



Glenn Colusa Irrigation District June 18, 2020

By Joshua Dowell

The **Glenn Colusa Irrigation District** held its monthly board of directors meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020 in via teleconference. Board President **Donald Bransford** called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and began the meeting with a public comment session. Formalities followed with authorization of payments out of the general and operations fund and the approval of the last meeting's minutes.

The maintenance report by staff was the first item on the agenda. Multiple drains were cleared out and several laterals were mowed to keep water moving and the team is in the process of fabricating new rakes for the district's backhoes. Next up Water Operations reported that the south side of the district is receiving as much water as possible that they can get. Currently the district is pumping 2,500 cubic feet per second to continue to meet demands.

Also, over 12,000 cubic feet of water is going to be released into the system to maintain balance. Notched weir boards are now okay to be used because of the upgraded allocation of 100% that the district received.

The board considered the next item, titled, *Consider Accepting Governmental Accounting Standards District's Retiree Health Care Liability; Review and Consider Adoption of Revised Retiree Health Insurance Funding Policy; Direct Staff to Contribute Funding During Fiscal Year 2019-20 to the Irrevocable Benefit Trust per Revised Policy*. Now that is a mouthful, but to put it in a gist, it was an improved set of benefits for the district's staff and operations. The board went ahead and postponed that matter for later consideration.

To round out the meeting, coming in just under an hour if you do not include closed session, a couple of reports were given. The treasurer's report was brief and a listing of the balances of district, some water sales have happened and the current financial standing of the district is similar to last year's June in light of COVID-19. The final report was on the Glenn Groundwater Authority which recently approved their budget for next fiscal year.



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Board – Donald Bransford-President, Peter Knight-Vice President, John Amaro, Logan Dennis & Blake Vann
Staff – Thaddeus Bettner-GM, Cynthia Davis-Personnel & Communications, Zac Dickens-District Engineer & Jered Shipley-Water Ops Sup
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