

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Held
November 25, 2024**

President Amaro called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:03 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
Logan Dennis, Vice-President, Division 3 (via agendized remote location)
Peter Knight, Director, Division 1
Donald R. Bransford, Director, Division 4
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5 (via agendized remote location)

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Jeffrey P. Sutton, General Manager
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Public Participation

None.

General Manager Sutton took a moment to share highlights from the California Data Exchange Center regarding the hydrology, inflows and water storage benefits that accrued as a result of the recent storms.

Authorize Payment of Claims

Finance Director Jarvis highlighted a few items added to the warrants list since the November 21, Board meeting, including an invoice from the Department of the Interior in the amount of \$53,733.05 for rescheduling fees related to diversions in the month of October. Director Bransford recommended outreach to the Bureau of Reclamation due to the fish benefits associated with those coordinated actions. Manager Sutton committed to outreach on this matter.

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claims #24 16749 through #24 16829, in the amount of One Million, Fifty-One Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$1,051,466.49), and approve the November 7, 2024, meeting minutes. Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following roll-call vote:

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

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

At the November 21, 2024, Board meeting, 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 at no cost and requested a change order to GCID in the amount of \$186,309 to purchase the medium voltage materials. Staff are seeking approval from the Board for the General Manager to execute the change order for the medium voltage materials.

Director Knight moved to approve the change order for the medium voltage materials in the amount of \$186,309 and to authorize the General Manager to execute the change order. Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following roll-call vote:

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

Discuss Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Wheeling Rate Study

Prior to the discussion of this topic, Counsel Hitchings recused himself due to a conflict regarding Sites representation. Staff agreed to notify him when the discussion was finished to rejoin the meeting.

Finance Director Jarvis reported that approximately a year and a half ago, in consultation with both Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) staff, the Sites Joint Powers Authority (Sites) requested proposals from qualified consultants to assist GCID, TCCA, and Sites in conducting a wheeling rate study. Water Resources Economics (WRE) was selected as the most qualified consultant to assist with the wheeling rate study.

Finance Director Jarvis noted that these rates do not include capital expenditures such as infrastructure improvements or cost of power, but simply just the costs associated with wheeling Sites' water. Board Members stressed the need that all GCID costs associated with Sites wheeling be fully covered, including the need for extra staff to monitor the canal and infrastructure improvements/maintenance costs associated with wheeling water for Sites during wet winter months. Finance Director Jarvis noted that Sites has indicated its intentions to cover any extraordinary costs to the District during its efforts to wheel water for Sites.

Finance Director Jarvis explained that the wheeling rate is estimated to be \$25.65 per acre-foot. Sites would handle wheeling rates on a credit basis by purchasing 100,000 acre-feet in credits and then providing for a five-year true-up process.

Lastly, the Board and staff discussed the need to study the drains that go under the canal. There is currently \$300,000 in the budget to perform these studies. Further, there is plenty of time to identify any additional issues/concerns/projects needed associated with wheeling Sites water prior to the construction and operation of the Sites Reservoir Project.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:21 a.m. to discuss the following agenda items:

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]


The Board reconvened to open session at approximately 10:52 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 provided direction to counsel and took no reportable 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 from staff and counsel and took no action.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:54 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


Peter Knight


John Amaro


Logan Dennis


Blake Vann