

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

September 17, 2020  
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 located 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 9:05 a.m.

**OID DIRECTORS**

**SSJID DIRECTORS**

***DIRECTORS PRESENT:***

BRAD DeBOER  
HERMAN DOORNENBAL  
LINDA SANTOS  
GAIL ALTIERI  
TOM ORVIS

BOB HOLMES  
RALPH ROOS  
JOHN HOLBROOK  
MIKE WESTSTEYN

***DIRECTORS ABSENT:***

DAVE KAMPER

***Also, Present:***

Jarom Zimmerman, General Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Brian Jaruszewski, Finance and Administrative Manager, Tri-Dam Project; Genna Modrell, Admin. and Finance Assistant, Tri-Dam Project; Susan Larson, Compliance Coordinator, Tri-Dam Project; Steve Knell, General Manager, OID; Mia Brown, Counsel, SSJID; Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, SSJID; Tim Wasiewski, Counsel, Doug Demko, FishBio, Andrea Fuller, FishBio

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Mia Brown presented changing item 14a to (2) two cases. Director Holbrook moved to add an additional case to item 14a. Director DeBoer seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kamper

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ITEM #1 Approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 20, 2020.**

**ITEM #2 Approve August 2020 financial statements and statement of obligations.**

**ITEM #3 Approve renewal of Anthem Medical Plan Insurance Coverage effective January 1, 2021.**

**ITEM #4 Approve renewal of Delta Dental Plan Insurance Coverage effective January 1, 2021.**

**ITEM #5 Approve renewal of Vision Service Plan Insurance Coverage effective January 1, 2021.**

Director DeBoer moved to the consent calendar as submitted. Director Weststeyn seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kamper

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

***ITEM #6 Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2020-05 Surplus Property.***

FM Jaruszewski presented Resolution 2020-05 recommending the sale of five (5) vehicles and answered Director questions.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kamper

***ITEM #7 Review independent auditor proposals and possible approval for years ending 2020-2022.***

FM Jaruszewski presented a comparative analysis of the five auditor firm proposals. FM Jaruszewski reviewed the analysis, recommended Fedack and Brown, and responded to Director questions.

Director DeBoer moved to approve Fedack and Brown as presented. Director Holmes seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
ABSENT: Kamper

***ITEM #8 Discussion and possible action to approve not back-filling a vacant Roving Operator position.***

GM Zimmerman presented an opportunity to reduce the field operator staffing levels from 4 to 3 personnel. The field operators will switch from a 5/8 to a 4/10 work week schedule to coincide with the maintenance department.

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

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Altieri, DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos (OID); Holbrook, Holmes, Roos, Weststeyn (SSJID)

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kamper

***DISCUSSION***

***ITEM #9 Discussion regarding VNF Solutions agreement.***

GM Zimmerman advised the Board that Jason Larrabee is no longer working at VNF Solutions. After a brief discussion it was determined that Jason's exit terminates the agreement.

***ITEM #10 Staff Reports***

In addition to the other written staff reports, GM Zimmerman responded to Director questions.

***ITEM #11 Generation Report***

No discussion.

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

Doug Demko and Andrea Fuller from FishBio gave a presentation to update the Board on 2020 accomplishments and potential 2021 activities. After a brief discussion about potential 2021 activities, it was determined GM Zimmerman will work with the Doug, Andrea, Steve Knell and Peter Rietkerk for advisory recommendations.

***ITEM #13 Directors Comments***

Director Holbrook thanked GM Zimmerman and staff for continuing with COVID-19 issues and fires.

Director Orvis agreed and added he had traveled to Beardsley and saw how clean it is under the power lines.

## ***Recess to Tri-Dam Power Authority***

President Orvis recessed to the Tri-Dam Power Authority Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:07 a.m.

The Tri-Dam Project meeting resumed at 11:15 a.m. after the Tri-Dam Power Authority meeting adjourned.

## ***ITEM #14 Closed Session***

President Orvis announced before closed session that the following items would be discussed:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Potential Initiation of Litigation  
Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4)  
Two (2) cases
  
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)

*SJTA v. State Water Resources Control Board*  
Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding 5013

*Tri-Dam v. MWH Americas, Inc. et al.*  
Tuolumne County Superior Court, Case No. CV61638

*Genna Modrell, Susan Larson v. Oakdale Mutual Water Company LLC, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Tri-Dam Project*  
(19-CIV-07604) San Mateo Superior Court

*Tri-Dam et al. v. Linda Santos*  
(CV-20-002349) Superior Court of Stanislaus County

The Board then convened in closed session at 11:27 a.m.

At the hour of 12:37 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 12:28 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020, at the offices of South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Manteca, California beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Jarom Zimmerman  
Secretary, Tri-Dam Project