

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES August 31, 2022

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Riley Chaney, President
Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President
Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Barcellos, Assessor
Micah Combs

LANDOWNERS / GROWERS

Sal Parra, Jr., Burford Ranch
Jerry Gragnani, Gragnani et al
Gerald W. Kinnunen

PUBLIC / CONSULTANTS

None

EXCUSED

None

LEGAL COUNSEL

ABSENT

None

- YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE, LLP
Alan F. Doud, Esq. (Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT

Manny Amorelli, General Manager
Walter Flores, Office Manager
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT ("District") was held Wednesday, August 31, 2022, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., by President, Riley Chaney. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

Members of the public were encouraged to access the meeting via internet/Zoom or use the call-in number to allow them to fully participate in the meeting without having to be present.

II. RESOLUTION RENEWING USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361

As all members of the Board of Directors were present, no action was taken to adopt this Resolution allowing the Board to conduct meetings via teleconference and/or remotely in conformity with Government Code section 54953(e) as amended by AB361.

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III. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST [FPPC §87105]

Directors were given an opportunity to identify potential conflicts-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda.

- ▶ Director Jeremy Hughes declared he had a potential conflict-of-interest with item VIII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, Item G., FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-090-29S (4.66 ACRES), APN 030-090-30S (2.03 ACRES). Mr. Hughes stated he would be recusing himself from discussing, initiating any action or voting on the matter.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING (02/08/2022)

A preliminary draft of the "District Strategic Planning Questionnaire" was presented for review/discussion. There was a general consensus that additional wording should be added to the topics for clarification purposes. A updated draft will be presented to the Board at the next Regular Meeting on September 13, 2022. The questionnaire will be distributed by e-mail as well as U.S. Mail.

V. REPORT ITEMS

None

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:12 A.M.

Directors Attending:

Riley Chaney, President

Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President

Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer

Robert Barcellos, Assessor-Collector

Micah Combs, Director

Staff Attending

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

Legal Counsel

- Young Wooldridge, LLP

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VI. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

3 CASES

VII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

A. AS DEFENDANT: 2 CASES

1. NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, ET AL, V HAALAND, ET AL
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
Case No. 1:5-CV-01207LJO-GSA
2. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, RESTORE THE DELTA AND PLANNING & CONSERVATION LEAGUE V UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ET AL (06/08/2021)
United States District Court, Eastern District of California
Case No. 1:20-CV-00706 DAD-EPG

B. AS PLAINTIFF: 3 CASES

1. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL V. JAMES VERBOON ET AL
Kings County Superior Court, Case No. 15 C0304
2. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT VS. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 19CECG00769
3. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00688

C. AS INTERVENOR: 1 CASE

1. CITY OF FRESNO, ET AL V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 1:16-CV-01276-MCW

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VIII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

A. JAMES & TRANQUILLITY NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

Tranquillity Irrigation District: Danny Wade

Kings River Lower River Units: Scott Sills

Under Negotiation: Price, terms & conditions of possible real property and/or water supply transactions

B. SOUTHWEST GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PROJECT (11/13/2012)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

Fresno Irrigation District: Bill Stretch

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property and/or water supply transactions/Department of Water Resources Proposition 84 Grant Application

C. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (04/19/2018)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

To Be Determined

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply transactions.

D. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (06/22/2021)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

McMullin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply transactions.

E. WHITE PINE RENEWABLES (04/13/2021)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

White Pine Renewables: Evan Riley

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property transaction.

F. FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-090-24S/15.98 AC, 030-090-28S/366.07 AC (10/16/2012)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

Landowner

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment.

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CITING A CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST, DIRECTOR JEREMY HUGHES EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING AS HE IS THE OWNER OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL.

G. FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-090-29S (4.66 ACRES), APN 030-090-30S (2.03 ACRES) (06/11/2019)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Landowner

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:59 A.M.

IX. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION Gov. Code 54957.1

No reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 10:00 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman, Executive Assistant

Riley Chaney, President

Manny Amorelli, General Manager