

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

March 19, 2026
Oakdale, 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 Oakdale Irrigation District, 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.

Director Tobias called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

OID DIRECTORS

SSJID DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

JACOB DEBOER
HERMAN DOORNENBAL
ED TOBIAS

JOHN HOLBROOK
DAVID ROOS
GLENN SPYKSMA
MIKE WESTSTEYN

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

BRAD DEBOER, TOM ORVIS, BILLY VAN RYN

Also Present:

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID; Scot Moody, General Manager, OID; Stefanie Morris, Legal Counsel, OID; Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, OID; Forrest Killingsworth, Engineer, SSJID; Brett Gordon, Operations & Maintenance Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Carey Martin, Board Clerk, Tri-Dam Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Tobias stated the Board received email correspondence from a member of the public regarding a complaint prior to the meeting that is not on the agenda.

Jan Steenkamp, resident of Tulloch Reservoir, addressed the Board regarding his complaint about the Azolla infestation around Goodwin Dam.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- ITEM #1 Approve the Regular Board Minutes of February 19, 2026**
- ITEM #2 Approve the Treasurer's Report for the one month ending January 31, 2026**
- ITEM #3 Approve the Treasurer's Report for the two months ending February 28, 2026**
- ITEM #4 Approve the February 2026 Statement of Obligations**
- ITEM #5 Approve and Adopt Resolution TDP 2026-02 Designation of Bank Account Signatories for the Tri-Dam Project**

Director Holbrook requested item #4 be held for further discussion.

A motion was made by Director Spyksma, seconded by Director J. DeBoer to approve consent items #1,2,3, and 5 as presented.

The motion passed 7-0 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 asked why the amount in the Statement of Obligations does not match the invoice for USDA Forest Service. General Manager Summer Nicotero advised there was another item included in the check, not needing approval.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director J. DeBoer to approve consent item #4 as presented.

The motion passed 7-0 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

ACTION CALENDAR

ITEM #6 Consider approval of 2026-2027 Casualty Insurance Renewal

Jeff Rhoades with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. presented the 2026-2027 casualty insurance renewal to the Board.

The Board questioned why the increase is so high. Jeff Rhoades advised California insurance rates continue to increase. Tri-Dam is at the low end the inflation increases.

Director Spyksma inquired if there are any actions Ti-Dam can take to reduce the cost of coverage. Jeff Rhoades stated Alliant was able to get a reduction on the claim, however the rates are the market rate. Because of the reduction, the total cost of the renewal is \$347,882.

A motion was made by Weststeyn and seconded by Director J. DeBoer to approve the renewal in the amount of \$347,882.

The motion passed 6-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: Spyksma

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: B. DeBoer, Orvis, Van Ryn

ITEM #7 Consider approval of the Compliance Technician I/II Position

General Manager Summer Nicotero stated more support is necessary for the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) compliance. In addition, there is a new monthly compliance deadline. The Technician position would not only work on the SMP, but all compliance projects. Market research was conducted on similar positions for duties and salary.

Director Tobias asked why this position would report to the General Manager and not to the Compliance Coordinator. General Manager Summer Nicotero advised the Compliance Coordinator is not a manager

position and given the scope of work and projects this new position would be working on, the General Manager is the most appropriate person to report to.

Director Doornenbal asked who oversees all the compliance reviews now. General Manager Summer Nicotero stated Brett Gordon, O&M Manager, Tracey McKnight, Compliance Coordinator, and herself. There are consulting firms that assist with keeping track of deadlines and requirements.

Director Weststeyn asked if consulting fees would be reduced because of this position. General Manager Summer Nicotero advised it is likely there will be a significant reduction in monthly consulting fees with the addition of this position.

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

The motion passed 7-0 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

ITEM #8 Consider approval of the HDR Inc. proposal for the FERC Security Assessment

General Manager Summer Nicotero advised she researched if the FERC Security Assessment could be conducted in-house and determined it must be completed by an outside consultant. HDR Inc. has completed a Security Assessment in the past for Tri-Dam and is familiar with the Scope of Work.

The Board commented on the significant differences in proposal costs from the submitted bids.

A motion was made by Director Roos seconded by Director J. DeBoer to approve the item as presented.

The motion passed 7-0 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

ITEM #9 Consider approval of the GFT Scope of Work Proposal for the Donnells Exciter RFP

Operations and Maintenance Manager Brett Gordon advised the Board Tri Dam is assessing how the Donnells exciter is working now and determining what is needed going forward, stating no upgrades have ever been made to Donnells and the equipment is aging. Upgrades are necessary to meet future generation needs.

General Manager Summer Nicotero stated Tri Dam does not have an internal engineer to determine the necessary infrastructure upgrades so that the project scope can be developed correctly.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the item as presented.

The motion passed 7-0 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

ITEM #10 Consider approval of the bid for the Donnells Solar Project to SolarWorx and Subsequent Budget Adjustment

General Manager Summer Nicotero advised that currently in the winter months, there is no access to Donnells. A recent ODSP audit requested to increase access to the dam. Having solar installed would allow crucial remote access during winter months. The project was discussed in an Advisory Committee meeting with several options being proposed and considered.

Director Spyksma stated the project is necessary but suggested the work to install be completed by Tri Dam staff.

General Manager Summer Nicotero advised if handled in-house, there would be a need for a project manager and Engineer's bid. She requested the Board provide a cap for the project cost.

Director Roos asked where the panels would be placed. Operations and Maintenance Manager Brett Gordon advised they would go between the microwave and dam where there is no public access.

A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by Director Doornenbal to authorize the General Manager to spend up to \$75,000 to install solar panels at Donnells, including a generator and engineering services.

The motion passed 7-0 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

ITEM # 11 Staff Reports

- A. General Manager Report: General Manager Summer Nicotero stated there are no additional updates. Director Spyksma noted a new staff member joined the safety meeting and asked for an update on the process. General Manager Summer Nicotero stated the meeting is being held quarterly. The General Manager does not attend to encourage open dialogue regarding issues and concerns. All ideas and suggestions are considered in the meeting. The committee brings proposals to other staff to vet and address questions. Director Spyksma stated safety is of the utmost importance and invited Tri Dam staff to attend safety presentations at SSJID.
- B. Operations & Maintenance Report: Director Holbrook asked why generation has decreased. Operations and Maintenance Manager Brett Gordon stated the flow is adjusted based on weather conditions. Tri Dam is always accounting for months where generation is typically higher to generate more revenue.
- C. Compliance Report: The Board had no discussion.
- D. Canyon Tunnel Update: Forrest Killingsworth, engineer for SSJID addressed the Board regarding the Canyon Tunnell update. He advised the road header is in place and they are working on the upstream portal. Forrest advised tours are being scheduled for Board Directors and staff on April 2 and June 4. Katie Patterson at SSJID is composing a schedule.

ITEM #12 Generation Report

No discussion by the Board.

ITEM #13 SJB October Field Report

No discussion by the Board.

The Board adjourned to the Tri-Dam Power Authority meeting at 10:44 a.m., and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

ITEM #14 Board Comments

Director Spyksma appreciates all the work that is being done. He thanked Brett for his work and understanding of generation of power. He is in favor if more training is needed to get up to speed. He is looking forward to future Power Purchase Agreements.

Director Weststeyn thanked Brett Gordon for his explanation on the Donnell's exciter project and staff for the hard work. He is hopeful for more rain.

Director Holbrook thanked all staff for the work they do and is looking forward to the Solar project, stating Tri Dam staff does an excellent job. He attended the TuCare Dinner in Sonora, stating the presentation on forest management was great.

Director Roos thanked staff and Brett Gordon.

Director Doornenbal mimicked other Director's comments, specifically, thanking staff.

Director J. DeBoer seconded all comments. During the meeting he observed collaboration between OID and SSJID with training and projects. He thanked General Manager Summer Nicotero for being open to continue to look at other options for the solar project.

Director Tobias thanked Forrest for the work on the Canyon Tunnel Project. He thanked General Manager Summer Nicotero for the work she does, and thanked Brett Gordon for attending the meeting and explaining projects.

The Board recessed from 10:53 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.

The Board convened in closed session at 11:08 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

15.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 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

- d. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
Government Code § 54957
Title: Legal Counsel
- e. 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

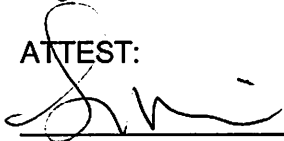
The Board reconvened to open session at 11:08 a.m.
Director Tobias stated there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Tobias adjourned the meeting at: 11:46 a.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026, at the offices of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:



Summer Nicotero, Secretary
Tri-Dam Project