

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

September 19, 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 9:02 a.m.

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

ED TOBIAS  
TOM ORVIS  
BRAD DEBOER  
LINDA SANTOS

DAVID ROOS  
DAVE KAMPER  
GLEN SPYKSMA

**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, CFO, OID; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID; Mia Brown, Legal Counsel, SSJID

*Summer Nicotero introduced, Alex Brown, the new O & M Manager and provided brief background.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bernadette Cattaneo addressed the Board of Directors on behalf of the Lake Tulloch Weed Alliance and their concerns regarding weeds in the reservoir on private property.

Jeff Groen addressed the Board regarding a variance requests he would like to have on the October agenda.

Craig Robinson, Brian Bowman and Jeff DeBernardi complained about the aquatic weed management on private property at Tulloch Reservoir.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- ITEM #1    Approve the special board meeting minutes of August 15, 2024**
- ITEM #2    Approve the Financial Statements for the six months ending June 30, 2024**
- ITEM #3    Approve the August statement of obligations**

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal, Holbrook, Weststeyn

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**ITEM #4 Discussion and possible action on renewal of Health Insurance Coverage**

Summer Nicotero presented the 2025 ACWS/JPIA Medical, Dental and Vision premiums. Summer advised a review of other benefit offerings has been conducted. The initial review has found significant increases in benefit costs for similar coverages. When ACWA’s JPIA annual benefit rates are combined with ACWA dues (~\$20,000 a year) the costs are much more comparable. However, the increase in costs to employees would be significant as Tri-Dam currently absorbs the dues portion of the ACWA expenditures each year.

Director Spyksma moved to approve 2025 ACWA/JPIA premiums as presented. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal, Holbrook, Weststeyn

**ITEM #5 Consider approval to purchase a replacement of the Donnells Powerhouse fire hydrant and approval of a corresponding capital budget adjustment**

Summer Nicotero presented the fire hydrant and explained we have been limping along with the current hydrant, parts are no longer available for repairs and responded to Director questions.

Director Kamper moved to approve as presented including a corresponding capital budget adjustment. Director Tobias seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal, Holbrook, Weststeyn

**ITEM #6 Consider approval of MissionSquare Retirement Health Savings Participation Agreement, Declaration of Trust, and adoption of TDP Resolution 2024-07**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRI-DAM PROJECT FOR ADOPTION OF THE MISSIONSQUARE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS (RHS) PROGRAM

Plan Number: 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: Tri-Dam Project State: California

**Resolution of the above-named Employer (the “Employer”):**

**WHEREAS**, the Employer has employees rendering valuable services; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a retiree health savings program for such employees serves the interests of the Employer by enabling it to provide reasonable security regarding such employees’ health needs

during retirement, by providing, increased flexibility in its personnel management system, and by assisting in the attraction and retention of competent personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employer has determined that the establishment of the retiree health savings program (the “Program”) serves the above objectives;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Employer hereby adopts the MissionSquare Retirement Health Savings Program (“Program”) through the Employer’s integral part trust (“Trust”) and the Employer’s welfare benefits plan (“Plan”).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the assets of the Plan shall be held in trust, with the following entity or individual serving as trustee:

the Employer

the following position within the Employer: General Manager  
(insert title of individual acting as trustee)

For the exclusive benefit of Plan participants and their survivors, and the assets of the Plan shall not be diverted to any other purpose prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities of the Plan. The Employer has executed the Declaration of Trust of the Tri-Dam Project Integral Part Trust in the form:

The sample trust made available by MissionSquare Retirement

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the General Manager shall be the coordinator and contact for the Program and shall receive necessary reports, notices, etc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Joint Board of Directors of the OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT and of the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT for the TRI-DAM PROJECT this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 by the following vote:

**OAKDALE & SO. SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

AYES: DEBOER, ORVIS, SANTOS, TOBIAS, KAMPER, ROOS, SPYKSMA

NOES:

ABSENT: DOORNENBAL, HOLBROOK, WESTSTEYN

Director Spyksma moved to approve and adopt resolution TDP 2024-07 as presented for represented employees only. Director Santos seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal, Holbrook, Weststeyn

**ITEM #7 Consider approval of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Streamgaging Agreement for FY 2025**

Summer Nicotero presented the USGS Streamgaging Agreement for 2025 and responded to Director questions. Director Tobias shared his concerns regarding errors in streamgaging reporting and asked if an audit has ever been conducted.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Doornenbal, Holbrook, Weststeyn

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

A. General Manager, Summer Nicotero

- In addition to her report, Summer added staff completed safety week having lots of topics focused on upcoming annual maintenance and announced the annual Employee Appreciation Dinner has been scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>.

B. Operations Report, Brett Gordon

- No discussion.

C. Maintenance Report, Daniel Hogue

- No discussion.

D. Compliance Report, Tracey McKnight

- No discussion.

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

No discussion.

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

No discussion.

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

Directors Roos, Tobias, DeBoer thanked Summer and staff for the hard work.

Director Santos welcomed Alex Brown

Director Orvis thanked the public for the bringing forward the weed issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 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