

**Minutes of Meeting  
Held  
February 6, 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  
Donald R. Bransford, Director, Division 4

**Absent:**

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  
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager  
Ed Henderson, Water Operations Superintendent  
Jake Hancock, Assistant Water Operations Superintendent  
Chris Privitera, Interim District Engineer (via teleconference)  
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)  
Brittany Johnson, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

**Others Present:**

Les Marsh, Water User  
Sid LaGrande, Water User  
Kelly Ornbaun, Water User  
John Cecil, Water User  
Alex Parisio, Water User  
Tim Sanchez, Water User  
Tomas Loera, GCID Staff  
June Smith, GCID Staff  
Sandy Rincon, GCID Staff  
Sam Rivera, GCID Staff

**Public Participation**

Water User Sid LaGrande addressed the Board regarding the extended water delivery shutdown period of lands surrounding the Lurline Check and Siphon Replacement Project slated for fall of this year. The District has been communicating with water users who will be affected by the project's construction window, including those who will have restricted/interrupted water deliveries and those who the District will not be able to serve at all during that time. Mr. LaGrande asked if the District has explored any other options for getting water to permanent crops in the area where the District has deemed it incapable of receiving water during the construction window. Staff have agreed to gather information on permanent crop acreage in the area that will be affected and plan to meet to explore any

further opportunities for potential water deliveries to those areas during the Lurline Check/Siphon Project work window.

Water User Alex Parisio addressed the Board with concerns regarding consistency of winter water deliveries during late Fall/early Winter. He acknowledged that he understood weather events had an impact on water operations but feels there was room for improvement. He paid for winter water for several months rather than the single irrigation, but was not consistently provided with water due to various reasons. He asked if the Board would consider a reimbursement on his charges for winter water in light of the reduced water deliveries actually realized.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claims #25 17022 through #25 17104, in the amount of Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand, Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$990,618.82), claims #25 15025 and #25 15026 in the amount of Eight Hundred Three Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$803.26), and claims #25 00042, #25 00047 and #25 00050 in the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$24,824.00) and approve the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Director Dennis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford and Dennis

Absent: Directors Knight and Vann

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### Discuss and Consider Transfer of Additional Funds to Investment Portfolio

Finance Director Jarvis explained that the District received its portion of the funds from the Drought Protection Program on January 15, 2025, and the funds were immediately transferred to the District's account with the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) pool. Resolution No. 2024-11 provides the District's Treasurer with the authority to invest the funds in accordance with the approved Statement of Investment Policy during Fiscal Year 2024-25. Given the amount of funds received and the unsettled economic environment, Staff believes discussion with the Board regarding the investment of the funds is warranted.

Staff have discussed the investment of the funds with the District's Investment Advisor, Government Portfolio Advisors (GPA). GPA recommends investing the available funds in four separate portions over the next six to eight months in order to balance locking in long-term yields and providing a hedge against near-term interest rate increases. Until funds are transferred to the investment portfolio, they will remain in either CAMP or the Local Agency Investment Fund (whichever provides greater return). Staff will maintain communication with GPA regarding the timing of investment purchases.

Director Bransford moved to approve the transfer of the additional funds to the investment portfolio with the stipulation that the Budget Committee first meet to discuss and approve the action prior to any funds being transferred. Director Dennis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford and Dennis

Absent: Directors Knight and Vann

Discuss and Consider Authorizing Finance Director to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Government Portfolio Advisors for Investment Advisory Services that Adjust the Fee Calculation and Extends the Term Through September 20, 2026

Finance Director Jarvis explained that Government Portfolio Advisors (GPA) has served as the District's investment advisor since October 2021. Since the agreement was originally executed, the District has compensated GPA at a flat rate of \$5,000 per quarter for their services, so long as the funds in the investment portfolio did not exceed \$50 million. In anticipation of the balance of the investment portfolio increasing above \$50 million, staff seek authorization to execute an amendment to the agreement with GPA to change the fee calculation from a flat rate to a percentage of assets under management.

The Amendment to Investment Advisory Services Agreement provides that the fee paid to GPA will be 4 basis points (four-hundredths of a percent, or .0.4%) annually. The fee would be calculated monthly based on the total market value of the investment portfolio at the end of the month and would be billed quarterly. The current agreement with GPA is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2025. The amendment also extends the term of the agreement for an additional year.

Director Dennis moved to approve authorizing the Finance Director to execute an amendment to the agreement with GPA for investment advisory services that adjusts the fee calculation and extends the term through September 30, 2026. Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Amaro, Bransford and Dennis

Absent: Directors Knight and Vann

**ADMINISTRATION**

Department Reports

*Maintenance*

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported on the following: District lateral project work is progressing at Lateral 16-4 (headgate), MC-3R, 16-4 and 48-1; cleaning of Lateral 25-1; inspection of gates for repairs and replacements along Main Canal; coordination with the Engineering department on construction projects; coordination with Glenn County Public Works on Road W/16-4 culvert replacement; and coordination with Glenn County Public Works on bridge access to County Road 30/Main Canal.

*Water*

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported on the following: inspect gates for repairs along the Main Canal; schedule measurement training for a group of water operators and engineers for February 18-20; schedule training for water operators at Chico State with Davids Engineering; February 7<sup>th</sup> training for Water Information Systems (WIS), a component of Davids Engineering software; Summit Pipelines to inspect pipes under I-5; report on increased releases from Keswick; and report on leaking headgates and the need to begin discussions regarding repairs/overhaul of structure.

### Engineering

Interim District Engineer Privitera reported on the following: Lurline Check and Siphon Project progress; District inventory update project has restarted with a focus on the Main Canal; USDA grant project inspections complete; continued coordination on all winter shutdown projects; RemoteTracker implementation database progress with assistance from Sandy Rincon and Kayla Mendonca; GIS mapping progress; and surveying efforts beginning for next large-scale infrastructure update on Lateral 51-1.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### Board Member Report

Director Dennis reported that he attended the Water Users Conference in Reno, Nevada. He also reported that the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors are making progress regarding implementation of the Drought Protection Program.

Director Bransford reported that he attended the Colusa Groundwater Authority meeting and discussed their ongoing issue with reaching a quorum for their meetings. He also reported that the bridge group is planning to tour the net pen project at the TCCA Red Bluff Settling Basin. Lastly, he noted that the Bureau of Reclamation is no longer funding Delta Smelt hatchery efforts; remaining funds are anticipated to last through the remainder of the year.

#### Manager's Report

General Manager Sutton reported on the following: District signing on to the NCWA support letter for the Floodplain Forward efforts; planning for upcoming Budget Committee and O&M Committee meetings; report on meetings and participation at Water Users Conference in Reno, Nevada; progress related to Drought Protection Plan implementation; report on status of Drought Protection Plan potential litigation; Sites value planning cost update; status update regarding permitting for the Gradient Facility; plans for grower meetings in near future related to the Lurline Check and Siphon replacement project; and Water Year Type Designation letter anticipated from USBR on or about February 15th.

#### Communications Report

Executive Assistant Kayla Mendonca reported that efforts continue related to the newsletter. She and Office Specialist Mary Spooner participated in the Maxwell High School Career Day and the Colusa Farm Show. They will also be participating in the Butte/Glenn 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair at the Orland Fairgrounds on February 11.

#### Attorney's Report

None.

#### Other Business

None.

#### Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 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. *TCCA v. CA DWR* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183) [CEQA Litigation-DWR 2024 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]
- iv. *AquAlliance, et al. v. GCID* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 25WM000015); *Westlands Water District v. GCID* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 25MW000017); *State Water Contractors v. GCID* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 25MW000018) [2025 CEQA challenges to DPP Agreement FEIR]

**C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: One Potential Case

**D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: GCID's water supplies

GCID Negotiators: Jeffrey P. Sutton, John Amaro, Don Bransford, Louis Jarvis and Counsel Andrew Hitchings

Negotiating Parties: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Tehama-Colusa Canal

Authority and its Member Agencies, Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Under Negotiation: Call dates, and other transaction details

**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 12:14 p.m.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54856.9 during which the Board heard updates 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 provided direction to staff/counsel.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, *Significant Exposure to Litigation*, during which the Board heard an update and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to (Government Code Section 54956.8) Conference with Real Property Negotiators (GCID's water supplies), during which the Board heard an update and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to (Government Code Section 54956.8) Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Acquisition of water supplies from Sites Reservoir), during which the Board heard an update and took no action.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 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

Absent  
Peter Knight

  
John Amaro

  
Logan Dennis

Absent  
Blake Vann