre Red Stick orchard that is contiguous to the District in the In-Basin Transfer Agreement program and to be for a one-year term with close evaluation and Board consideration for renewal thereafter. Additionally, the Board authorized preparation and filing of the associated CEQA documentation. The District agreement with Red Stick for the In-Basin Transfer would be brought back to the Board for final approval at a subsequent Board meeting. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Approval of Agreement with Red Stick for the Use and Mixing of District Water and Non-District Water on Non-District Lands

Tabled until the revised Wheeling and Commingling Policy has been approved.

Approval of Charge to Red Stick and Pamunkey for District Costs Incurred to Obtain Necessary Approvals and Develop Necessary Agreements for District Services

Director Dennis moved to approve the charge to the landowners. Director Knight seconded, the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Vann and Knight

Noes: Directors Bransford and Amaro

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Jeremy Richardson reported on the flood damage repairs, the hazardous trees have been removed along the bypass channel, debris removed from Hunter Creek weirs, lateral cleaning continues between storms, assisting landowners with failing drainpipe on East Side Canal, had a tree service prune and remove hazardous trees from Hagen Weir.

He also conducted flood damage site inspection with FEMA representatives, selected maintenance employees for the alternate work schedule and continues to coordinate with the engineering department on improvement projects.

### Water Operations

Interim Water Operations Superintendent Jake Hancock reported that Shasta storage is at 3.82 million acre-feet and Keswick releases were at 3,315 cfs. The Water Operations Workers are continuing to work with the new tablets for the water measuring and accounting and will begin the new 8/6 schedule is week.

### Engineering

Engineer Zac Dickens reported the Abel Check Structure Replacement Project has been completed. The Engineering Department continues to coordinate with District service to Pamunkey and Red Stick lands, reviewed and submitted comments for the Colusa Subbasin

Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2022 Annual Report, assisting with the lateral head gate and turnout measurement plan.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### Meeting Reports

None.

### Manager's Report

Topics under closed session.

### Communications Report

Janet Zimmerman from CV Strategies gave an update on their communication efforts regarding the March newsletter, media posts, web page updates, letterhead template design and working on the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors website.

### Attorney's Report

None.

### Other Business

None.

### Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:51 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation, and Public Employee Appointment:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: Two Potential Cases
- 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. *NRDC, et al. v. Haaland, et al.* (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. Case No. 21-15163) [Contract Renewal Lawsuit Appeal]
- 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 APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))  
Title: Water Operations Superintendent

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:45 a.m.

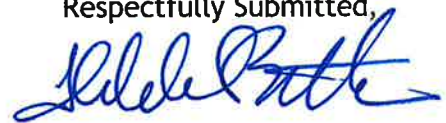
President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates on *Anticipated Litigation*, and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to (Government Code Section 54956.9), during which the Board heard updates on *Existing Litigation* and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1), during which the Board heard an update and gave direction to staff.


The meeting adjourned at 11:46 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.

  
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