

**Minutes of Meeting  
Held  
November 21, 2024**

President Amaro reported that there is a lack of quorum. GCID staff asked that the Board meeting continue with presentations and staff reports. All action items will be tabled to the next meeting when a quorum is present. With that, President Amaro called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:10 a.m. The meeting was held at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board Room, 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, California.

**Present:**

John Amaro, President, Division 2  
Donald R. Bransford, Director, Division 4

**Absent:**

Logan Dennis, Vice-President, Division 3  
Peter Knight, Director, Division 1  
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

**Staff Present:**

Jeffrey P. Sutton, General Manager  
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant  
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director  
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent  
Ed Henderson, Water Operations Superintendent  
Chris Privitera, Interim District Engineer  
Jake Hancock, Assistant Water Operations Superintendent  
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)  
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

**Others Present:**

Kelly Ornbaun, Water User  
Les Marsh, Water User  
Mike Lux, Water User  
Holly Dawley, KSN  
Sanjay Gaur, Water Economics  
Tomas Loera, Staff (via teleconference)  
Sandy Rincon, Staff (via teleconference)

**Public Participation**

Water User Kelly Ornbaun thanked GCID staff for their great customer service and hard work preparing for the storm, especially on Lateral 51-1 where some of his infrastructure is located.

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson explained that the Water and Maintenance Departments were all hands-on deck Tuesday to prepare the District for the upcoming weather event.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Authorize Payment of Claims

This item was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### Presentation by Holley Dawley, KSN - Status of Sacramento River Settlement Contractors Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Projects

Holly Dawley from KSN joined the meeting to provide a presentation on completed and upcoming restoration projects along the Sacramento River. She shared a user-friendly, color-coded interactive map that allows users to navigate and view the details of each project. She reviewed the following projects: Spawning Gravel Injection Projects, Juvenile Refugia Habitat Project (rockwad placement), Side Channel Restoration Projects, and the Fish Food on Flooded Farm Fields Project. She explained that these are a just a few of many projects being contemplated, and that additional grants, opportunities and efforts to improve habitat conditions on the Sacramento River continue to be pursued, including the science and monitoring to optimize such efforts.

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District will be leading the Middle Creek Restoration gravel injection project in the Redding area beginning December 2, 2024.

### Presentation by Sanjay Gaur and Charles Diamond, Water Resources Economics - Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Wheeling Rate Study

This item was tabled.

### Discuss Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Wheeling Rate Study

This item was tabled.

### Discuss and Consider Electrical Control Room Project Change Order from Koch & Koch

General Manager Sutton explained that JB High Voltage (JB), the subcontractor for Koch & Koch (KKI), the contractor for the Electrical Control Room Project, mistakenly did not include the medium voltage materials and labor in its quote. Upon discovery, JB submitted a change order to KKI for an additional \$460,000, including labor and materials for the missed component. KKI proposed to self-perform the labor involved in this effort at no cost and requested a change order to GCID in the amount of \$186,309 to purchase the medium voltage materials.

Staff will need the Board to take action to move forward. Due to the lack of quorum, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### Department Reports

#### *Water*

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported on the following: Staff have closed the Main Pump Station Headgates due to projected heavy rainfall in the forecast; Water Operations and Maintenance staff have teamed up to prepare District infrastructure for the upcoming storms; Staff are reinstalling panels and weirs as conditions allow; anchoring of the dredge at the Pump Station in a safe location. Water Superintendent Henderson thanked staff for their efforts preparing for the storms as it was an all-hands-on-deck effort.

#### *Maintenance*

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported on the following maintenance activities: Roadway improvements including discing, floating and grading; continuing installation of tail boxes (halted due to incoming weather system); Supervisors met on Wednesday to coordinate and review the task list for storm preparation; monitoring of drains; staff are actively unclogging a drain at Road 37; and GCID staff will be leading the Middle Creek Restoration project in the Redding area beginning December 2.

### Engineering

Interim District Engineer Privitera reported on the following topics: Lurline Check and Siphon Improvement update; District Inventory update; post-harvest projects; winter shutdown planning including 12-4 siphon project finalization and the 16-4 headgate and measurement channel design; RemoteTracker data collection implementation; private lateral easement acquisition; GIS data collection and mapping effort update; and the encroachment removal process.

### Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Jarvis reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Damage Claims Report for October.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### Board Member Reports

Director Bransford reported that he participated in a Sac River Policy Group meeting and discussed existing litigation, which will be discussed further during Closed Session.

### Committee Reports

General Manager Sutton reported that staff will be contacting members of the Labor Committee to hold a meeting in the near future. The Operations and Maintenance Committee met on November 14 to discuss the following: Updates on fall projects; the Electrical Control Room project; Gradient Facility Project; current water operations; new water operations staffing approach for 2025, including return to the 10 days on and 4 days off schedule; limitations on laterals and main canal capacity; operations and maintenance responsibility on certain laterals and drains under various circumstances; policy discussion related to integration of private infrastructure when modernizing District infrastructure; and policy enforcement protocols related to encroachments. He also provided an update regarding the grant process, noting that the WaterSMART Grant was submitted on November 12, and the USDA Grant is still progressing towards finalization.

### Manager's Report

General Manager Sutton reported on the following: attendance at a fishery planning meeting where discussion took place regarding restoration, the Winter Run Action Plan, and the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (VAs); submission of eight individuals nominated to participate in the NCWA Water Leaders Program; the Sites meeting including the Incidental Take Permit discussion and the release of the Request for Qualifications for the Construction Manager for the Sites Project; an upcoming meeting with Congressman LaMalfa to discuss the upcoming new legislative term; and plans to attend the ACWA Conference scheduled for the first week in December.

### Communications Report

Executive Assistant Kayla Mendonca reported that she and staff are coordinating a December newsletter that will cover various topics such as the Drought Protection Program, Water Operations including measurement efforts, completed Maintenance projects including 16-4f and Lynn Weir, upcoming major infrastructure projects including Lurline Check/Siphon and the Electrical Control Room, record decomp water sales, restoration projects, and retirements.

### Attorney's Report

None.

### Other Business

None.

### Closed Session

The Board (President Amaro only) adjourned to Closed Session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss the following agenda item:

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. *TCCA v. CA DWR* (CJC-20-005117 JCCP NO. 5117) [CEQA Litigation-DWR 2020 EIR for LTO]
- ii. *PCFFA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-JLT-EPG);
- iii. *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: Acquisition of water supplies from Sites Reservoir Project

GCID Negotiators: Logan Dennis, Jeffrey P. Sutton and Counsel

Alexis Stevens

Negotiating Parties: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and Sites Reservoir Project

Under Negotiation: Terms of payment, and other transactional details

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:05 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 an update on Existing Litigation and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, during which the Board heard updates on Conference with Real Property Negotiators and took no action.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jeffrey P. Sutton  
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

Absent  
Peter Knight

  
John Amaro

Absent  
Logan Dennis

Absent  
Blake Vann