

**Minutes of Meeting  
Held  
November 2, 2023**

Vice President Dennis called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:00 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:**

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

**Absent:**

John Amaro, President, Division 2

**Staff Present:**

Greg Krzys, Interim General Manager  
Mary Spooner, Office Specialist  
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director  
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager  
Ed Henderson, Water Operations Superintendent  
Jake Hancock, Assistant Water Operations Superintendent  
Chris Privitera, Associate Engineer  
Shasta Banchio, Associate Engineer  
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn  
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

**Others Present:**

Courtney Hamilton, CV Strategies (via teleconference)  
Tomas Loera, Engineering Technician (via teleconference)  
Jeff Sutton, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (via teleconference)

**Public Participation**

None.

Presentations by 3P Partners and Valerie Phillips of Bob Murray and Associates Regarding Proposal to Conduct an Executive Recruitment for the Position of District General Manager  
Executive search firms, 3P Partners and Valerie Phillips of Bob Murray and Associates, made presentations to the Board regarding their firms' recruitment process and how they determine top candidates for the General Manager position.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Vann moved to approve the payment of claims #23 13650 through #23 13680 and claims #23 13682 through #23 13700, in the amount of Five Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$522,253.02); claims #23 10374 and #23 10377 in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents

(\$34,646.66) and approve the October 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vann, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Amaro

#### **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, 2023 through September 30, 2025

Director Vann moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Office Unit. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vann, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Amaro

Review and Consider Approval of Dragos' Rapid Response Retainer Contract

This item was briefly discussed and then tabled. Staff was directed to provide additional information.

Review and Consider Approval of the Hiring of Additional Water Department Staff

Water Operations Superintendent Ed Henderson discussed the need for additional Water Operations Workers. The Water Department has drafted a plan of action for the 2024 water year and the primary goals are to improve water delivery, water measurements and efficiency. With the potential of a few anticipated retirements, the need to fill the supervisor position and re-allocating staff to other departments, there is a need for three to five Water Operator Worker positions.

Director Bransford moved to approve the hiring of additional Water Operations Workers as recommended in the staff memo. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vann, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Amaro

Review and Consider Approval of Proposals Regarding Conducting an Executive Recruitment for the Position of District General Manager

The Board held discussion on the two proposals from executive search firms to assist in recruiting and securing a diverse field of qualified candidates for the position of General Manager. Costs were also examined and it was determined that one proposal was significantly less than the other.

Director Knight moved to approve the proposal of Bob Murray and Associates for the General Manager executive search. Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Amaro

Abstain: Director Vann

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### Department Reports

#### *Water*

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported that the main canal is currently at 950 cubic feet per second (cfs), Shasta storage is at 3.18 million acre-feet (MAF) and Keswick is currently releasing 3,907 cfs.

#### *Engineering*

Associate Engineer Privitera reported that the Engineering Department has been assisting with the modernization of Lateral 21-4. They have also assisted with the Ranch Weir project and reported that the walls have been poured. They are also working on the private easement agreements and have been inquiring with surveying firms to see what the price would be to create legal descriptions for some of the more complex laterals.

Assistant Engineer Shasta Banchio provided information on the USCID Conference she attended in Fort Collins, Colorado. The conference focused on managing limited groundwater and surface water supplies to meet irrigation demand, challenges and solutions.

#### *Maintenance*

Maintenance Superintendent Jeremy Richardson provided an update on Maintenance activities. He provided a brief update on progress with the Lateral 21-4 modernization project and the Ranch Weir project, a turnout underneath County Road Q has been installed, and the ITRC gates for lateral 21-4/48-1 are being fabricated.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### Board Member Report

Director Bransford attended the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) meeting. The Bridge Group would like to increase the number of salmon eggs in the hatcheries but there is not enough funding for monitoring. SRSC determined that monitoring is vital and will provide \$184,000 for the monitoring activities.

### Manager's Report

Interim General Manager Krzys reported that he met with Deseret Farms for site access on the river. A regulatory meeting will be held November 9 at the Main Pump Station regarding the first phase of the project.

### Communications Report

Courtney Hamilton of CV Strategies reported that they are currently gathering information and ideas for the November newsletter including updates on the Electrical Control Room project, winter maintenance projects, winter decomp water and will update the FAQ sheet.

### Attorney's Report

No report.

### Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 11:24 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 - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: One Potential Case
- C. 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]
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves  
Employee Organizations: UPEC 792

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:57 a.m.

Vice President Dennis 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 an update on *Anticipated Litigation*. The Board took action to reject the claim submitted by Todd and Melanie Owen, and directed staff to send notice of the rejection to claimants.

Vice President Dennis reported that the Board met in closed session, pursuant to paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard an update on *Anticipated Litigation*, and took no action.

Vice President Dennis 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.


Vice President Dennis reported that the Board met in closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators, where the Board heard updates and provided direction to staff and the Labor Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Greg Krzys  
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

Absent  
John Amaro

  
Logan Dennis

  
Blake Vann