

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

November 19, 2020
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 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.

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

OID DIRECTORS

SSJID DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

TOM ORVIS
HERMAN DOORNENBAL
LINDA SANTOS
GAIL ALTIERI

BOB HOLMES
RALPH ROOS
JOHN HOLBROOK
MIKE WESTSTEYN
DAVE KAMPER

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

BRAD DeBOER

Also, Present:

Jarom Zimmerman, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Brian Jaruszewski, Finance and Administrative Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Genna Modrell, Admin. and Finance Assistant, Tri-Dam Project; Susan Larson, Compliance Coordinator, Tri-Dam Project; Steve Knell, General Manager, OID; Tim Wasiewski, Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM #1 Approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 15, 2020.

ITEM #2 Approve October 2020 financial statements and statement of obligations.

Director Santos moved to approve the consent calendar with one noted correction on the list of checks. Director Weststeyn seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: DeBoer

ACTION CALENDAR

ITEM #3 Discussion and possible action to approve 2021 preliminary budget.

Brian Jaruszewski presented the 2021 preliminary budget based upon an average water year and answered Director questions.

Director Kamper moved to approve the 2021 budget as presented. Director Holbrook asked a series of questions on why the previous year's line items did not add up to the total amount listed for that category. GM Zimmerman and Brian Jaruszewski explained that there were additional line items that were hidden to condense the report. Directors asked that the line item amounts for previous years were deleted to avoid confusion for someone reviewing this budget report in the future. It was agreed to present the budget in that manner in the December Board Meeting for informational purposes. Director Doornenbal seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Santos, Orvis (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #4 Review and authorize the General Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreement with PAR Environmental Services, Inc. for Cultural Resources Treatment Plan Implementation along Hells Half Acre Roadway (5N95) - USFS

Susan Larson reminded the Board that three (3) additional steps were needed along Hells Half Acre Roadway. The final step – Implementation of the Treatment Plan is now required. A request for proposal was sent out. Staff recommends PAR Environmental Services in the amount of \$99,917.00.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Santos, Orvis (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: Roos

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #5 Review and authorize the General Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreement with PAR Environmental Services, Inc. to perform FERC required cultural resources monitoring for the Donnells/Beardsley (P-2005) and Tulloch (P-2067) Projects.

Susan Larson reminded the Board that Tri-Dam was required to conduct extensive cultural resource inventories and agency consultation as part of the FERC relicensing process. Upon issuance of the Beardsley/Donnells and Tulloch licenses, Article 408 was included, which requires Tri-Dam to implement the stipulations outlined in the Programmatic Agreement with the California State Historic Preservation Officers. Staff recommends PAR Environmental Resources in the amount of \$320,870.00.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: Roos

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #6 Review and authorize the General Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Dillon & Murphy Engineers to provide building design, engineering and bid document services for the Tulloch Day Use Project.

Susan Larson explained an initial request for proposal (RFP) was circulated to nine (9) firms in June 2020. Only one (1) bid was received at a cost exceeding \$500,000. Firms that did not provide bids cited an extremely busy summer development season. The RFP was revised and recirculated in October 2020 to the same list of consultants. This time, two of the firms decided to combine efforts, submitting one timely bid. (Dillon & Murphy principal and Condor Earth Technologies, sub-consultant).

Construction will occur in spring 2021. Staff's goal is to have the project complete by July 2021, pending unforeseen delays. Staff recommends Dillon & Murphy in the amount of \$116,700.00.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #7 Discussion and possible action to approve hiring a laborer in place of a journeyman.

In the January 2020 Board Meeting, the Board approved replacing the vacant welder position with an electrician to shadow the current Tri-Dam electrician prior to his retirement in December 2020. With the electrician's retirement next month, this will re-create a vacancy that was previously classified as a welder. Tri-Dam staff has determined that a journeyman position is not needed at this time, and that hiring a laborer would provide a better benefit, at a much lower wage.

GM Zimmerman recommends replacing the vacant journeyman position in December with a laborer.

Director Kamper moved to approve hiring a laborer as presented. Director Doornenbal seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)
NOES: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #8 Review and approve the Associated California Water Agencies Annual 2021 Membership Dues.

ACWA dues are based on the operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses for individual public agency members, which vary from year to year. Staff recommends paying the dues in the amount of \$19,835.00.

Director Roos moved to approve as presented. Director Altieri seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)
NOES: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #9 Discussion and possible action to approve FishBio's annual budget and scope of work.

FishBio proposed a revised budget and scope of work for 2021 of \$825,000. This revised budget has been incorporated in the 2021 Tri-Dam Project budget.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)
NOES: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #10 Discussion and possible action to approve paid time off between Christmas and New Year's for all Tri-Dam employees.

GM Zimmerman advised this year has been a great year for Tri-Dam, and is a direct result of its employees and the commitment they have in ensuring the safe and smooth operations of our facilities.

GM Zimmerman recommends providing 4 paid days off between Christmas and New Year's Day for all Tri-Dam employees. Staff unable to utilize vacation on those designated days will receive the time as vacation accrual to use at a later date.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: DeBoer

ITEM #11 2020 IBEW Incentive Program

GM Zimmerman presented a summary of unplanned plant outages during 2019/2020 and the corresponding incentive bonus payment of \$34,000 to be divided equally among 18 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 #12 Staff Reports

In addition to the other written staff reports, GM Zimmerman responded to Director questions.

ITEM #13 Generation Report

No discussion.

ITEM #14 Fisheries Studies on the Lower Stanislaus River

No discussion.

Recess to Tri-Dam Power Authority

President Orvis recessed to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:27 a.m.

The Tri-Dam Project meeting resumed at 10:34 a.m. after the Tri-Dam Power Authority meeting adjourned.

President Orvis announced there would be no closed session.

ITEM #10 Closed Session

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential Initiation of Litigation
Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4)
One (1) case

ITEM #9 Directors Comments

Director Orvis congratulated Directors Santos and Kamper on re-election. Welcome Ed Tobias and to Director Altieri “I will miss seeing you and thank you for your service.

Director Altieri said, “Goodbye Tri-Dam, and thank you very much.”

Director Santos - "We've been friends for over thirty (30) years. I'm going to miss you and wish you well."

Director Doornenbal - "Thank you for serving with us on the Tri-Dam Board."

Director Holbrook echoed Tom's comments and added, "We will miss your smiling face and wish you well."

Director Weststeyn - "Thank you for serving your constituents well."

ADJOURNMENT

President Orvis adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2020, at the offices of South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Manteca, California beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jarom Zimmerman
Secretary, Tri-Dam Project