

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

May 16, 2024  
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 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**

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***DIRECTORS PRESENT:***

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TOM ORVIS  
HERMAN DOORNENBAL  
LINDA SANTOS  
BRAD DEBOER

DAVID ROOS  
DAVE KAMPER  
GLENN SPYKSMA  
MIKE WESTSTEYN  
JOHN HOLBROOK

**Also Present:**

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Genna Modrell, Executive Asst., Tri-Dam Project; Tracey McKnight, Compliance Coordinator, Tri-Dam Project; Scot Moody, General Manager, OID; Sharon Cisneros, CFO, OID; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID; Mia Brown, Counsel, SSJID; Tim O’Laughlin, Counsel

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- ITEM #1** Approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 18, 2024.
- ITEM #2** Approve the April statement of obligations.
- ITEM #3** Approve 2024 Annual Tulloch Headwater Benefit Assessment.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

*Director Holbrook arrived at 9:10 a.m.*

**ACTION CALENDAR**

- ITEM #4 Canyon Tunnel Update**

Forrest Killingsworth and Scott Lewis, Provost & Pritchard, updated the board on the progress of the tunnel work and the 95% Design proposal, and provided a schedule update.

**ITEM #5 Consider approval of modifications to the Tulloch skimmer gate assembly.**

Summer Nicotero provided a detailed explanation for the modification of the skimmer gate drive assembly and responded to Director questions.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

**ITEM #6 Consider approval of two Beardsley Powerhouse station air compressors and one accumulator tank.**

Summer Nicotero provided an explanation for the replacement of two air compressors and accumulator including a \$5,000 budget adjustment.

Director Spyksma moved to approve purchasing from Quincy Compressor, approving a \$5,000 budget adjustment, and requested staff to look at the need for 2 air dryers vs. one. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

**ITEM #7 Consider designating the date and time of one Tri-Dam Project regular meeting in Strawberry.**

President Orvis asked if there was a preference. Director Kamper moved to approve July 18<sup>th</sup>. Director DeBoer seconded the motion. Due to conflicting dates, this motion was withdrawn by Kamper and DeBoer.

After a brief discussion, Director Weststeyn moved to hold the Strawberry meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEM #9 Staff Reports:**

A. General Manager, Summer Nicotero

- Summer advised of a potential conflict with the June advisory meeting date and will notify them if there will be a date change.

- B. Operations Report, Brett Gordon
  - No discussion.
- C. Maintenance Report, Daniel Hogue
  - No discussion.
- D. Compliance Report, Tracey McKnight
  - Tracey provided a verbal summary of her report.

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

Director Spysma requested an explanation regarding the average generation.

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

No discussion.

#### **ITEM #12 Directors Comments**

Director Holbrook appreciated staff improving the equipment.  
Director Tobias thanked Provost & Pritchard, Tracey, Summer and all the staff.  
Director Doornenbal stated the current reservoir conditions look great.  
Director Santos Tracey and Summer you're doing a great job.  
Director DeBoer thanked the staff and asked them to look at compressors and apply throughout.  
Director Orvis thanked staff and stated ACWA was good this year and encouraged others to attend in December.

*President Orvis recessed to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:48 a.m.*

*The Tri-Dam Project meeting resumed at 10:51 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 10:53 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 11:05 a.m.

#### **ITEM #13 Closed Session**

- 13. 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. *Vera Whittenburg v. Tri-Dam Project, Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District*  
County of San Joaquin Superior Court  
Case No. STK-CV-UWT-2023-0013574
  - 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)  
Two (2) cases

- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
Government Code §54656.8  
Property: Canyon Tunnel  
Agency Negotiator: SSJID General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Mangante, Rancheria Del Rio Estanislau, LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment of Sale
  
- d. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
Pursuant to Section § 54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager  
Employee Organization: IBEW 1245

At the hour of 1:04 p.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.

**ITEM #8 Consider ratification of Memorandum of Understanding between Tri-Dam Project and IBEW Local 1245. *This item will be taken after closed session.***

Director Holbrook moved to ratify the IBEW 1245 Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: Doornenbal, Kamper

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Orvis adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2024, at the offices of Tri-Dam Project beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Summer Nicotero, Secretary  
Tri-Dam Project