

# JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

## MINUTES August 28, 2024

### ATTENDANCE

#### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Robert Motte, Vice-President  
Robert Barcellos  
Wm. Cory Carvalho  
Andrew Groppetti

#### EXCUSED

Riley Chaney, President

#### ABSENT

None

#### STAFF PRESENT

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

#### LEGAL COUNSEL

- YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE, LLP  
Alan F. Doud, Esq. (Zoom)  
Brett A. Stroud, Esq. (Zoom)
- BARTKIEWICZ KRONICK & SHANAHAN  
Ryan S. Bezerra, Esq.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT (“District”) was held Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Robert Motte, at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

### 2. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

### 3. 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.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public was not present.

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## ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:02 A.M.

### Directors Attending:

Robert Motte, Vice-President

Robert Barcellos, Director

Wm. Cory Carvalho, Director

Andrew Groppetti, Director

### Staff Attending

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

### Legal Counsel

• Young Wooldridge, LLP

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

a. SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF SUBDIVISION (D):

4 CASES

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

AS DEFENDANT: 3 CASES

a. 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

b. 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

c. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY V JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT Fresno

County Superior Court Case No. 24CECG03049 (08/13/2024)

AS PLAINTIFF: 2 CASES

d. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL V. JAMES VERBOON ET AL

Kings County Superior Court, Case No. 15 C0304

e. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV417565

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AS INTERVENOR: 1 CASE

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

## 7. 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, operations & maintenance.

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: MCMULLIN AREA GSA (06/22/2021)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee  
McMullin GSA: Matthew Hurley, General Manager

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

**RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:44 A.M.**

## 8. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION (Gov. Code 54957.1)

NO REPORTABLE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN during Closed Session.

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## 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, M/S/C (W.CARVALHO/A.GROPPETTI), to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:45 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:**           4 (W.Carvalho, A.Groppetti, R.Barcellos, R.Motte)

**APPROVED BY:**

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Robert Motte, Vice-President

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Manny Amorelli, General Manager