

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
January 16, 2025**

President Amaro called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:02 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

Absent:

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
Shasta Banchio, Assistant Engineer
Jake Hancock, Assistant Water Operations Superintendent
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Brittany Johnson, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Bill Vanderwaal, General Manager, TCCA

GCID Retirees

Arno Martini
Dale Martini
Mark Azevedo
Pat Kennedy
Luke Lausten
Steven Mendes
Kevin Nelson
Rick Ortiz
Bob Packard
Stan Roper
Doug Wescoatt

Other staff:

Loren Chapman
Sal Covarrubias
Chris Currier
Joe Diaz

Felipe Ferreira
Jaimie Garcia
Nic Garofalo
Francisco Gonzalez
Phil Kline
Tomas Loera
Ben E. Lopez
Tomas Mendiola
Dominik Ruiz
Juan Silva
Ross Seiler
Mary Spooner
Al Vargas

Water Users:

John Cecil
Sid LaGrande
Mike Lux
Les Marsh
Kelly Ornbaun

Public Participation

Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) General Manager Bill Vanderwaal reported that he is visiting various Board meetings of TCCA Member Districts, which includes GCID. Bill expressed appreciation for the good coordination and communication between TCCA and GCID. He also reminded the group of the Annual Water Users Conference in Reno, Nevada scheduled for January 29-31, and invited any attendees to participate in the TCCA hosted dinner at the Conference.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claims #24 16960 through #24 17021, in the amount of One Million, Forty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$1,049,234.93), claims #25 00038 through #25 00041 in the amount of Forty Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Five and Fifty-Six Cents (\$40,495.56), and claims #24 09471 through #24 09533 in the amount of Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred Seven Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$15,107.14), approve the December 30, 2024, Special meeting minutes and approve the Notice of Completion of Director/Employee Reimbursement Disclosure Forms. Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Vann

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2025-01 Honoring Arno Martini on his Retirement

Director Dennis moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-01 honoring Arno Martini on his retirement. Director Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Vann

Dozens of staff, retirees and water users gathered in the Board Room to honor Mr. Martini. President Amaro read aloud the resolution and presented him with his gift. Attendees shared fond memories of working with Arno over the past 45 years. The Board and staff thanked Mr. Martini for his dedication to the District and wished him well in his retirement.

The Board adjourned at 9:17 a.m. to share cake in celebration of Arno's retirement.

The Board reconvened at 9:36 a.m.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Declaring Certain District Equipment as Surplus and Authorize Disposal

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that he has compiled a list of items that are at the end of their useful life and will be disposed of at public auction. He reported that the 1946 dredge may be dismantled and sold in separate pieces unless they can locate a market for the dredge in its entirety.

Director Bransford moved to declare certain District equipment and surplus and authorize disposal. Director Dennis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Vann

Discuss and Consider Approval of 2025 Frost Protection and Early Water Rates

Finance Director Jarvis reported that the District adopted the Winter Maintenance Shut-Down Policy (Policy) on January 16, 2020. The Policy states “The District may verify weather conditions to confirm frost protection is necessary to avoid prematurely ending critical work activities.”

For 2023, the Board set the rate for frost protection and early water at \$8.62 per acre-foot. In 2024, the Board lowered the rate for frost protection and early water to \$5.00 per acre-foot. During both 2023 and 2024, the Board set the rate at \$5.00 per acre-foot for rice decomposition/winter water use. The maximum rate that can be charged at this time is \$9.05 per acre-foot. Staff are requesting Board guidance regarding the 2025 water rates for frost protection water (February 21 to March 1, 2025) and early water (March 1 to March 31, 2025).

Director Dennis moved to keep the frost water and early water rates at \$5.00 per acre-foot. Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

Absent: Director Vann

Director Bransford then provided suggested edits to clarify portions of the Policy. Staff will make edits and bring back a red-lined version for review and approval at a later date.

Discuss and Consider Gradient Facility Schedule and Permitting

General Manager Sutton reported that GCID staff met on site with the various permitting agencies (except for the US Army Corp., that could not participate) to discuss permitting for the Gradient Facility Project. At the meeting, it became apparent that the permitting efforts are likely going to take longer to finalize, resulting in the need to push work on the Project until the Summer of 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported on the following maintenance activities: Repairing minor flood damage from December storms; cleaning laterals and drains; repairing and cleaning Symons Boards; sand blasting and painting of fabrication projects; prepping construction site access roads; cutting and bending rebar for construction projects; coordinating with Engineering on construction projects; and participation in site visit with Rubicon for trial utilizing a Pico Meter gate.

Water

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported on the following: Keswick is at 9,700 cubic feet per second (cfs) and reducing to 6,000 cfs by Tuesday; performing inspection of leaking headgate, structure may need to be fully replaced in next several years; Water Operations staff are assisting with Maintenance projects during shutdown period; and participation in Davids Engineering training on new measurement program software.

Engineering

Interim District Engineer Privitera reported on the following topics: Lurline Check and Siphon Improvement update; District Inventory update; Winter shut-down planning; RemoteTracker data collection implementation; Private Lateral easement agreement acquisition; and GIS data creation and next steps.

Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Jarvis reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Financial Report and Damage Claims Report for December.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Director Dennis reported that there is a Sites meeting this Friday.

Director Bransford reported that he attended the Drought Protection Program signing event with the Commissioner. He noted that it was a well-attended event. He also reported that there was a NCWA Board Member dinner on Tuesday with several state agency representatives.

Committee Reports

None.

Manager's Report

General Manager Sutton reported on the following: DC Trip scheduled for second week of March; Bob Packard's retirement party on Saturday, January 18; Drought Protection Program update and comments; Giant Garter Snake grant study update - identification of laterals that may be utilized within the District; Water Users Conference In Reno January 29 through 31; Sites meeting Friday; and Sacramento River Settlement Contractors meeting on Thursday, January 23.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:51 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: 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 LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: Two Potential Cases
- D. 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

E. 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 12 p.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 paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates on Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation, 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 an update and received information from staff.

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.

Review and Consider Approval of Compensation for Management and Supervisory Employees

Director Bransford moved to approve a one-time 1.5% merit pay, lump sum payment to four employees classified as Management/Department Heads: Finance Director, Water Operations Superintendent, Maintenance Superintendent, and Interim District Engineer. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford, Dennis and Knight

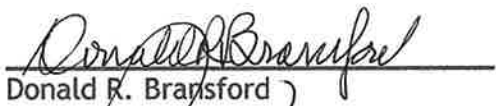
Absent: Director Vann

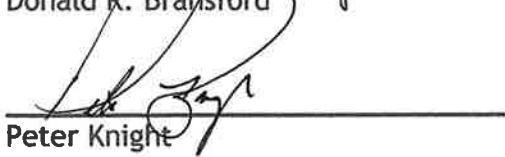
The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

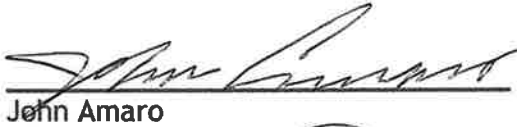
Respectfully Submitted,


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

Absent
Blake Vann