

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
June 19, 2025**

President Dennis called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:00 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, Division 2
Donald R. Bransford, Division 4
Kelly Ornbaun, Division 5

Staff Present:

Jeffrey P. Sutton, General Manager
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
Matt Collins, Engineering Technician
Kevin Berry, Engineering Technician
Brady Holzapfel, Engineering Intern
Cameron Carpenetti, Water Department Intern
Andrew Hitchings, Somach, Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Tim Sanchez, Water User
Mike Lux, Water User
John Cecil, Water User
Les Marsh, Water User
Sarah Reynolds, Water User
Sid LaGrande, Water User

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Bransford moved to approve the payment of claims #25 17654 through #25 17659 and claims #25 17661 through #25 17717 in the amount of One Million, Nine Hundred Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$1,905,884.69), claim #25 00111 in the amount of Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$790.00) and approve the June 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Absent: None

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS TO COLUSA COUNTY FARM SUPPLY

Director Knight moved to approve the payment of claim #25 17660 to Colusa County Farm Supply in the amount of Six Hundred Ten Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$610.78). Director Amaro seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Knight, Amaro, Dennis and Bransford

Abstain: Director Ornbaun

BUSINESS ITEMS

Water Quality Presentation by Engineering Technician Matt Collins

Interim District Engineer Privitera introduced the summer Engineering Intern Brady Holzapfel, Water Department Intern Cameron Carpenetti, Engineering Technician Kevin Berry, and Engineering Technician Matt Collins, who has recently graduated from Chico State University with his Master's Degree.

Engineering Technician Collins gave his Water Quality Presentation that he used as his master's thesis after working as an Engineering Intern for the District last summer. The goal is to create a GIS tool to store water quality data that can be utilized throughout the District.

Discuss and Consider Further Water Rate Reduction Due To Low Commodity Prices

At the June 5, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, during public comment, a District water user mentioned that Reclamation District 108 took action to reduce their water rates for the 2025 irrigation season due to low commodity prices. He requested that the Board consider similar action.

The Board discussed the continued concern over low commodity prices, which have contributed to a challenging environment for generating farm profits. The Board considered the fiscal impacts of various actions to reduce water rates in an effort to ease the burden on District water users during these difficult times. In February, during the District rate setting conversation, the Board ultimately elected to set the 2025 water rates in an amount that resulted in a reduction of approximately \$7.11 per acre from the initially proposed 2025 rate. However, it was acknowledged that such reductions are not likely to be financially sustainable into the future. It was also noted that the District had reduced the fees for rice decomposition water from \$10 per acre-foot to \$5 per acre-foot the past two years.

After discussing, the Board chose not to further reduce the water rates for 2025, noting that when considering all factors, the current-year District water rates are comparable to those of Reclamation District 108. The Board will revisit these considerations during discussions on the 2026 water rates.

Discuss and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-06 Authorizing Conditional Approval for Payment of Claims in the Event of a Cancelled or Rescheduled Board Meeting

Finance Director Jarvis reported the Board typically meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. Each regular meeting agenda includes the item to authorize payment of claims. Occasionally, circumstances may warrant canceling or rescheduling a regular meeting.

However, doing so can delay claim payments and potentially result in late fees on outstanding bills. To avoid any possible late fees, the Board has opted to hold meetings with a limited agenda primarily to approve the payment of claims.

Resolution No. 2025-06 authorizes the Board President or Vice President to conditionally approve the payment of claims in the event a regular meeting is cancelled or rescheduled, provided that all conditionally approved claims are presented to the Board for formal approval at the next regular meeting.

Staff was directed to develop guidelines and protocols, including procedures for addressing budgeted capital items and significant unforeseen expenditures, to be considered at a future meeting to augment the new payment of claims policy.

Director Bransford moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-06, Authorizing Conditional Approval for Payment of Claims in the Event of a Cancelled or Rescheduled Board, and directed staff to work to develop further guidelines related to this policy for Board consideration. Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Absent: None

The Resolution is attached to the minutes as Attachment A.

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Water

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported on the following: Shasta storage at 4.07 million acre-feet; Keswick releases at 9,984 cubic feet per second (cfs); Main Pump Station at 2,600 cfs; the Main Canal is projected to be at capacity next week due to water users hold time after chemical applications; on July 1st notched weir boards will be required in all fields, a reminder will be sent to District water users.

The District will host a Lurline Check and Siphon Replacement Project meeting with affected water users on June 25, 2025, at 10 a.m., at Granzella's Banquet Facility.

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported on the following: removal of spoils from the intake channel dredging will begin next week; repairs on the canal bank along Ware Road; raking of aquatics from laterals and drains; mowing, spraying and grading ongoing. The crane operator recertification class and testing has been scheduled for next week at the GCID Willows Office.

He also reported that the Abatement Department completed a Cascade treatment in the Main Canal for aquatic weed control on June 18, 2025.

Engineering

Interim District Engineer Privitera reported on the following: Lurline Check and Siphon Improvement; RemoteTracker data collection efforts; Electrical Control Building; Lateral 51-1

Improvement Planning and Surveying; Cortina Creek Siphon replacement; 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 May.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Director Amaro reported attending the joint Glenn and Colusa Groundwater Authority meeting.

Director Ornbaun reported he attended the Skinny Group Meeting.

Director Bransford attended the Shasta Task Force Meeting.

Committee Reports

General Manager Sutton reported on the recently held Labor Committee Meeting, and the upcoming Operations & Maintenance and Ad Hoc District Anniversary Committee Meetings.

Manager's Report

General Manager Sutton reported on the following: Meeting with Congressman LaMalfa; Sites JPA meeting; Rice Commission letter; retirement of Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance; and the nomination of Ted Cooke to serve as the next Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Communications Report

Office Specialist Spooner reported on social media postings and Water User notices (aka MaryGrams).

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:59 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. Lutnick* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-JLT-EPG);
- iii. *CNRA v. Lutnick* (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; *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]

C. 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 East Bay Municipal Utility District

Under Negotiation: Call dates, and other transaction details

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

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:56 a.m.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, *Anticipated Litigation*, during which the Board heard updates and gave direction.

President Dennis reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, *Existing 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 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

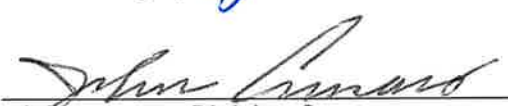


Jeffrey P. Sutton
Secretary

Attest a true record of proceedings made and taken at the above foregoing meeting our consent thereto and our presence thereat.




Peter Knight, Division 1



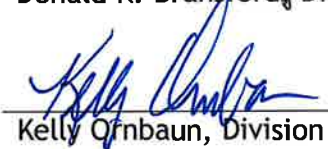
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Kelly Ornbaun, Division 5

ATTACHMENT
Resolution No. 2025-06

GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

**Resolution of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors
Authorizing Conditional Approval for Payment of Claims
in the Event of a Cancelled or Rescheduled Board Meeting**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District regularly scheduled meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors approves the payment of claims at each of these regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time circumstances are such that the Board of Directors elects to cancel or reschedule a regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, such cancelation or rescheduling of a regular meeting results in the payment of claims being delayed and may result in the District being assessed late payment fees on outstanding claims; and

WHEREAS, the District values paying its vendors promptly and desires to avoid being assessed late payment fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED by the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors as follows:

- In the event a regular meeting of the Board of Directors is cancelled or rescheduled either the President or the Vice President of the Board of Directors is authorized to conditionally approve the list of payments that would have been presented for approval at such cancelled or rescheduled meeting.
- Upon such conditional approval, either the President or the Vice President of the Board of Directors, the Secretary, and the Treasurer are authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the conditionally approved claims.
- Once signatures are obtained, the Treasurer is authorized to make the conditionally approved payments.
- At the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors all conditionally approved claims paid pursuant to the authorization provided by this resolution shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the Board of Directors on June 19, 2025.


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

Noes: None

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I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof duly held on June 19, 2025, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the seal of the District on this 19th day of June 2025.



Jeffrey P. Sutton, Secretary
Board of Directors
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District