

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
May 22, 2025**

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

Logan Dennis, President, Division 3
Peter Knight, Vice-President, Division 1
John Amaro, President, Division 2
Donald R. Bransford, Director, Division 4
Kelly Ornbaun, Director, Division 5

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Holly Dawley, Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck, Inc.
Les Marsh, Water User
Tim Sanchez, Water User
Mike Lux, Water User
John Cecil, Water User
Sarah Reynolds, Water User

Public Participation

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claims #25 17520 through #25 17609, in the amount of One Million, Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,006,172.50), claims #25 00097 through #25 00102 in the amount of Forty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$44,588.97), claims #25 09580 through #25 09595 in the amount of Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$9,240.48) and approve the May 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Absent: None

Approve Payment of Claims to Colusa County Farm Supply

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claim #25 17541 to Colusa County Farm Supply in the amount of Four Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Four Cents (\$4,442.04). Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Dennis, Knight, Amaro, and Bransford

Abstain: Director Ornbaun

BUSINESS ITEMS

Presentation from Kjeldsen, Sinnock, and Neudeck on the District's Sacramento River Salmonid Habitat Restoration Projects

Consultant Holly Dawley presented an overview of the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors Upper River Restoration Program Update which includes the projects funded by the District's CVPIA Restoration Grant. Consultant Dawley provided a brief history of the District's past restoration projects, restoration partnerships, and fiscal responsibilities.

Consultant Dawley reviewed the upcoming restoration projects, the estimated project timeline, in-river gravel studies and continued monitoring and planning for several key projects: South Sand Slough, Riverview Side Channel, Elks Lodge Floodplain, and Blackberry Island Rearing.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Amendment to Subaward Agreement with the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County for the Blackberry Island Side Channel Restoration Project

The District was awarded a cooperative agreement for salmonid habitat restoration in the Sacramento River in 2021 for the Blackberry Island Side Channel Restoration project. The 2024 Park Fire caused an increase in sedimentation and stream velocities within the watershed, which may have impacted the previously completed design and bathymetry work. As such, a redesign and additional funds are needed to survey the post-fire site conditions.

The amendment will increase the subaward agreement by \$132,509.00. Expenses incurred by the District under the cooperative agreement are 100% reimbursable from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Consultant Dawley reported the additional funds are available within the grant and that the additional efforts and expenditures have been authorized by USBR.

Director Knight moved to approve the Amendment Agreement. Director Bransford seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Absent: None

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Water

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported on the following: Shasta storage at 4.13 million acre-feet; Keswick releases at 9,292 cubic feet per second (cfs); Pump Station at 2,350 cfs. Irrigation update: rice flood-up is approximately 90% complete; the previous wind event had water users boarding up to keep water on fields causing drain flow to decrease. As a result, the south end of the District required additional flows to maintain irrigation requests.

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported on the following: Intake Channel dredge work completed; mowing, spraying and grading ongoing; Thun Pump undershot repair; and coordination with California Department of Fish and Wildlife on a temporary repair on the 64-1a siphon under Cortina Creek.

Engineering

Interim District Engineer Privitera reported on the following: Lurline Project planning progress; RemoteTracker data collection efforts; Private Lateral acquisition updates; Lateral 51-1 improvement planning and surveying; GIS infrastructure; and River Surveyor Hypack training.

Treasurer's Report

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

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Report

Director Ornbaun reported attending the Skinny Group Meeting, a group of water districts and landowner interests working to coordinate on potential solutions to address groundwater/subsidence concerns in south Colusa County/north Yolo County.

Director Bransford reported he attended the NCWA Executive meeting and the Rice Commission meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance Director Jarvis reported that the Budget Committee met at 8:30 a.m. this morning. General Manager Sutton reported on upcoming Labor and Operations and Maintenance Committee Meetings that will likely be noticed over the next few weeks. General Manager Sutton also reported on the initial meeting of the Ad Hoc GCID Event Planning Committee.

Manager's Report

General Manager Sutton reported on the following: Sites JPA value planning, Sites Bylaw Review, and Sites ESA Consultation; Shasta Management Task Force; CVPWA meeting at ACWA; ACWA meetings with Metropolitan Water District, Santa Clara Valley Water District and East Bay MUD; and DC Trip meetings.

Communications Report

Office Specialist Mary Spooner reported on social media postings and the new Boardroom furniture sample.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 11:02 a.m. to discuss the following:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
(Government Code Section 54957)
Title: Assistant General Manager
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957)
Title: General Manager
- C. 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
- D. 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]
 - v. *Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al.*, (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2022-80003846) [WR Order 90-5 Litigation]
- E. 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

Director Knight departed at 12:56 p.m.

- F. 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

G. 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 2:10 p.m.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, during which the Board discussed the potential appointment of the Assistant General Manager and gave direction to management.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, during which the Board conducted the performance evaluation of the General Manager.

President Dennis 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 an update and took no action.

President Dennis 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 and took no action.

President Dennis 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 Dennis 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.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:46 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


Kelly Orubaun