

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

January 23, 2025  
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 9:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**OID DIRECTORS**

**SSJID DIRECTORS**

***DIRECTORS PRESENT:***

JACOB DEBOER  
HERMAN DOORNENBAL  
TOM ORVIS  
ED TOBIAS

DAVID ROOS  
BILLY VAN RYN  
MIKE WESTSTEYN

***DIRECTORS ABSENT:***

BRAD DEBOER

JOHN HOLBROOK  
GLENN SPYKSMA

**Also Present:**

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Alex Brown, O & M Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Tracey McKnight, Compliance Coordinator, Tri-Dam Project; Scot Moody, General Manager, OID; Sharon Cisneros; Chief Financial Officer, OID; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID; Forrest Killingsworth, Engineering Manager, SSJID; Katie Peterson, Public & Govt. Relations, SSJID; Mia Brown, General Counsel, SSJID; Tim O’Laughlin, Counsel

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board welcomed public comments at 9:02 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- ITEM #1 Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2024**
- ITEM #2 Approve the Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements for the eleven-month period ending November 30, 2024**
- ITEM #3 Approve the December 2024 Statement of Obligations**

Director Weststeyn noted a few errors in the minutes and requested that “President Weststeyn” be changed to “President Spyksma.”

Director Weststeyn moved to approve items one, two, and three with noted corrections on Item No. 1.; Director Tobias seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias, Roos, Van Ryn, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: B. DeBoer, Holbrook, Spyksma

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **ITEM #4 Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution TDP 2025-01 Division of Boating and Waterways, Harbors, and Watercraft Revolving Fund Designation of Officer for Grant Application**

Summer Nicotero presented the proposal for funding from the Department of Boating and Waterways, Harbor and Watercraft Revolving Fund for Beardsley, Donnells, and Tulloch Reservoirs Project, in accordance with the TDP Resolution 2025-01.

Director Weststeyn moved to approve the resolution, authorizing the General Manager, or designee, to apply for funding under the Department of Boating and Waterways, Harbor and Watercraft Revolving Fund Program. Director J. DeBoer seconded the motion.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 4 at 9:06 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed on Item No. 4 at 9:06 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

The motion passed 7-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias, Roos, Van Ryn, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: B. DeBoer, Holbrook, Spyksma

### **ITEM #5 Discuss and consider approval of 2025 Investment Policy**

Summer Nicotero presented the 2025 Investment Policy.

Director Weststeyn moved to approve as presented. Director J. DeBoer seconded the motion.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 5 at 9:09 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed on Item No. 5 at 9:10 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

The motion passed 7-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias, Roos, Van Ryn, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: B. DeBoer, Holbrook, Spyksma

## **ITEM #6 Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution TDP 2025-02 Semi-Annual Distribution**

Summer Nicotero presented the funds available for distribution as of December 31, 2024, in accordance with Resolution TDP 2025-02. Funds available to be distributed totaled \$22,359,000.

Director Weststeyn commented that the resolution does not clearly state the total amount of funds, and requested a revision to include this information.

Director Tobias moved to adopt Resolution TDP 2025-02 with noted requested revision and the distribution as presented. Director Roos seconded the motion.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 6 at 9:13 a.m. There was one comment from Mr. John Brichetto.

Public comment closed on Item No. 6 at 9:14 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

The motion passed 7-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias, Roos, Van Ryn, Weststeyn

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: B. DeBoer, Holbrook, Spyksma

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **ITEM #8 Staff Reports:**

#### **A. General Manager, Summer Nicotero:**

Summer further explained in Item 6 of the General Manager's Report, that invasive mussel species historically could not survive in the water of our local reservoirs due to low calcium levels. However, a new threat, the golden mussel" (*Limnoperna fortunei*) can survive in waters with low calcium. In response, New Melones has mandated a 30-day quarantine for launching boats in the reservoir, and many others have followed suit, which limits the number of waterways available for boat launches.

Director Weststeyn strongly recommended that a prevention strategy be implemented quickly, warning of serious implications not only for Tulloch, but also for Woodward and the water treatment plant, to prevent the mussels from invading the systems.

Peter Rietkerk, General Manager of SSJID, stated that SSJID worked with Stanislaus County to halt boating activities at Woodward Reservoir before the holidays. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) conducted an initial analysis of water quality at several local regional reservoirs, including Don Pedro, Modesto Reservoir, and Woodward Reservoir. It was found that Tuolumne Reservoirs have a low risk for ambient concentrations of calcium, while

Woodward presents a moderate risk. Mr. Rietkerk noted that the general consensus among DFW staff is that the higher up in the watershed you go, the lower the calcium concentrations tend to be. SSJID is collaborating with Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation to develop measures that would allow for boating to resume at Woodward.

Director Orvis inquired whether the golden mussel is a prolific reproducer. In response, Mr. Rietkerk explained that information currently available is limited. However, it seems that the golden mussel is highly prolific in Brazil, South America, and Asia, being much more invasive than both the quagga and zebra mussels. The primary concern for Tri-Dam is the potential for the mussel to clog hydropower generation facilities.

B. Operations and Maintenance Report, Alex Brown  
No discussion.

C. Compliance Report, Tracey McKnight  
Tracey added to her report that they are formalizing a Self-Inspection Permit for Tulloch and are educating the homeowners' association on the golden mussel.

Director J. DeBoer inquired whether any updated signage has been installed to inform the public in case a shutdown of boat launching on the reservoir becomes necessary. In response, Ms. Nicotero stated that there has not been any signage yet, but it could be arranged.

Director Orvis asked how far the golden mussels have spread. Director Weststeyn noted that there have been confirmed sightings at the Delta and possibly at Pyramid Lake. The mussels are highly mobile, as it is not necessarily the mussels themselves that enter the intake of the motors, but rather their eggs. If the eggs are viable, that is how the mussels transfer and spread from one waterbody to another.

#### **ITEM #9 Generation Report**

Summer pointed out in the Generation and Revenue report that "resources adequacy" and "ancillary services" have been included, which has significantly impacted and benefited the Tri-Dam Project. These additions have helped offset some of the energy price declines we've experienced over the past couple of years. We are working to capture those peak moments when we can generate more revenue without additional generation

#### **ITEM #10 Fisheries studies on the Lower Stanislaus River**

No discussion.

*President Orvis convened to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:30 a.m.*

*The Tri-Dam Project Board of Directors meeting resumed at 9:35 a.m. after the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned.*

#### **ITEM #11 Directors' Comments**

Director Van Ryn:  
No comments.

Director Weststeyn:

Director Weststeyn requested that staff continue working on the golden mussel issue and thanked them for their efforts in securing the grant to upgrade cybersecurity.

Director Roos:

Director Roos expressed gratitude to Summer and the entire staff.

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias expressed his gratitude to the Tri-Dam staff for their efforts in adapting to the constantly changing regulatory environment.

Director Doornenbal:

No comments.

Director J. DeBoer:

Director J. DeBoer is eager to further understand the Tri-Dam Project and encouraged staff to keep learning tours in mind for March.

Director Orvis:

Director Orvis expressed gratitude to the staff for completing projects ahead of the impending wet weather.

President Orvis announced the items to be discussed in closed session and the Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 12 at 9:39 a.m.

Seeing no public comments, the Board recessed at 9:40 a.m. and convened to closed session at 9:50 a.m.

**ITEM #12 Closed Session**

12. a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)
  1. 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
  2. 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

*Director Doornenbal left the meeting at 11:55 am*

- d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Government Code §54957(b)(1)  
Title: General Manager

The Board of Directors reconvened to open session at 12:07 p.m. Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions taken.

The Board considered Item No. 7:

ITEM #7 Discuss and consider approval regarding annual compensation of General Manager. This item will be taken after closed session.

Director Tobias moved to approve a 5% increase, setting the General Manager's annual salary at \$233,625.60, and benefits to match what all Tri Dam employees receive, effective the next pay date. Director Roos seconded the motion.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 7 at 12:08 p.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed on Item No. 7 at 12:08 p.m. and the Board meeting continued.

The motion passed 6-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: J. DeBoer, Orvis, Tobias, Roos, Van Ryn, Weststeyn

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: B. DeBoer, Holbrook, Spyksma, Doornenbal

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Orvis adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2025, 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