

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

April 17, 2025
Manteca, 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 South San Joaquin Irrigation District in Manteca 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 Spkysma called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

OID DIRECTORS

SSJID DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

BRAD DEBOER
JACOB DEBOER
HERMAN DOORNENBAL
TOM ORVIS
ED TOBIAS

DAVID ROOS
JOHN HOLBROOK
GLENN SPYKSMA

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

BILLY VAN RYN, MIKE WESTSTEYN

Also Present:

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Tanya Bruchacek, Executive Assistant, Tri-Dam Project; Tracey McKnight, Compliance Coordinator; Scott Moody, General Manager, OID; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID; Mia Brown, Legal Counsel, SSJID

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jake Varner provided a comment asking the Directors to be more involved with the daily management of the Tri-Dam Project, specifically with the enforcement of shoreline violations. He stated that the conversation he had with the Department of Fish and Wildlife considers Tulloch Reservoir at a moderate risk for the golden mussel and that the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention plan prior to closure was weak. He continued that the closure was unnecessary and could have been avoided.

Paul, Tulloch Reservoir Homeowner, provided comment that there are no reports of mussels or damage from mussels, and that the response to the threat of closing access to the reservoir was not appropriate. He cited agreements with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and homeowners state that harm must be proven; at this time, there is only a perceived threat, and that legal action is being considered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025**
- 2. Approve the Draft Financial Statements for the twelve months ending December 31, 2024**

- 3. Approve the Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements for the two months ending February 28, 2025**
- 4. Approve the March 2025 Statement of Obligations.**

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, provided comment on clerical corrections, noting financials were the same, with grant revenue being budgeted on a separate line from the operating cost recovery line. Additionally, in the draft minutes there was a correction to the consent calendar vote from Director Orvis to Director Roos seconding the motion to approve.

Director Orvis moved to approve items one, two, three and four with amendments noted and approved. Director Roos seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Van Ryn, Weststeyn

ACTION CALENDAR

ITEM #5 Discussion and possible action approving Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Annual Land Use Fees for 2025.

No Public Comment.

Director Holbrook moved to approve the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) 2025 land use fees. Seconded by Director Tobias.

No Public Comment.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Van Ryn, Weststeyn

ITEM #6 Discussion and possible action approving the date change for the May 15, 2025 Tri-Dam Project Meeting

No Public Comment.

Directors discussed conflicting schedules and times for the May meeting, determining Tuesday, May 20 2025 as the alternative date, with the start time to be determined.

Director Brad DeBoer moved to approve Tuesday, May 20, for the 2025 May meeting. Director Holbrook seconded the motion.

No Public Comment.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: Van Ryn, Weststeyn

ITEM #7 Discussion and possible action approving the date for a regular meeting to be held in Strawberry, California, at the Tri-Dam Project office.

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, introduced alternative dates for the annual meeting held in Strawberry, CA, for the board's consideration.

Directors discussed schedules, time of meeting, tour of facilities, and a possible lunch at Sandbar.

Director Holbrook moved to approve June 19, 2025, for the annual regular meeting in Strawberry, CA, with a time to be determined. Director Jacob DeBoer seconded the motion.

No Public Comment.

The motion passed 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Holbrook, Roos, Spyksma, B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias
NOES: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: Van Ryn, Weststeyn

ITEM #8 Staff Reports

a. General Manager Report

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, provided a report on the training with homeowners and the homeowners associations on the Tulloch AIS quarantine/banding process. Red-banded vessels verified prior to April 16, 2025 will be allowed access to the reservoir and can now be green-banded departing the reservoir.

She stated that the U.S. Forest Service has closed Beardsley Reservoir and does not have the staffing to keep it open.

Phase two of Tri-Dam's Aquatic Invasive Species program will look at the possibility of public access and same-day launches.

b. Operations and Maintenance Report – none

c. Compliance Report

Tracey McKnight, Compliance Coordinator, provided comment that Black Jack Bluff, located on the South shore side of Tulloch, has been trained in banding. She continued that public access will take time as they navigate to determine a safe, sustainable, and responsible channel for the public. She thanked the homeowners and homeowner's associations for hosting Tri-Dam, educating boaters, and protecting the water for future generations.

ITEM #9 Generation Report

Summer Nicotero, General Manager, provided comment that water and snow surveys indicate we are on the cusp of a dry year.

ITEM #10 Fisheries studies on the lower Stanislaus River

No discussion on item

ITEM #13 Directors' Comments

Directors provided comments on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Regulation 4 meeting on predatory species to salmon, prompting closure for the 2025 season, and navigating regulation changes for fisheries. In addition, ACWA is providing sexual harassment prevention training, should someone need their training hours. Directors also expressed their appreciation to Tri-Dam staff for their work and efforts to keep the public informed about the golden mussel issue and getting the AIS banding in place at Tulloch Reservoir, acknowledging that it is a difficult situation for all involved.

President Spyksma recessed to the Tri-Dam Authority Board of Commissioners meeting at 10.00 a.m.

The Tri-Dam Project meeting resumed at 10:03 a.m. after the Tri-Dam Authority meeting adjourned.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m., entering into closed session.

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:01 a.m.

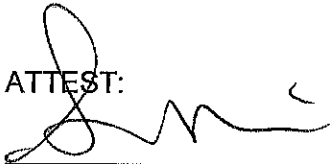
Disclosure of reportable actions taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1: There were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025, at the offices of Oakdale Irrigation District Office with a time to be determined.

President Spyksma adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

ATTEST:



Summer Nicotero, Secretary
Tri-Dam Project