

**TRI-DAM PROJECT  
MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

July 20, 2023  
Strawberry, California

The Joint Boards of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in joint session at the office of Tri-Dam Project in Strawberry, California, on the above date for the purpose of conducting business of the Tri-Dam Project, pursuant to the resolution adopted by each of the respective Districts on July 29, 1955.

President Orvis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**OID DIRECTORS**

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***DIRECTORS PRESENT:***

ED TOBIAS  
LINDA SANTOS  
TOM ORVIS  
BRAD DEBOER

JOHN HOLBROOK  
MIKE WESTSTEYN  
DAVID KAMPER  
DAVID ROOS  
GLENN SPYKSMA

**Also Present:**

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Scot A. Moody, General Manager, Oakdale Irrigation District; Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, Oakdale Irrigation District; Susan Larson, License Compliance, Tri-Dam Project; Genna Modrell, Finance Asst., Tri-Dam Project; Vera Whittenburg, Finance Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Daniel Hogue, Interim Maintenance Supervisor, Tri-Dam Project; Brett Gordon, Interim Operations Supervisor, Tri-Dam Project; Justin Calbert, License Compliance, Tri-Dam Project; Mia Brown, Counsel, SSJID; Brandon Nakagawa, Water Resources Coordinator, SSJID

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- ITEM #1    Approve the regular board meeting minutes of June 15, 2023.**
- ITEM #2    Approve the January financial statements.**
- ITEM #3    Approve the June statement of obligations.**

Director Tobias moved to approve items one, two, and three as presented. Director Spyksma seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:, DeBoer, Orvis, Santos, Tobias, Holbrook, Kamper, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal, Roos

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **ITEM #4 Discussion and possible action to approve selected 2023/2024 insurance policies. – This item will be hand carried.**

Summer Nicotero advised that Alliant is still quoting, but anticipates a 15% increase over 2022 and changes in terms. The Board will need to hold a special meeting or authorize the advisory committee for approval at the end of July.

Director Spyksma moved to authorize the General Manager to negotiate premiums and authorize the Advisory Committee to bind coverage before the end of July. Director DeBoer seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Orvis, Santos, Tobias, Holbrook, Kamper, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal, Roos

### **ITEM #5 Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute a legal services agreement with CalNeva Water Service.**

This item was tabled.

*Director Roos arrived at 9:11 a.m.*

### **ITEM #6 Discussion and possible action regarding payment of the CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability Payment.**

Director Holbrook moved to approve the lump sum payment of CalPERS unfunded accrued liability for FY 2023/24 only. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Orvis, Santos, Tobias, Holbrook, Kamper, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

### **ITEM #7 Discussion and possible action to approve relay testing proposal – Granger Engineering Services.**

Summer Nicotero presented the proposal explaining the need for sole source and that the pricing remains unchanged over the last three years during this inflation.

Director Weststeyn moved to approve as presented. Director DeBoer seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Orvis, Santos, Tobias, Holbrook, Kamper, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

### **ITEM #8 Discussion and possible action to replace Beardsley & Tulloch CAISO meters.**

Summer Nicotero explained the function of these meters and the need to replace these meters and responded to Director questions.

Director Holbrook moved to approve as presented. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Orvis, Santos, Tobias, Holbrook, Kamper, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **ITEM #9 Staff Reports:**

#### A. General Manager, Summer Nicotero

- Summer Nicotero provided introductions of interim management members Daniel Hogue, Brett Gordon and Justin Calbert and a brief summary of her report.

#### B. Interim Maintenance Supervisor, Daniel Hogue

- Daniel provided a summary and responded to Directors questions.

#### C. Interim Operations Supervisor, Brett Gordon

- Brett provided a summary and responded to Directors questions.

#### D. License Compliance Coordinator, Susan Larson & Interim Coordinator, Justin Calbert

- Susan Larson did not have anything to add to her report.

### **ITEM #10 Generation Report**

No report.

### **ITEM #11 Fisheries Studies on the Lower Stanislaus River**

No report.

### **ITEM #18 Directors Comments**

The Directors thanked staff that have stepped up to fill vacancies and thanked Susan Larson for her many years of service.

*President Orvis recessed to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:12 a.m.*

*The Tri-Dam Project meeting resumed at 10:16 a.m. after the Tri-Dam Power Authority meeting adjourned.*

President Orvis announced before closed session that the following items would be discussed.

The Board took a brief recess at 10:16 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 10:30 a.m.

### **ITEM #17 Closed Session**

#### 17. a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)

1. *Lee Tyler et al. v. Oakdale Irrigation; et al.*  
Calaveras Superior Court Case No. 17CV42319

2. *Tri-Dam v. Scott Frazier*  
Eastern District of California No: 1:20-CV-00408-SKO
3. *San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al v. California State Water Resources Control Board*  
County of Sacramento Superior Court  
Case No. JCCP 5013

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant Exposure to Litigation  
Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)  
One (1) case

At the hour of 11:33 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Disclosure of reportable actions taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1: There were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

President Orvis adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023, at the offices of South San Joaquin Irrigation District beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Summer Nicotero, Secretary  
Tri-Dam Project