

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
February 1, 2024**

President Amaro 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:

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:

Greg Krzys, Interim General Manager
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent
Ed Henderson, Water Operations Superintendent
Jake Hancock, Assistant Water Operations Superintendent
Shasta Banchio, Assistant Engineer
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Mike Lux, Water User
John Cecil, Water User
Sid LaGrande, Water User
Tim Sanchez, Water User
Douglas DeFlicht (via teleconference)
Jeff Sutton, TCCA (via teleconference)
Tomas Loera, GCID Staff (via teleconference)
Sandy Rincon, GCID Staff (via teleconference)

Public Participation

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Knight moved to approve the payment of claims #24 13990 through #24 14030, in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Six Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$295,206.64) and approve the January 18, 2024, meeting minutes. Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Review and Consider Approval of 2024 Frost Protection and Early Water Rates

Administrative Services Manager Karen Alves reported that the District typically offers water for frost protection purposes from February 21 to March 1, and for Early Water from March 1 to March 31, each year as long as maintenance projects permit. The District may also verify weather conditions to confirm frost protection is necessary to avoid prematurely ending critical work activities.

In November 2023, the District approved the Winter Water Rate of \$5 per acre-foot for the period covering November 2023 to January 7, 2024. Most often, the Winter Water Rate is the same rate used for Frost Protection and/or Early Water. The maximum rate that can be charged at this time is \$8.62 per acre-foot. An informational postcard will be circulated to water users regarding rate and dates for frost protection water and early water.

Director Dennis moved to approve 2024 Frost Protection and Early Water rates at \$5 per acre-foot. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance department has been performing gate inspections, repairs and replacements on the main canal, removing haul gravel from the main canal at Stony Creek to Deep Well, making progress on the 48-1 modernization project as weather permits, and assessing damage on the Link Belt excavator that tipped over. He also reported that Franklin Construction is working to remove the old Tuttle Check project as weather permits. He also reported that a Water Operator breakroom and workstation has been completed in the Williams Shop.

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that he doesn't believe there is a good window of opportunity to complete the drain siphon related to the Sites and Vierras. A 10-day window is necessary as well as dry enough conditions for a concrete truck to operate at the construction site. Once the project is started, it cannot be stopped. This needs to be taken into consideration as frost protection water and early water will be available during the same timeframe and a delay in this project would delay deliveries of frost protection and/or early water in nearby areas. The current site is capable of serving its purpose as it stands this season. The Maintenance Department can plan to complete the project next shutdown period with a worst-case scenario of a 2026 completion date when the canal is shut down for an extended period for the Pump Station Electrical Control Room project and the Lurline Check project. Staff will communicate with water users well in advance of making a final decision on the project this shutdown period.

Water

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson provided a report on the plan for the 2024 water season. He provided a report on water operator area changes, lateral changes, water

operator work schedules, meter crews, offseason training, canal upgrades, ordering windows, and water operator routes. He also reviewed the draft presentation for the upcoming water operator area meetings.

Engineering

Assistant Engineer Banchio reported that the Engineering Department has been testing out new tools, assisting with the 48-1 modernization project as weather permits, performing inspections at Ranch Weir and setting grade flags for the private landowner dirt haul to raise the canal banks, preparing to survey, design and install new structures, coordinating on contract tasks and participating in training for the Chico State GIS update, coordinating with Provost & Pritchard for the biological site survey. Lastly, she reported that the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Ag Showcase was successful as she met a lot of students interested in potential careers at the District.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Report

Director Dennis reported that he attended the Water Users Conference in Reno, Nevada.

President Amaro reported that he participated in the Joint Colusa Groundwater Authority and Glenn Groundwater Authority meeting where they are working on language for the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) and met with counsel and consultants.

Director Knight reported that he attended the Corning Subbasin meeting where they are navigating efforts to find solutions to complete the GSP to resubmit to the Department of Water Resources.

Manager's Report

Interim General Manager Krzys reported that he attended the Water Users Conference in Reno, Nevada. He also reported that he is still working on coordination efforts for the Electrical Control Room project which is set for groundbreaking in April. He also reported that there is an Engineer candidate visiting the District next week to see the District and surrounding area. He also reported that there is a Washington DC trip that is in the process of being scheduled for late March.

Communications Report

Executive Assistant Kayla Mendonca reported that she discussed changes with CV Strategies to adhere to the new \$5,000 per month communications budget including excusing CV from participating in Board meetings and providing reports to the Board quarterly rather than bi-weekly at Board meetings. They are also going to work to condense the social media efforts as that is taking up a great deal of the monthly budget.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:07 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation, and Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

- 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]

- C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: GCID's water supplies
GCID Negotiators: John Amaro, Donald Bransford, Greg Krzys, Louis Jarvis and Counsel Andrew Hitchings
Negotiating Parties: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority
Under Negotiation: Potential water transfer agreement, price and terms of payment, and other transactional details

- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
(Government Code Section 54957)
Title: General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:19 a.m.

President Amaro 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*, and took no action.

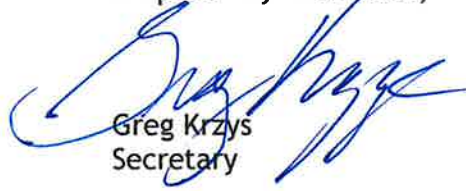
President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates on *Existing Litigation* and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.8, during which the Board heard updates on potential water transfer interest from San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54957, during which the Board discussed the public employee appointment and gave direction to the search firm consultant and to counsel.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.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



John Amaro



Logan Dennis



Blake Vann