

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

November 17, 2016
Oakdale, California

The Joint Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in joint session at the office of Oakdale Irrigation District located in Oakdale, 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.

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Webb.

OID DIRECTORS

SSJID DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

GAIL ALTIERI
LINDA SANTOS
STEVE WEBB

RALPH ROOS
BOB HOLMES
DAVE KAMPER
DALE KUIL
JOHN HOLBROOK

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

HERMAN DOORNENBAL, GARY OSMUNDSON

Also Present:

Ron Berry, General Manager and Secretary, Tri-Dam Project; Rick Dodge, Finance Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Genna Modrell, Finance Assistant, Tri-Dam Project; Susan Larson, License Compliance Coordinator, Tri-Dam Project; Tim Townsend, Operations Supervisor, Tri-Dam Project; Troy Hammerbeck, Interim Maintenance Supervisor, Tri-Dam Project; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID (arrived at 9:17am); Bere Lindley, Asst. General Manager, SSJID; Tim O'Laughlin, Counsel, OID; (arrived at 9:17am) Steve Knell, General Manager, OID (arrived at 9:17am); Steve Emrick, Counsel, SSJID (arrived at 10:17am); Doug Demko and Andrea Fuller, FishBio.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM #1 Review and approve minutes of the regular meeting

President Webb presented the October 20, 2016 minutes of the Regular Board meeting. Director Roos moved to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes of the Regular Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Santos. The motion passed: OID 3-0; SSJID 5-0.

ITEM #2 Financial Matters

a) Review and Approve the Financial Statements

Finance Manager Dodge reviewed the October financial statements, noting net revenue of \$1.1 million for the month and \$23.2 million year to date.

b) Review Investment Portfolio and Reserve Fund Status

Finance Manager Dodge presented the monthly activity and securities held in each of the Project's reserve funds and responded to questions.

c) Review and Approve the Statement of Obligations

Finance Manager Dodge reviewed the monthly statement of obligations and responded to questions.

Director Holmes moved to approve the financial statements and statement of obligations. Director Santos seconded the motion. The motion passed: OID 3-0; SSJID 5-0.

ITEM #3 2016 FishBio presentation and review 2017 budget proposal

Doug Demko from Fishbio gave a presentation to update the Board on 2016 activities and studies. Mr. Demko noted that Fishbio's studies conclude that the vast majority of fish returning to the river are hatchery fish, predation remains a significant cause of mortality, and that river flows above approximately 700 CFS do not appear to improve migration or spawning.

Mr. Demko also discussed Fishbio's proposed 2017 budget, recommending a total budget of \$912,000.

ITEM #4 Review 2017 Draft Budget

Finance Manager Dodge presented the 2017 draft budget, which is being drafted under an average water year scenario. Mr. Dodge also discussed various revenue and expense accounts. Mr. Dodge also advised that the draft budget includes the addition of a full time technician and a full time laborer. Director Holbrook stated that he believes Tri-Dam needs a full time safety officer. OID GM Knell stated that he believes one full-time safety officer could service both of the Districts and Tri-Dam. Final draft will be presented in December.

ITEM #5 Review Tulloch permitting application fees for low water supports

Compliance Officer Larson presented the staff report regarding a potential application fee for property owners who would like to install low water supports, to diminish the need for docks to be floated out onto the reservoir during water draw down episodes.

Director Kuil moved to add a \$250 application fee for low water supports. Director Altieri seconded the motion. The motion passed: OID 3-0; SSJID 5-0.

ITEM #6 Review 2016 IBEW performance recognition

GM Berry presented a summary of unplanned plant outages during 2015/2016 and the corresponding awarding of the incentive bonus payment of \$32,000 to be divided equally among 14 eligible represented employees. This performance incentive is a part of the MOU

with IBEW represented employees. The incentive promotes teamwork amongst the maintenance and operations staff to identify and perform work that will sustain a high level of plant availability.

ITEM #7 Review and consider approval of transformer replacement bid - Donnells

GM Berry, Maintenance Supervisor Hammerbeck, Operations Supervisor Townsend and Finance Manager Dodge discussed various technical, logistical and commercial terms issues, and responded to questions related to the SPX-Waukesha replacement quote. Director Webb moved to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with SPX-Waukesha and not to exceed \$2,088,057 plus tax. Director Kuil seconded the motion. The motion passed: OID 3-0; SSJID 5-0.

ITEM #8 Review and consider approval of IBEW Laborer job description and salary range

GM Berry presented the IBEW laborer job description and salary range.

Director Holbrook moved to approve the job description and salary range as presented. Director Santos seconded the motion. The motion passed: OID 3-0; SSJID 5-0.

ITEM #9 Donnells ROV Tunnel Update by COWI

GM Berry advised the Board the presentation was not ready yet, but would be for the December meeting.

ITEM #10 Status update on New Melones operations 2016

Counsel O’Laughlin updated the Board on various water issues, including the draft Substitute Environmental Document and the related significant negative impact on New Melones storage. Mr. O’Laughlin also discussed the Districts’ water rights and his belief that the Districts are meeting the requirements associated with those water rights. Finally, Mr. O’Laughlin provided an update on discussions with the Bureau and potential water contractors.

ITEM #11 Staff Reports

In addition to the written reports, GM Berry reminded the Board that the crews are working on annual maintenance and updated them on the Beardsley A-bay leakage. We will need to move forward with a plan and schedule repairs in the next few years.

ITEM #12 Generation Report

No discussion.

ITEM #13 FishBio

No discussion.

Recess to Tri-Dam Power Authority

Director Webb moved to recess to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting at 11:44 a.m. Director Kamper seconded the motion. The motion passed: OID 3-0; SSJID 5-0.

The Project meeting resumed at 11:52 a.m.

ITEM #14 Closed Session

GM Berry announced before closed session that the following item would be discussed:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 - 2 case
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 - 1 case
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 – 1 case
 1. Tri-Dam Project v. Yick

President Webb announced out of closed session that no action was taken.

ITEM #15 Director Comments

None

Adjournment

Director Kuil moved to adjourn the Tri-Dam Project regular meeting. Director Altieri seconded the motion. The motion passed: OID 3-0; SSJID 5-0. President Webb adjourned the Tri-Dam Project Board of Directors meeting at 12:02 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2016, at South San Joaquin Irrigation District in Manteca, California beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Ron Berry
Secretary, Tri-Dam Project