

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

November 21, 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 9:01 a.m.

**OID DIRECTORS**

**SSJID DIRECTORS**

***DIRECTORS PRESENT:***

ED TOBIAS  
HERMAN DOORNENBAL  
BRAD DEBOER  
TOM ORVIS

DAVID ROOS  
DAVE KAMPER  
MIKE WESTSTEYN  
JOHN HOLBROOK

**Also Present:**

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Genna Modrell, Executive Asst., Tri-Dam Project; Alex Brown, O & M Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Scot Moody, General Manager, OID; Sharon Cisneros Chief Financial Officer, OID; Forrest Killingsworth, Engineering Manager, SSJID; Katie Patterson, Public & Govt. Relations, SSJID; Tara Maloli, CV Strategies; Mia Brown, Legal Counsel, SSJID

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- ITEM #1    Approve the special board meeting minutes of October 17, 2024**
- ITEM #2    Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the seven months ending September 30, 2024**
- ITEM #3    Approve the October statement of obligations**

Director Roos noted a correction to the minutes, item #5 Doornenbal and Roos voted no.

Director DeBoer moved to approve items one, two, and three with the noted correction. Director Weststeyn seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Orvis, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Kamper, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Santos, Spyksma, Doornenbal

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **ITEM #4 Consider approval of the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule**

Summer presented the 2025 board meeting schedule and noted three months reflecting a potential location change.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Orvis, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Kamper, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Santos, Spyksma, Doornenbal

### **ITEM #5 Consider approval of revisions to the Employee Handbook to align with the approved IBEW 1245 Memorandum of Understanding**

Summer Nicotero summarized the financial impact related to the proposed benefits, aligning benefits for all staff.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Orvis, Tobias, Holbrook, Kamper, Roos, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Santos, Spyksma, Doornenbal

*Director Doornenbal arrived at 9:10 am*

### **ITEM #6 Consider approval to purchase a Fire Suppression Trailer**

Summer presented the fire suppression trailer and provided background on the existing equipment and responded to Director questions. Director DeBoer questioned the need for staff training.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Santos, Spyksma

### **ITEM #7 Consider adoption of Resolution TDP 2024-09 Commemorating the Service of Dave Kamper**

Summer Nicotero and President Orvis read aloud the memorandum and resolution commending Dave for his twenty-seven years of service and congratulating him on his retirement.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias, Holbrook, Roos, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: Kamper  
ABSENT: Santos, Spyksma

### **ITEM #8 Preliminary 2025 Budget**

Summer Nicotero provided a summary of the preliminary 2025 budget explaining the methodology and responded to Director questions.

### **ITEM #9 Canyon Tunnel Community Outreach Effort**

Katie Patterson with Tara Maloli, CV Strategies provided an update regarding the Knights Ferry community focus group held on October 29, 2024 and summarized the project cost analysis. 32 residents and community members were in attendance. Following that meeting, the Schell Road residents requested their own focus group to provide feedback for our upcoming outreach initiatives. Separately, SSJID leadership met with County of Stanislaus representatives for additional insight.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **ITEM #10 Staff Reports:**

- A. General Manager, Summer Nicotero
  - Summer provided more detailed information on the Part 12D requirements changing to a 10-year comprehensive and alternating 10-year periodic inspection and responded to Director questions.
- B. Operations & Maintenance Report, Alex Brown
  - No discussion.
- C. Compliance Report, Tracey McKnight
  - No discussion.

### **ITEM #11 Generation Report**

No discussion.

### **ITEM #12 Fisheries Studies on the Lower Stanislaus River**

No discussion.

### **ITEM #13 Directors Comments**

Director Kamper thanked everyone for their support, he will miss everyone and will be available for consultation.

Director Tobias thanked Summer and staff for the hard work.

Director DeBoer thanked Summer and staff and stated he appreciated Dave Kamper's knowledge and history.

Director Holbrook thanked Summer and all staff.

Director Roos thanked Summer for the hard work and Happy Thanksgiving.

Director Doornenbal thanked Summer and staff and congratulated Dave Kamper on his retirement. "You never cease to amaze me with your knowledge of the Project."

Director Weststeyn thanked Summer and staff, and Director Santos and Kamper for their service.

Director Orvis thanked Director Santos for her service. I looked forward to a quip from Dave Kamper and bringing the historical reference.

*President Orvis took a 5 minute break at 10:25 a.m. before recessing to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.*

*The Tri-Dam Project meeting resumed at 10:40 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 10:40 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 10:45 a.m.

**ITEM #14 Closed Session**

- 14. 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. *Threfall Ranch L.P. v. Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive*  
Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus  
Case No. CV-24-006033
  - 4. *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 Estanislus, LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment of Sale

At the hour of 11:22 a.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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Orvis adjourned the meeting at: 11:22 a.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024, at the offices of South San Joaquin Irrigation District beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Summer Nicotero, Secretary  
Tri-Dam Project