

**ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 10, 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, Jack Brandt, Jerry Halford, Darren Hoff, John Kalender and Tom Marshall. Others present were General Manager Chris M. Kapheim, Assistant General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Irma P. Faria, Engineer Jim Wegley and Attorneys Doug Jensen and Lauren Layne.

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS:** It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Brandt** to approve the Regular Board Meeting Thursday, October 13, 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 agenda and last meeting's minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Operations Report:**

**Storage Report:** The latest storms increased AID storage. TPC flows have been paid back. November and December storms can improve the snow pack.

**Development Projects:**

**Avenue 416 Road Widening**

**\*Avenue 416 Road Widening City of Dinuba (#9914):** The leakage on the City's portion of the project remains unaddressed. We have called a meeting with the City and contractor to address the issue. There are sufficient funds in Escrow to cover the added costs.

**\*Avenue 416 Road Widening City of Dinuba (#9922):** The project is on schedule for completion before Thanksgiving break.

**\*Avenue 416 Road Widening County of Tulare (#9923):** The County is scheduled to start construction in January of next year.

## **City of Reedley:**

**Reedley Pond (Floral and Reed) (#9917):** The City is developing a revised conceptual drawing for the project; the mortuary will start construction in 2017. Both projects will share a common road way and both developers will need to enter into a development and /or escrow agreements prior to construction.

**\* East Reedley Medical Building (#7035):** The pipe will be delivered next week; once installed a final review will take place prior to closing the project.

**\*Tierra Vista (Smith Mt. Ditch (#9916):** The structure was formed and poured with concrete prior to the rain event. It was a difficult structure to build; there was no easy way to get the forms out of the entry porthole. The project will be finished in November.

**\*Mt. Campbell Pipeline (CALTRANS 7025):** No update.

## **Tulare County Projects:**

**\* Sontag Flood Control Project (Avenue 384) (#9927):** The County has completed the project. There are two entry points that can take flood storm water from our ditch into a designated storm water basin. This project will minimize flooding and protect our structure.

## **Culverts and Bridges Update:**

**Traver Bridge #9926:** The agreements and funding are in place. The remaining four bridges are still under review and not scheduled yet.

**Traver Bridge (Parlier) #9928:** No update.

**Traver Bridge (Lincoln) #9929:** No update.

**Reedley Main (Englehart) #9930:** No update.

**Main Canal (Frankwood): #7029** No update.

## **Encroachments:**

**Smith Mountain Ditch/Sunshine Agriculture (#7042):** It as **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Brandt** to authorize the president and secretary's signature on the encroachment agreement. **(INSERT 12 A)**

## **State Legislation/Regulation Update:**

**ACWA Legislative Committee:** No update.

**VAWC (Valley Ag Water Coalition):** The committee will meet at the ACWA convention in Anaheim.

**KRWA Legislative Committee:** No update.

**Federal Legislation:**

**Water of the United States (WOTUS):** Congress goes back into session in January. The Republican's have control of the House and Senate, including the Presidency.

**Water Management:**

**Water Banking Monthly Report:** No update.

**Cutler-Orosi Surface Water Project Update:**

**Legal Issues:** All the agencies and their attorneys met here in the boardroom on Monday. They managed to work out all the remaining issues of the agreement. They will meet again on the 28<sup>th</sup> for a final review before going to the County with a fully executed agreement to form the Drinking Water Authority. Alta will not be a signatory on the agreement. The State will use this collective process as a template for areas with similar circumstances.

**Governance, Communication and Community outreach:** Once the formal board meets, it will decide on how to allocate the operational and maintenance costs among all the different entities or consider it one Authority and share the costs evenly. Costs are expected to increase by \$30 - \$40 a month per household.

**Ownership and coordination of water resources:** The JPA, upon being formally initiated, will be required to authorize the completion of the remaining engineering studies prior to financing the project.

**NTC Surface Water Engineering Study:** The State Board will fund technical, managerial and feasibility (TMF) costs.

**Groundwater Sustainability Implementation:**

**Selection of AID Board Member and Alternate Kings River East GSA:** It was M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Astiasuain to appoint Jack Brandt as the GSA AID Board Member and John Kalender as the alternate.

**Kings Basin Coordination:** The lead persons for each of the Kings Basins GSAs are meeting to clarify data coordination and budgetary costs to coordinate the basin.

**Water Quality Coalition:**

**Nitrate Isotope Testing:** The report is finally being circulated. The isotope study provides good background information regarding the source and age of nitrogen in groundwater.

**AID Arch-type, CV Salts:** This study provides for alternate solutions to address drinking water issues. Agriculture needs to be a part of the discussion to address non-point source contamination and alternate solutions.

**Delta Lands Pumping Request:** Attorney, Lauren Layne, will amend the previous agreement and continue to work on the CEQA. No action taken.

**Traver Stormwater Agreement (City of Dinuba):** The City of Dinuba has paid the \$3,500 fee for the 10 year agreement. It is the same format used in the Smith Mountain Agreement. Storm water is held in the city's basin temporarily, before being diverted into the Traver and flows into the District's banking projects. It was **M/S/ Unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender** to authorize the General Manager to sign the Storm Water Agreement. (INSERT 14A)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Updating of CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS PERTAINING TO URBAN TYPE LAND DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC ROADWAY PROJECTS:** No update. No action taken.

**Notice of AID Division 6 Board Vacancy:** Daren Hoff, Division 6 Board Member gave his letter of resignation. He is moving out of his division and out of the district. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Brandt** to accept his resignation and authorize staff to start the process to fill the vacancy. The County will be notified; the vacancy will be publicized and interested candidates will need to submit an application. All within 60 days of notifying the County. (INSERT 14B)

**Chris M. Kapheim Retirement Resolution:** It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Marshall** to adopt a resolution recognizing the General Manager, Chris Kapheim's 33 years of service. (INSERT 14C)

**Administrative Change With Bank of the West (Adding Chad Wegley to Sign Checks):** It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Hoff** to add Assistant General Manager, Chad Wegley's signature to the checking accounts with Bank of the West. The authorized signors are President Normal Waldner, Vice President Tom Marshall, General Manager Chris M. Kapheim, Assistant General Manager Chad Wegley and Treasurer/Controller Irma P. Faria.

**MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT:** The Manager's Report was read and made an addendum to these minutes. (INSERT 14 D)

**CLAIMS AND REPORT:** No update.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of October 31, 2016 there is a projected \$741,251.76 in the Treasurer's General Fund plus \$71,608.01 in A/R, Inventory, and Deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$1,016,000.00; leaving a projected negative (\$203,140.23) in operational reserves for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2017.

**WARRANTS/** It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain** to approve the October 2016 warrants in the amount of \$95,145.85. **(INSERT 15A)**

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Collector's Report was signed and made an addendum to these minutes. **(INSERT 15B)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled board meeting on December 8, 2016.

Sincerely,

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Chris M. Kapheim  
General Manager and Secretary to the Board

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