

**ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 13, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M. The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:30 am by President Norman Waldner. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Jerry Halford, Darren Hoff, and Tom Marshall. Others present were General Manager Chris M. Kapheim, Assistant General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Irma P. Faria, Engineer Jim Wegley and attorney and Lauren Layne.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS: It was M/S C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall to approve the Regular Board Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2016 Minutes as written.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT ON MEETINGS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST & KRWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Board Member Halford passed out a copy of the last meeting's minutes and the 2016 Kings River Handbook.

OLD BUSINESS:

Operations Report: Storage Report: No update.

Development Projects:

Avenue 416 Road Widening

Avenue 416 Road Widening County of Tulare (Road 56 to Road 80, #9922): The contractor is finishing the connecting pipe on the Caesar pipeline as scheduled. District forces will complete the remaining structures and install SCADA. Timing is critical at this location. It was noted the contractor failed to control dust after water run in the construction easement area; however, it is Tulare County's responsibility to provide dust control in such area.

(9914) There was leakage in two locations on the city's portion of the 416 improvements. The city and the contractor have been notified and asked to mitigate the damage. The integrity of the pipeline must be kept intact. There are sufficient funds in escrow to cover the added costs.

Avenue 416 Road Widening County of Tulare (Road 56 to Road 80 #9923): The contractor will start the project in January; the agreements are signed, escrow is funded.

City of Reedley:

Reedley Pond (Floral and Reed) #9917: No update.

East Reedley Medical Building #7035: Issues with the project are being addressed; all parties are in agreement and the issues should be resolved in the next few weeks.

Tierra Vista (Smith Mt. Ditch #9916): The developer's contractor has been removed from the project for nonperformance. The District laid the remaining pipeline. Once this project is completed, District forces will move to the Traver Headgate project.

Mt. Campbell Pipeline (CALTRANS): No update.

Tulare County Projects / Sontag Flood Control Project (Avenue 384) #9927: The County is working on the facility. The completed project will redirect storm water in the Seville area.

Dinuba Public Schools Mitigation Agreement #9932: The District met with the Dinuba School District's special consultant and the city's engineer to discuss impacts on the proposed school site. Escrow has closed on the site prior to conducting a formal review of AID's impacts. School districts have independent authority, but are also dependent on the current bond measurement for construction funding. Regardless, a change from ag to urban requires mitigation of AID's impacts, i.e., open canal, unreinforced pipeline and culvert.

Culverts and Bridges Update:

Tulare County Projects: No update.

Traver Bridge #9926: No update.

Fresno County Projects: No update, the bridges are in the planning stages, construction is three to four years out.

Traver Bridge (Parlier) #9928: No update.

Traver Bridge (Lincoln) #9929: No update.

Reedley Main (Englehart) #9930: No update.

Main Canal (Frankwood): No update.

Encroachments: No update.

State Legislation/Regulation Update:

ACWA Legislative Committee: The committee will meet next week to discuss next year's bills.

VAWC (Valley Ag Water Coalition): The next meeting will take place in Anaheim at the Fall ACWA Convention. The coalition has over thirty members representing the southern San Joaquin Valley's voice in legislative issues. Bob Reeb is the principle lobbyist.

KRWA Legislative Committee: No update.

Federal Legislation: Water of the United States (WOTUS): No update.

Water Management:

Water Banking Monthly Report: The Monthly Water Banking Monthly Report was reviewed and made an addendum to these minutes. **(INSERT)**

Cutler-Orosi Surface Water Project Update: The State Board pressed the importance of reaching a final compromise to stay on schedule. A final meeting is scheduled for 11/7/2016. Sultana has agreed to accept a boundary change consolidating with Monson to address issues of mutual concern.

Legal Issues: The board ask about risk related to the contamination of surface water to drinking water in Fresno. Consulting Engineer Jim Wegley assured the board that Fresno's issues were more a result of Fresno not taking the necessary steps for water quality and assured the Board that other communities have addressed surface water quality impacts. The District will need to limit liability in its contract with the agencies through indemnification; the District will be an independent contractor, not the owner of the facility.

Governance, communication and community outreach: The JPA needs to be finalized before the remaining studies and permits can be completed; prior to the funding for construction.

Ownership and coordination of water resources: Once the Agency is formed, coordination efforts will be addressed. The initial engineering study targeted Alta Irrigation District to operate the plant.

NTC Surface Water Engineering Study: Not until the agency is functioning, can the remaining sections of the report be finalized. There remains another \$270,000 in the original grant to cover the remaining engineering studies.

AID Ag Water Management Plan: The State issued an executive order for urban and ag to make changes to address new issues. They have set their position and are proposing four ways to evaluate efficiency under a one size fits all solution.

Groundwater Sustainability Implementation: Numerous meetings between landowners and

adjacent GSA's are in progress.

Kings River East GSA: The Kings River East GSA did not meet last month. The General Manager and Assistant General Manager have been meeting one-on-one with larger growers and dairymen to make sure they understand what is at issue and what the next steps are. The new Board will have the full authority to make the basin sustainable and monitor pumping. An open meeting with agriculture is scheduled for November 2, 2016. Tulare Farm Bureau is coordinating the meeting.

Kings River East GSA Legislation: No update.

Kings Basin Coordination: The individual Kings River Basin GSA's are in the process of hiring a coordinator and have been meeting these last 30 days. This would be a three year contract with an outside person that has the technical ability to coordinate the six GSA's in the Kings Basin to meet the State's requirements.

Water Quality Coalition:

Nitrate isotope testing: The study should be getting more attention in the next four months. Additional testing will be scheduled in the near future.

AID Arch-type, CV Salts: Nothing new to report.

Personnel Matters: Closed Session with labor negotiator – labor negotiations, Government Code 54957.6(a). Negotiators: Chris M. Kapheim and Chad Wegley; Union: IUOE Stationary Local 39. The Board went into closed session per Government Code Section 54957.6(a) Negotiations and reconvened into open session with no action taken in closed session.

Delta Lands LOU: The negotiations are proceeding forward.

FID Request for Cobbles: Fresno Irrigation District has reduced the quantity of cobbles it originally requested. They are not wanting to enter into a signed agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

ITRC Statement of Work: ITRC has submitted a time and material contract for reviewing measurement at the Main Channel. It is planned to integrate with KRWA's SCADA Network. IRT is the best independent authority on measurement. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Hoff/Astiasuain** to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement.

Flush Water (Filtering station) Disposal Policy: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Brandt** to approve the Flush Water Disposal Policy. **(INSERT)**

MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT: The Manager's Monthly Report was read and made an

addendum to these minutes. (INSERT)

CLAIMS AND REPORT: Damage to Dinuba Town Pipeline (City of Dinuba): No update.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of September 3, 2016 there is a projected \$958,724.18 in the Treasurer's General Fund plus \$69,638.84 in A/R, Inventory and Deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$1,000,000.00 leaving a projected \$28,363.02 in operational reserves for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2016. As of 9/30/2016 there was \$556,928.93 in LAIF with interest at .58%.
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WARRANTS: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Brandt** to approve the September 2016 Warrants in the Amount of \$183,689.05. (INSERT)

COLLECTOR REPORT: The Collector's Report was signed and made an addendum to these minutes. (INSERT)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled board meeting on November 10, 2016.

Sincerely,

Chris M. Kapheim
General Manager and Secretary to the Board

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