

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES
February 25, 2020

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT (4)

Robert Motte, President
Micah Combs, Vice-President
Robert Barcellos
Riley Chaney

STAFF PRESENT (2)

Steven Stadler, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

EXCUSED NONE

LANDOWNERS / GROWERS NONE

ABSENT (1)
Thomas W. Chaney

PUBLIC / CONSULTANTS NONE

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT was held Tuesday, February 25, 2020, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., by President, Robert Motte. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

II. 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; none were reported.

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III. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Stadler reported on operations, maintenance, projects and other District matters as follows:

OPERATIONS

- ▶ USBR Operations Update / Water Supply Forecast
 - ▶ Water Year 2020-2021 - South-of-Delta CVP Allocations were announced at 15%.
 - ▶ Water Year 2019-2020 - February demand has nearly depleted our transferred CVP supplies. A total of 1,577 acre-feet will be rescheduled into 2020-2021. Wells are being started.
- ▶ Riparian / Schedule II is forecasted at 100% allocation based on Shasta Lake inflows.
- ▶ Kings River - Considering the dry forecast, our 2020-2021 entitlement is uncertain. The District is not accumulating water in its storage account at present. Tranquillity Irrigation District has noticed that they are going to exercise their rights under the Imported Water Agreement.
- ▶ Sustainable Groundwater Management Act - A community workshop aimed at informing residents on private wells and rural communities about the impacts of SGMA was held last evening in Easton with good turnout.

IV. WORKSHOP: MENDOTA POOL GROUP

Due to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lawsuit filed by James Irrigation District, members of the Mendota Pool Group opted not to participate in this workshop focusing on the 20-year Exchange Program with the USBR.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 10:10 a.m.

Attending:

Robert Motte, President
Micah Combs, Vice-President
Robert Barcellos, Director
Riley Chaney, Director

Staff:

Steven Stadler, General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer

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

A. CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT (CVP) REPAYMENT CONTRACT (06/11/2019)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: Steven Stadler, Scott K. Kuney, Esq., Alan F. Doud, Esq.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: Michael Jackson, P.E.

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of water supply contract

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

1 CASE

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

A. AS DEFENDANT: 3 CASES

1. NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, ET AL, V BERNHARDT, ET AL
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
Case No. 1:5-CV-01207LJO-GSA
2. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY VS. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT;
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00507
3. AMY BEZERA VS. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00572

B. AS PLAINTIFF: 2 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

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

Reconvened in Open Session at 10:41 a.m.

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VIII. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

No reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 10:42 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman, Executive Assistant

Robert Motte, President

Steven P. Stadler, P.E.
General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer