



Glenn Colusa Irrigation District February 24, 2020

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The **Glenn Colusa Irrigation District** held its monthly board of directors meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in Willows, CA. Board president **Donald Bransford** called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. The beginning of the meeting consisted of public comment, as the odd ball out in the room, I was asked to introduce myself as the new Water Wrights contributor in the area.

A quick approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was passed unanimously without amendment. General consent items followed, ranging from general fund payments to the current status of the operational fund that powers the irrigation district.

Reports from the staff highlighted the current projects that the district is undertaking to improve deliveries in the years to come. District Engineer **Zac Dickens** spoke on the multitude of projects. An item that stood out was a large scale pump project at mile post +/-64.09 on the main district canal. The district is currently laying irrigation line underneath of the canal to benefit users on both sides of the project.

Water Operations Superintendent **Jered Shipley** addressed the board on the current precipitation concerns that we all have. As of now the Northern California snowpack, specifically the Trinity region is at a dismal 58% of normal to date. The lack of snow will be concern but Lake Shasta at the top of the Central Valley Project is currently only 36 feet below its fill point of 1,067 feet from a very wet 2018-2019.

Representatives of Richardson and Company, LLP presented the districts audit to the board as well. The audit dove deep in the brass tax of district finances, something that explaining in a few short paragraphs would be much like giving a haircut over the phone. The presentation highlighted that the district was fully compliant and that no major action was needed to correct any missteps, because there weren't any.

Before the board dismissed the public to enter their closed session, it was announced that February 21st was a special day for the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District. The district was happy to celebrate their 100th anniversary and will continue to be good stewards of water for the years to come!



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From the GCID website: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) is dedicated to providing reliable, affordable water supplies to its landowners and water users, while ensuring the environmental and economic viability of the region. As the largest irrigation district in the Sacramento Valley, GCID has a long history of serving farmers and the agricultural community and maintaining critical wildlife habitat. The District fulfills its mission of efficiently and effectively managing and delivering water through an ever-improving delivery system and responsible policies, while maintaining a deep commitment to sustainable practices. Looking ahead, GCID will remain focused on continuing to deliver a reliable and sustainable water supply by positioning itself to respond proactively, strategically and responsibly to California's ever-changing water landscape.