

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

June 20, 2024
Strawberry, 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 Tri-Dam Project in Strawberry, 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 Weststeyn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

OID DIRECTORS

SSJID DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

ED TOBIAS
TOM ORVIS
BRAD DEBOER
LINDA SANTOS

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; Forrest Killingsworth, Engineering Manager, SSJID; Mia Brown, Counsel, SSJID; Kyle Stewart, Maintenance Lead, Tri-Dam Project; Daniel Hogue, Technician Lead, Tri-Dam Project; Brett Gordon, Operator Lead, Tri-Dam Project

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- ITEM #1 Approve the regular board meeting minutes of May 16, 2024.**
- ITEM #2 Approve the May 2024 statement of obligations.**
- ITEM #3 Approve 2024/2025 Represented Employee Pay Schedule**

Director Tobias 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, Orvis, Santos, Tobias, Holbrook, Kamper, Roos, Spyksma, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

ACTION CALENDAR

- ITEM #4 Consider Adoption of Workplace Violence Prevention Policy in Compliance with SB 553**

Tracey McKnight presented the draft Workplace Violence Prevention Policy in accordance with California Senate Bill (SB) 553 and responded to Director questions. She thanked SSJID for providing the template to ensure the policy would be consistent with the District.

Director Orvis added Stanislaus Farm Bureau will begin offering Train the Trainer sessions, for a fee.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

ITEM #5 Consider Approving Upstream Tech's HydroForecast for the Stanislaus River Basin.

Summer Nicotero provided an explanation for the renewal, the need to better forecast rain and runoff as well as not relying on other agency forecasting which is not always accurate. Director DeBoer inquired if this information is what we currently get from Steiner. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that this is different information than what Steiner provides. The Board recommended staff coordinate and potentially consolidate this information with Steiner's.

Director Holbrook moved to approve for one year to compare the results. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

ITEM #6 Consider Approving the 2024/2025 Workers Compensation Insurance Policy

Summer Nicotero presented the 2024/2025 premium and stated staff will continue to attend CSDA sponsored training to accumulate points which provides Tri-Dam the ability to lower our worker's compensation premium.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

ITEM #7 Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-04 Surplus Property and Consider Approving the Sale of Surplus Property to Northern California Power Agency

Summer Nicotero presented the resolution for surplus property and explained Tri-Dam no longer has a need for this communications equipment and is providing this equipment solely for Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) as part of a transfer trip circuit between PG&E and New Spicer Meadow Powerhouse.

Director Santos moved to approve Resolution 2024-04 and authorize the General Manager to sell the surplus equipment to NCPA for \$1. Director Holbrook seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal

ITEM #8 Sonora Office Update – To be hand carried

Summer advised she has received preliminary furniture quotes ranging from \$80,000 - \$100,000. The architect at Land & Structure advised sewer, water and electric should be easy to access as they are located on the front of the building. However, he has concerns the HVAC system will not be big enough to cover the middle office area after isolating one unit to solely cover the front space. Summer also advised if the front area is converted to office space a fire wall will not be required.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM #9 Staff Reports:

A. General Manager, Summer Nicotero

- Summer advised all IBEW contract updates have been implemented and she will continue to work with Brett Gordon regarding SVP congestion issues.

B. Operations Report, Brett Gordon

- No discussion.

C. Maintenance Report, Daniel Hogue

- No discussion.

D. Compliance Report, Tracey McKnight

- No discussion.

ITEM #10 Generation Report

Summer advised the current format will be modified further to provide a more accurate picture.

ITEM #11 Fisheries Studies on the Lower Stanislaus River

No discussion.

ITEM #12 Directors Comments

Director DeBoer is glad to see we're strategizing and thanked the staff.

Director Orvis thanked everyone for getting through negotiations.

Director Tobias appreciates great cooperation between the Districts.

Director Holbrook thanked everyone for a continuing effort to improve Tri-Dam.

Director Santos congratulated Justin Seel for five years of service and Nick Payne for ten years of service and thanked staff.

Director Spyksma likes the higher level of work from the team and looking for ways to do better is outstanding. Congratulations to Summer and those doing more in the field.

Directors Kamper and Weststeyn agreed with all comments.

President Weststeyn recessed to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:07 a.m.

The Tri-Dam Project meeting resumed at 10:09 a.m. after the Tri-Dam Power Authority meeting adjourned.

President Weststeyn announced before closed session that the following items would be discussed.

The Board took a brief recess at 10:10 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 10:30 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)
One (1) case
- 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

At the hour of 11:15 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 Weststeyn adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2024, at the offices of Oakdale Irrigation District beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Summer Nicotero, Secretary
Tri-Dam Project