

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES June 23, 2022

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Manny Amorelli, General Manager
Kenneth Mancini, Superintendent

LANDOWNERS / GROWERS

None

EXCUSED

Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President

PUBLIC / CONSULTANTS

- PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP

Eric Abrahamsen, PE
Brian Ehlers, PE

ABSENT

None

LEGAL COUNSEL

- YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE, LLP / CLOSED

Alan F. Doud, Esq. (Zoom: 10:13 a.m.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT (“District”) was held Thursday, June 23, 2022, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by President, Riley Chaney. 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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ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:05 A.M.

Directors Attending:

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Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer

Robert Barcellos, Assessor-Collector

Micah Combs, Director

Staff Attending

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

Kenneth Mancini, Superintendent

Consultants:

- Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, Inc.

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Legal Counsel

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III. 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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IV. 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 land lease.

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: Marilyn Fay Briggs, Trustee, Daniel Briggs

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:19 A.M.

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V. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

No reportable actions were taken.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, M/S/C (R.MOTTE / R.BARCELLOS), to ADJOURN the meeting at 10:20 a.m., until the next Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 (R.Motte, R.Barcellos, M.Combs, R.Chaney)

EXCUSED: 1 (J.Hughes)

APPROVED BY:

Riley Chaney, President

Manny Amorelli, General Manager