

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Held
December 17, 2024**

President Amaro called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 8:03 a.m. The meeting was held at the Maxwell Legion Hall, 230 Oak Street, Maxwell, CA 95955.

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:

Jeffrey P. Sutton, General Manager
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent
Ed Henderson, Water Operations Superintendent
Chris Privitera, Interim District Engineer
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn
Brittany Johnson, Somach Simmons & Dunn

Also Present:

Kelly Ornbaun, Water User
Les Marsh, Water User
John Cecil, Water User
Mike Lux, Water User
Sid LaGrande, Water User

Public Participation

None.

Authorize Payment of Claims

General Manager Sutton highlighted an item related to the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) rescheduling charges for increased October diversions at the request of Director Bransford. In coordination with BOR, the District diverted additional water during October for rice decomposition and waterfowl in an effort to allow for reduced releases out of Keswick Reservoir in November to avoid the stranding of Winter Run Chinook salmon egg nests on the upper river. As such, after bringing to light the coordination and collaboration regarding these actions to the BOR, and the fact that the District could have avoided the subject rescheduling fees by pushing those increased diversions into November, the BOR agreed to reverse the rescheduling fees, saving the District over \$50,000.

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claims #24 16830 through #24 16917, in the amount of Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$654,945.41), and approve the November 21, 2024, Regular Board meeting minutes and the November 25, 2024, Special Board 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

Consider and Approve Resolution No. 2024-12 Honoring Robert L. Packard on his Retirement

The Board and staff shared stories and their immense appreciation for Robert “Bob” Packard and his admirable dedication to serving the needs of the District for almost 45 years. Bob has been a huge asset to the District, and his efforts over the years have been greatly appreciated. Bob will be honored with a celebration in January.

Director Knight moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-12 honoring Robert L. Packard on his retirement. Director Jarvis 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.

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Water

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported that the Main Pump Station pumps have been shut off for the several days recently due to elevated river levels. He hopes to turn the pumps back on today. He also reported that the forecast underestimated the amount of rain brought in by the recent storms, resulting in weirs and I-beams catching trash and backing water up further than expected. Currently, all weirs and I-beams are being removed, and will remain out for the incoming weather system.

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance Department has been repairing erosion on the main canal; cleaning laterals and drains; continuing to install tail boxes; repairing and cleaning Symons forms; sand blasting and painting fabrication projects; and building a wall in the records room for the Remote Tracker equipment. He also reported on the chemical purchase/bid process, work on the USDA grant project descriptions and budget, and the Gradient Facility Project permitting site visit, and progress on the Middle Creek restoration project.

Engineering

Interim District Engineer Privitera reported on the following items: Lurline Check and Siphon Replacement Project; District inventory update; Winter shutdown planning; RemoteTracker data collection implementation; Private lateral easement acquisition; GIS data creation and next steps; and the Middle Creek Restoration Project.

Treasurer’s Report

Finance Director Jarvis reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Financial Report, and Damage Claims Report.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Vice Chairman Dennis reported that he and Finance Director Jarvis opened a new bank account for the expected Drought Protection Program funds.

Director Bransford reported that he participated in the Reclamation District 1004 growers meeting where the Drought Protection Program was discussed. He noted the biggest concern being the amount of information to absorb in a short period of time and questions regarding water sales and crop insurance.

Committee Reports

None.

Manager's Report

General Manager Sutton reported on the following items: Meeting with Congressman LaMalfa to discuss the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes and Drought Protection Programs; attendance at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference in early December where he participated in several meetings with various agencies; attendance at Governor Newsom's event in Colusa County to discuss Sites Reservoir; status update regarding Sites JPA activities; Gradient Facility permitting site visit; and upcoming meeting to explore programs regarding Giant Garter Snake studies on December 16th.

Communications Report

Executive Director Mendonca reported on the District's winter newsletter will be published in January, allowing for information from the grower meeting to be included in the publication.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:19 a.m. to discuss the following agendized 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]

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Jeffrey P. Sutton;
Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves
Employee Organization: UPEC 792

- D. 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

- E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis; Karen
Alves
Unrepresented Employees: Management/Supervisory Employees

The Board reconvened to open session at approximately 10:14 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.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, during which the Board heard updates and took no action.

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

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, during which the Board heard a report.

Review and Consider Approval of Compensation for Management and Supervisory Employees

Director Bransford moved to approve a one-time merit pay/bonus compensation for Management and Supervisory employees, excluding Department Heads, in the amount of 1.5%. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

(10:30 a.m.) Landowner and Water User Meeting

The District Board of Directors, with the help of Somach Simmons & Dunn Attorneys Andy Hitchings and Brittany Johnson, and MBK Engineers Lee Bergfeld and Anne Williams, held an informational

landowner and water users meeting to discuss the Drought Protection Program and the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.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

Attachment A

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

RESOLUTION 2024-12

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" L. Packard has served as an employee of the GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT for forty-four point seven five years, and has contributed his broad range of skills and efforts to the Water Department as Meter Reader, Ditch Tender and Water Operations Worker; and to the Maintenance Department as Dredge Operator, Mechanic, Welder and Fabricator; and

WHEREAS, the District and the landowners of the District are very appreciative of his abilities, thorough knowledge of the District and its conveyance system; was involved in numerous Refuge Conveyance Projects, could operate any piece of equipment, and trained numerous employees for the Water Department; and

WHEREAS, the District and the landowners of the District are grateful for his diligence, thoroughness, dependability, professionalism, and loyal service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT does individually and on behalf of the District and its landowners commend and thank Robert L. Packard for his many years of service and numerous contributions on behalf of the District and wishes him well in the years to come.

ADOPTED December 17, 2024, by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT.



President



Director



Director



Vice-President



Director



Secretary