

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
March 7, 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
Chris Privitera, Associate Engineer
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

JP Robinette, Sites
Kevin Spesert, Sites
Ingrid Sheipline, Richardson & Company
Mike Lux, Water User
John Cecil, Water User
Kelly Ornbaun, Water User
Tim Sanchez, Water User
Jamie Traynham, Water User (via teleconference)
Sarah Reynolds, Water User (via teleconference)
Jeff Sutton, TCCA (via teleconference)
June Smith, GCID Staff (via teleconference)
Sandy Rincon, GCID Staff (via teleconference)
Shasta Banchio, GCID Staff (via teleconference)

Public Participation

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Knight moved to approve the payment of claims #24 14098 through #24 14172, in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand, Sixty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$558,063.39), approve the February 15, 2024, meeting minutes, and approve employees' transfer of annual leave to Ben E. Lopez and Mike Stilwell. Director Vann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Audit Presentation by Richardson & Company

Finance Director Louis Jarvis introduced Ingrid Shepline from Richardson & Company who joined the meeting via teleconference to provide a presentation regarding the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023. Mrs. Shepline reviewed several pages of the audit. Director Bransford noted concerns regarding the Gradient Facility reserves and requested further discussion at a future Ad Hoc committee meeting or Board meeting. Upon completion of her presentation, Mrs. Shepline recognized staff for their excellent work and handling of the District's finances. Finance Director Louis Jarvis thanked Mrs. Shepline for her efforts on the audit.

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

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

Sites Presentation

Sites Project Authority's Engineering and Construction Manager JP Robinette attended the Board meeting to provide an update on the overall progress of the Sites Reservoir project. He presented a PowerPoint presentation that included a project overview, various project phases, and status of key permits. He reported that there are 9 Joint Powers Authority (JPA) members and 22 Reservoir Committee members. The 9 JPA members will own the project. The projected size of the reservoir is approximately 13 miles long, 2 to 3 miles wide and capable of holding 1.5 million acre feet of water. The projected "wrap-up" date for the project is 2032 at an estimated total cost of \$4.5 billion dollars. Kevin Spesert, head of External Affairs for the Sites Project Authority reported that the Sites Project has been awarded approximately \$449 million in total funding, including a WIIN Act Grant for \$205 million, one of the largest to date. Mr. Robinette then touched on the impacts to GCID including a \$6.1 to \$7.7 million dollar annual cost, payment options including deferred payment until construction is complete, and a potential reduced maintenance window for the District due to conveyance needs for Sites which will require an in-depth conversation about District winter operations.

The Board and District staff thanked Mr. Robinette for taking the time to provide an update on the Sites Reservoir Project.

Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-04 Setting Water Rates and the Application Deadline for the 2024 Irrigation Season

Finance Director Jarvis reported that the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-04 would establish certain criteria for the 2024 irrigation season consistent with a 100% water supply including the "regular" (non-Shasta Critical) water rate structure being applied, with the fixed component set at \$44.05 per acre and the variable component set at \$9.05 per acre-foot of

applied water which is the maximum allowed under the recently completed Proposition 218 process; applied water unit duties will be based on the quantities identified in Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2024-04; applications for water will be accepted from Monday, March 11, through Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5 p.m.; and additional water rate information is provided in Exhibit B to Resolution No 2024-04.

Director Knight moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-04 setting water rates and the application deadline for the 2024 irrigation season. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

The Resolution is attached to the minutes as Attachment A.

Review and Consider Approval of Renewal of District Services related to Lands Owned by Red Stick Farms Colusa LLC (Red Stick) and Pamunkey Colusa LLC (Pamunkey)

President Amaro reported that he and Director Dennis have met with Red Stick/Pamunkey staff to discuss the renewal of the Commingling Agreement for Non-District Lands set to expire May 10, 2024. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of detaching the 92 acres of land that are posing the greatest problem and attaching 92 acres of land elsewhere to help alleviate the difficulty of serving the out of District lands served under the current agreement, resulting in a “same in, same out” scenario. Counsel Ali Stevens explained that the “same in, same out” process requires LAFCo approval which can be a long-term process, often one or more years. If the Board agreed to this, these terms should be included in a new agreement rather than renewing the current agreement. Water User Jamie Traynum expressed concerns about District water being applied to non-district lands as a violation of the District’s Settlement Contract and LAFCo. Director Bransford expressed concern that renewal of the current agreement would set a negative precedent moving forward and that this is not a one-off situation as there is a list of other water users in the District who are wanting to detach and/or annex land into the District who have been waiting for several years.

The Board agreed to table this issue to allow for additional consideration and discussion with the Red Stick landowner since the current agreement does not expire until May 10, 2024. District staff and the Board need to meet to discuss this issue further and bring back to the Board for consideration.

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance department has been repairing erosion on the Main Canal above Road 57, wrapping up gate inspections, repairs and replacements on the Main Canal, backfilling the 48-1 modernization project, installing various meter turnouts, mowing and spraying laterals, cleaning a portion of lateral 45-2, and repainting weir panels.

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that he attended all Water Operator Area meetings, assessed flood damage on 51-1, met with Lenore Kitts and Sean Doherty regarding a private drain issue and coordinated a meeting with the refuge on drainage issues east of 4 Mile Road.

Water

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported that Keswick releases are currently at 15,000 cubic feet per second, Water Operators are currently participating in Wolven training, and pump #10 is back at the Pump Station after undergoing repairs and Pump Station staff are waiting for the river to recede to reinstall the pump. He also provided a report on GCID staff's recent visit to Imperial Irrigation District which provided great insight and ideas for future GCID operations.

Engineering

Associate Engineer Privitera reported that the Engineering Department has been assisting with Lateral 48-1 modernization inspections, inspecting the final installation of the walkway and I-beam board bays, participating in training through Chico State for GIS, moving forward with Provost & Pritchard on working toward 60% design for Lurline Check, and moving forward with the hiring of two Engineering interns to assist with workflow this summer.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Report

Director Vann reported that he attended the NCWA Executive Committee meeting where they set priorities for the year. He also reported that he spoke to the Water Leadership Group at the Yolo Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

President Amaro reported that he attended the Glenn Groundwater Authority meeting where they continue to work to complete their plan for approval by the Department of Water Resources by the April 30th deadline.

Manager's Report

Interim General Manager Krzys reported that they are working on the 60% design for the Gradient Facility project. He plans to attend the NCWA Annual Meeting tomorrow at Sierra Nevada Brewing Company. He also reported that he will be participating in various meetings in Washington, D.C. next week. The Electrical Control Room is back on schedule. The District Engineer candidate turned down the offer. The District is currently waiting for more candidates but in the meantime have hired interns for the summer. They are also seeking to hire two Engineering Technicians and are currently revising the position description.

Communications Report

Executive Assistant Kayla Mendonca reported that she is working with CV Strategies to complete the March District Update.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 11:09 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: 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]

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:51 a.m.

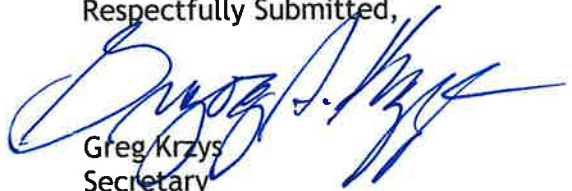
President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard an update on *Anticipated Litigation*, and gave direction to staff.

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 there was no update.

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 11:53 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

ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04
GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**APPROVING WATER RATES FOR THE 2024 IRRIGATION SEASON AND ESTABLISHING
APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The Board of Directors of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, GCID was duly formed, is organized, and at all times has been acting as and exercising the rights of an irrigation district under the provisions of the Irrigation District Law (Division 11 of the California Water Code); and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 22280 authorizes the Board of Directors of an irrigation district to fix rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, precipitation and related inflow into Shasta Lake have been sufficient to provide for a 100% water supply during 2024 pursuant to the District's settlement contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now intends to set water rates for the 2024 irrigation season consistent with its prior Resolution No. 2024-03 and establish related deadlines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of GCID to adopt this Resolution as follows:

Section 1. Recitals

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and the Board of Directors so finds and determines.

Section 2. Water Rates Effective During the 2024 Irrigation Season

The water rate for crops irrigated between April 1, 2024 and October 31, 2024 shall be:

\$44.05 per irrigated acre (fixed component), plus
\$9.05 per acre-foot of applied water for the crop being irrigated.

Applied water unit duties shall be based upon quantities listed in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 3. Water Application Process and Deadline.

Water applications for the 2024 irrigation season will be accepted starting on Monday, March 11, 2024 and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024. In accordance with *District Rules and Regulations* Rule 2.5, applications submitted subsequent to the April 5, 2024, deadline will be subject to a five percent (5%) late penalty. The late penalty will be waived if the charges are paid in full at the time the application is submitted.

Section 4. Additional Water Rate Information.

Certain additional water rate information is provided in the attached Exhibit B.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this seventh day of March, 2024, by the following vote of the GCID Board of Directors

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

Absent:

Noes:

Abstain:

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I, Greg Krzys, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the 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 seventh day of March 2024, as was adopted at that meeting by unanimous vote.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the seal of the District this 7th day of March, 2024.



Greg Krzys, Secretary
Board of Directors
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

2024 WATER RATE INFORMATION

2024 Water Rates for water service from April 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024:

Fixed Charge Per Acre: \$44.05 per irrigated acre

Volumetric Charge Per A/F: \$9.05 per acre foot for the crop being grown based on 2024 Applied Water Unit Duties

Any water use before April 1 or after October 31 is subject to additional charges.

Payment schedule: 40% due with application; 30% due June 1, 2024; 30% due August 1, 2024

The 2024 water application deadline is April 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Late applications are subject to a 5% late penalty except in cases where the application is paid in full at the time of application. Water will not be delivered without an application, required signature form(s) and appropriate payment.

Returned check charge is \$25.00.

Past due accounts (over 15 days late) will be charged interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% per year).

Standby Charge:

The Standby Charge of \$6.00 per deeded acre will be due on June 1, 2024, and delinquent if not paid by June 15, 2024.

Penalties for Waste of Water and Unauthorized Use of Water: If the water user is wasting water, either willfully, carelessly, negligently, or due to defective private conduits, the District will limit, discontinue, or refuse the delivery of water until the wasteful conditions are remedied in accordance with the District's *Rules and Regulations* (Rule 7.3 Penalties and Enforcement of Unauthorized Use of Water).

Penalty actions for unauthorized use of water are set forth as follows:

Tier 1: Lock and Tag Gates

Tier 2: \$1,000 fine and report to the Board of Directors

Tier 3: \$2,000 fine for each succeeding offense and report to the Board of Directors for additional action including possible termination of water service.

Construction Water:

Construction water rate is \$.50 per 1,000 gallons, with a \$500.00 minimum charge.

Definitions and Clarifications:

Fields may not be flooded in excess of six inches deep as measured from the highest point of the field (with an exception for cultural practices for organic rice).

Water users are to make every effort to manage irrigation timing to allow flow adjustments to occur as early as possible during the water operations worker's normal work hours. Water operations workers are to perform all flow adjustments that occur after their normal work hours. If a water operations worker is called out to make a flow adjustment after normal work hours, the water user will be charged a \$100 fee for after-hours service.

Islands within the District will be served only after approval by the Board of Directors and will be charged double the normal water rate.

Winter Water for duck ponds or rice straw decomposition will now be defined by the period of delivery. The delivery options are (1) October service only; (2) service from November 1 through January 6; (3) service from October through January 6, or (4) a single irrigation at any time during the winter water period.

**2024 Applied Water Unit Duties for Summer & Winter Crops
100% Water Supply**

Exhibit A

Summer Crops (1)	AF/Acre	Winter Crops	AF/Acre
Alfalfa	4.5	Barley	2.0
Almonds	4.1	Beet (Seed)	3.5
Almond Drip Year 1	0.8	Broccoli (Seed)	2.8
Almond Drip Year 2	1.6	Cabbage (Seed)	2.8
Almond Drip Year 3	2.3	Carrot (Seed)	4.1
Almond Drip Year 4+	3.1	Celery (Seed)	4.5
Bean (Dry)	2.5	Chard (Seed)	3.4
Clover	4.5	Cover Crop	2.5
Corn (Ear)	6.0	Grain Hay	2.0
Corn (Ear) Drip	4.5	Kale (Seed)	2.8
Corn (Silage)	4.3	Oats & Oat Hay	2.0
Cotton	3.3	Onion & Garlic (Fresh)	1.5
Cover Crop	2.5	Onion (Seed)	3.4
Fallow	0.0	Mustard (Seed)	1.9
Fish Pond	10.5	Radish (Seed)	1.8
Fruit Trees	4.1	Rye	2.0
Grape Vine	2.7	Tumip (Seed)	1.9
Habitat Wetland Summer	6.0	Wheat	2.0
Habitat Wetland Summer 1 Irrigation	1.0		
Habitat Wetland Summer 2 Irrigations	1.8		
Herb	1.0		
Industrial Hemp	2.8	Winter Water	
Misc. Deciduous	4.1	October Service Only	1.5
Miscellaneous Field Crops	2.5	November through January 6 Service	2.1
Olive	3.2	October through January 6 Service	2.8
Pasture	4.9	Winter Water Single Irrigation (October 1 - January 6)	1.0
Peas (Dry)	2.5		
Pepper	2.5	Habitat Wetland Winter Available October 1	
Pistachio	4.1	Continuous Flow	3.0
Prune	4.1	1 Irrigation	1.0
Prune - Drip	3.1		
Rice	6.9		
Rice - Wild	5.0		
Safflower	2.2		
Small Vegetable	2.5		
Sudan Grass	4.9		
Sunflower	2.2		
Sunflower Drip	1.7		
Tomato	2.3		
Tomato Drip	1.7		
Vinseed	1.6		
Vinseed Drip	1.2		
Walnut	4.4		
Walnut Drip Year 1	0.9		
Walnut Drip Year 2	1.7		
Walnut Drip Year 3	2.6		
Walnut Drip Year 4+	3.4		
1 Irrigation	1.0		
2 Irrigations	1.8		

(1) Applied water figures above for summer crops cover water use from April 1 through October 31. Water use on summer crops outside this time period will be subject to an additional one irrigation charge for each irrigation