

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

May 21, 2026  
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, 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.

Director Tobias called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**OID DIRECTORS**

**SSJID DIRECTORS**

***DIRECTORS PRESENT:***

BRAD DEBOER (arrived at 9:10 am)  
JACOB DEBOER  
HERMAN DOORNENBAL  
ED TOBIAS

JOHN HOLBROOK  
DAVID ROOS  
GLENN SPYKSMA  
MIKE WESTSTEYN

***DIRECTORS ABSENT:***

TOM ORVIS, BILLY VAN RYN

**Also Present:**

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID; Scot Moody, General Manager, OID; Mia Brown, General Counsel, SSJID; Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, OID; Brett Gordon, Operations & Maintenance Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Tracey McKnight, Compliance Coordinator, Tri-Dam Project; Carey Martin, Board Clerk, Tri-Dam Project; Daniel Hogue, Lead Technician, Tri-Dam Project; Steve Magney, Lead Maintenance, Tri-Dam Project; Ben Brady, Operator, Tri-Dam Project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- ITEM #1    Approve the Regular Board Minutes of April 19, 2026**  
**ITEM #2    Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the three months ending March 31, 2026**  
**ITEM #3    Approve the April 2026 Statement of Obligations**

Director Holbrook requested item #3 be held for further discussion.

A motion was made by Director Weststeyn, seconded by Director J. DeBoer to approve consent items #1 and 2 as presented.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
ABSENT: B. DeBoer, Orvis, Van Ryn

Director Holbrook stated the font on the Statement of Obligations is too small to read and requested it be increased in the future. Because it is not legible, he cannot approve.

Director B. DeBoer arrived to the Board meeting at 9:10 am during the discussion of item #3.

A motion was made by Director Spyksma, seconded by Director J. DeBoer to approve consent item #3 as presented.

The motion passed 7-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: Holbrook

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **ITEM #4 Presentation recognizing and awarding Daniel Hogue (20), Eric Everhart (10), Matt Wearin (10), Steve Magney (10) and Ben Brady (5) for their years of service**

General Manager Summer Nicotero presented Tri-Dam employees with awards for their years of service. She appreciates the hard work each of them does every day. Daniel Hogue, twenty years; Eric Everhart, ten years; Matt Wearin, ten years; Steve Magney, ten years; and Ben Brady, five years.

### **ITEM #5 Review and Approve TDP Resolution 2026-03 Implementing the Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP)**

General Manager Summer Nicotero stated the purpose of the Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP) is to focus on dam safety and to ensure all requirements of the plan are known and followed. The plan is dedicated to being responsible dam owners and includes the steps required to achieve compliance. The last resolution adopting the plan was done in 2012. Going forward this will occur annually.

The Board discussed concerns regarding constraints and the requirements of the plan reflected in the Resolution establishing dam safety philosophy and adopting the Dam Safety Program.

SSJID General Council, Mia Brown addressed the Board's concerns regarding the language in the Resolution, stating she has not identified any potential constraints on, or mandates that would override Board discretion, regarding decision making on dam safety matters. She stated that where the Resolution states that the Project will ". . . implement all reasonable steps in order to safely operate and maintain the Dams. . ." it does not mean that the Project must undertake all possible steps—only those that are reasonable. This does not obligate the Project to take steps that are unreasonable, infeasible, or impossible.

Director B. DeBoer asked why Goodwin Dam was not included in the plan. General Manager Summer Nicotero advised the Board that Goodwin Dam is not a FERC regulated dam.

Director J. DeBoer asked if we have a current ODSP consultant to help address safety concerns. General Manager Summer Nicotero stated Tri-Dam is currently researching options to help with the process.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook seconded by Director B. DeBoer to approve the item as presented.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

#### **ITEM #6 Review and Approve the SCADA Replacement Project Bid Proposal and Capital Budget Expense**

Operations and Maintenance Manager, Brett Gordon, stated the current SCADA system is over thirty years old. Tri-Dam is recommending awarding the Siemens bid for the upgrade as we are familiar with their product and the upgraded system will integrate well. He stated the hardware bid total was higher than expected, which is due to the current market demand. Staff is requesting \$685,000.00 for the project which is different from the Siemens bid included in the board packet. Brett stated Tri-Dam Technicians will be utilized to help install and provide support as well as collaboration with Siemens.

General Manager Summer Nicotero stated because the hardware market is so volatile right now, the pricing Tri-Dam received from Siemens is only good for the next fifteen days. It is unknown what the pricing will be in the future.

Director Spyksma stated Siemens has a great product, however the potential future costs to upgrade the system are significant. He stated the Board needs to be prepared to invest money into maintaining and upgrading the system to avoid outdated software in the future.

The Board discussed the other bids and the potential issues. Tri-Dam is in a remote location and the needs for the SCADA upgrade are different to those of the other Districts.

Lead Technician Daniel Hogue stated support for the current SCADA system will end in June. The Tri-Dam Technicians will be able to maintain it for a time until a new system is in place.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook seconded by Director Tobias to approve the bid to Siemens with a capital expense adjustment not to exceed \$685,000.00.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

#### **ITEM #7 Review and Approve the Beardsley Reservoir Boat Launch Policy**

Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight stated Tri Dam is cautiously considering opening Beardsley Reservoir to small, motorized boats. The draft policy provided to the Board has not been approved by the USFS. She stated there are several studies that have been released by the DWR regarding water temperatures. Tulloch Reservoir is not being considered currently.

Director Holbrook stated San Joaquin County declared a state of emergency regarding the Golden Mussels and there is money available to help mitigation efforts. Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight stated Tri-Dam was awarded a grant by the state for two years for mitigation.

General Manager Summer Nicotero stated DWR has opened other reservoirs based on the water temperature studies, however CDFW disagrees with them. She stated the USFS has informed us they will no longer close access to Beardsley Reservoir past June 15. She has requested the science to help back up the continued closure, however she has not received it yet. Tri-Dam is running against the June fifteenth deadline to determine how to proceed with conflicting data and studies.

Director Weststeyn asked if Tri-Dam will be doing water temperature studies at Beardsley Reservoir. General Manager Summer Nicotero stated Tri-Dam will be conducting water temperature studies at both Beardsley and Tulloch Reservoirs at different points.

The Board discussed their different viewpoints on opening Beardsley Reservoir. The consensus was there is not enough scientific evidence available at this time to open Beardsley.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director B. DeBoer to stay a decision on opening Beardsley Reservoir, and to authorize the closure of the boat launch until more scientific evidence is obtained.

The motion passed 6-2 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Tobias, Holbrook, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: Doornenbal, Roos

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

The Board recessed for break at 10:47 am and reconvened at 11:07 am.

#### **ITEM #8 Review and Approve the HDR Engineering Inc. Contract Increase for Shoreline Management Plan Support**

Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight stated HDR has invaluable knowledge on the Shoreline Management Plan. Currently, the plan has been submitted to the stakeholders for review. There is a thirty-day comment period due June 17. An extension could be extended to an additional fifteen days, however we will not extend beyond that. We are anticipating a lot of comments on the plan.

The updated contract is to help finalize the Shoreline Management Plan and submit the final plan which is due by September 8.

A motion was made by Director J. DeBoer and seconded by Director Weststeyn to approve the item as requested.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

#### **ITEM #9 Review and Approve the Troutman Pepper Locke LLP Contract Increase for Ongoing FERC License and Regulatory Compliance Support**

Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight stated Troutman Pepper Locke has been pivotal in providing support for Vegetation Management and the Shoreline Management Plan. Tri-Dam is requesting approval for an ongoing contract to utilize their services for upcoming projects.

A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the item as requested.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

## **ITEM #10 Review and Approve the Tulloch Concessionaire Agreement**

General Manager Summer Nicotero stated the Tuolumne County Board approved the Tulloch Concession to open May 31. She has been in contact with Tuolumne County for the next steps. The water tanks are missing, and we are working on a plan to have them back for decontamination. The concessionaire will not have access to the fuel station or the docks, only the boat launch and decontamination station. The concessionaire will be required to follow Tri-Dam's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) protocols and must also participate in AIS training.

Director Weststeyn asked if the decontamination station will certify for other lakes or just Tulloch. Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight stated we are looking into that.

The Board had concerns a temporary concessionaire would not properly handle the AIS protocols. Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight stated they are working to become a permanent concessionaire and Tri-Dam will be monitoring their process and compliance with the protocols regularly.

Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight stated we want to allow recreation at Tulloch Reservoir and these are the first steps to allow that to happen.

SSDJID General Council, Mia Brown, stated there are some minor clerical concerns with the draft concessionaire agreement that was provided. The contract needs to be updated and reviewed by legal prior to contract execution.

A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by Director J. DeBoer with the contract reviewed and approved by legal counsel prior to execution.

The motion passed 7-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: Doornenbal

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

## **ITEM #11 Review and Approve the Capital Expense in the Amount of \$77,083.20 for Iron Age Office Furniture for the Sonora Office Remodel**

General Manager Summer Nicotero gave an update on the Sonora Office remodel. She is still making cost saving decisions.

Director B. DeBoer asked if any of the existing furniture could be used. General Manager Summer Nicotero stated the current office furniture is decades old and there is very little that could be used at the Sonora office.

A motion was made by Director Holdbrook and seconded by Director J. DeBoer to approve the item as requested.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

## ITEM # 12 Staff Reports

- A. General Manager Report: Director J. DeBoer stated there is a power purchase agreement timeline referenced in the report. General Manager Summer Nicotero stated a presentation will be made at the June Board meeting with a Q&A session to answer any questions. There was no further discussion by the Board.
- B. Operations & Maintenance Report: Operation and Maintenance Manager, Brett Gordon, gave a presentation on the FERC Regulations and Requirements for Tri-Dam. There was no further discussion by the Board.
- C. Compliance Report: Compliance Coordinator Tracey McKnight gave a presentation on the Articles and Licenses for Tri-Dam. There was no further discussion by the Board.
- D. Canyon Tunnel Update: SSJID General Manager, Peter Reitkirk, provided a handout on the Canyon Tunnel Project and stated further discussion would take place during closed session.

## ITEM #13 Generation Report

No discussion by the Board.

## ITEM #14 SJB October Field Report

No discussion by the Board.

## ITEM #15 Board Comments

Director Weststeyn thanked Tri-Dam staff and the work done on compliance.

Director Spyskma congratulated the staff for their years of service, stating you could see the fruits of their labor in the work that is done.

Director Roos echoed the statements, thanking Tri-Dam staff.

Director Holbrook thanked Tri-Dam staff for their years of service. He stated he attended a Special District Conference for Board members. He stated it's an excellent conference, especially for new Board members.

Director Doornenbal appreciates the work done and longevity by Tri-Dam staff. He thanked staff for the hard work and dealing with the public.

Director J. DeBoer recently did a snow survey on Sonora Pass and stated it was great to see the local area. He thanked Tri-Dam staff for the institutional knowledge and all the work that is done across the Project.

Director B. DeBoer thanked the crew and the work that is done to keep things going.

Director Tobias thanked Tri-Dam staff and the Board for the great discussions that took place today. It was a great meeting.

The Board recessed to the Tri-Dam Power Authority meeting at 12:36 pm.

The Board returned to the Tri-Dam Project meeting, and convened in closed session at 12:45 pm.

## CLOSED SESSION

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

- 1. *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

- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of Litigation  
Government Code § 54956.9(c)
- d. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS  
Government Code § 54956.8  
Property: 061-057-001  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: A & S Realty Investment, LLC.  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- e. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
Government Code §54656.8  
Property: Water  
Agency Negotiator: SSJID General Manager, OID General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Parties Unknown  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment of Sale

The Board reconvened to open session at 1:26 p.m.

Director Tobias stated there was one reportable action for item 16.d regarding Real Property Negotiations for APN 061-057-001. Tri-Dam has received an offer to purchase the property for \$750,000.00 through A&S Realty.

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer seconded by Director Roos to accept the offer as presented.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

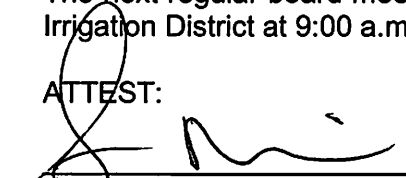
ABSENT: Orvis, Van Ryn

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Tobias adjourned the meeting at: 1:27 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2026, at the offices of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Summer Nicotero, Secretary  
Tri-Dam Project