

**ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 8, 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, 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.

Board Officer Reorganization:

President Norman handed over control of the meeting to Vice President Tom Marshall, who then called for nominations for President. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain** to appoint Norman Waldner as President. President Waldner took control of the meeting.

It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Brandt** to appoint Tom Marshall as Vice President.

It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall** to appoint General Manager Chad Wegley as Secretary to the Board.

Committee Reorganization (Primary and Alternate):

KRWA Executive Board: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Brandt** to appoint Jerry Halford to the KRWA Executive Board.

SSVWQC Representative: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain** to appoint Norman Waldner as representative to the SSVWQC and General Manager Chad Wegley as alternate.

Kings Basin JPA Representative: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Kalender/Astiasuain** to appoint President Norman Waldner as representative to the Kings Basin JPA and General Manager Chad Wegley as alternate.

ACWA/JPIA Representative: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender** to appoint President Norman Waldner as representative to the ACWA/JPIA and General Manager Chad Wegley as alternate.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGU: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Brandt** to approve the Regular Board Meeting Thursday November 10, 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: KRWA Representative Halford mentioned the cloud seeding will start on 11/15/2016 and continue to 3/21/2017. He reviewed a PGE power generation forecast for this coming year. The Water Rights Fees are projected to increase by 4.2% this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Operations Report:

Storage Report: The General Manager reported that there was approximately 25,000 acre-feet of water in storage behind Pine Flat dam; this will allow for water run in 2017.

Development Projects:

Avenue 416 Road Widening

***Avenue 416 Road Widening City of Dinuba (#9914):**— A meeting was called by AID with the City of Dinuba (Dinuba) and Papich, the contractor, to address two leaks undermining the road. Dinuba is the responsible party and did not address those leaks prior to paving the road; Dinuba is reluctant to issue another change order given the current list of outstanding items. An old gas line running down Ave 416 was not in the original plans and its relocation will lead to delays. Papich admitted to not sealing the pipe from the inside, per the plans. Now they need to create an entry point to correct the leak. AID is requiring the correction to be certified by the manufacturer. Both parties have agreed to keep the AID project separate and to resolve the issue, estimated at \$25,000. AID will continue to hold funds in escrow until the leaks are fixed.

City of Reedley:

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

East Reedley Medical Building (Amu #7035): The project has been completed, the final walk thru went well.

Fresno County: – no update.

Tulare County:

***Avenue 416 Road Widening County of Tulare (#9923):** The escrow account has been funded, the plans have been signed and the contractor has been given the notice to proceed. Winter flood waters should not be a problem at this location.

Mt. Campbell Pipeline (CALTRANS #7025): no update.

Alta Irrigation District:

***Avenue 416 Road Widening County of Tulare (#9922):** We are working on the Caesar and preparing to order the manufactured automatic gate with SCADA. It will be one of the largest boxes our forces have built. The contractor will take out and demolish the old pipeline.

***Avenue 416 Road Widening City of Dinuba (#9889a):** The City of Dinuba contracted with AID to build a couple of structures along Ave 416. The work is just about completed.

***Tierra Vista (Smith Mt. Ditch # 9916):** The Developer contracted with AID to complete the structure and the work has been completed. The rented fence will be removed next week. There is a grading

differential, left by the original contractor, so the City will need to address at the intersection. The hydraulic design was not a long-term solution to resolving flow restrictions created by the varying pipe diameters under the existing roadway.

Culverts and Bridges Update:

Fresno County:

Reedley Main (Englehart #9930): The District has agreed to existing specs on two bridges where the County of Fresno is unable to make improvements.

Main Canal (Frankwood #7029): The County of Fresno's plans for a new crossing at Frankwood are under review. The new bridge impacts our flume.

Tulare County:

Traver Bridge (#9926): The agreements have been approved and signed. The County is ready to proceed with the new bridge.

Traver Bridge (Parlier #992): No update.

Traver Bridge (Lincoln #9929): No update.

Encroachments:

McClanahan Ditch/Balakian (#7040): It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Marshall** to authorize the President and Secretary's signature on the standard encroachment agreement connecting two parcels owned by the same landowner. **INSERT 18A**

Clough Ditch/David and Alice TeVelde (#7043): It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Marshall** to authorize the President and Secretary's signature on the standard encroachment agreement connecting two parcels owned by the same landowner. **INSERT 18B**

State Legislation/Regulation Update:

ACWA Legislative Committee: Attorney Jensen reported the legislation was back in session. A lot is at stake with the democratic majority and state tied to Federal funding.

VAWC (Valley Ag Water Coalition): The committee met in Anaheim at the fall convention. The membership continues to grow. Bob Reeb's contract was continued. The new board is being seated and the motion to replace retiring Chris Kapheim's seat with incoming General Manager Chad Wegley is under review. The Kings Basin west side are working out the details for SIGMA compliance.

KRWA Legislative Committee: No update.

Federal Legislation: Attorney Doug Jensen met with Federal lobbyist. WOTUS will most likely be pushed back. They are expecting big changes, but not nearly as aggressive as previously discussed. It was mentioned CAL-EPA issued a change in regulations regarding a ban on spraying ¼ mile from a school. It was noted the actual regulation required a landowner to notify the school administration, but it was the administration's discretion to make the information public.

Water Management:

Water Banking Monthly Report: No update.

Cutler- Orosi Surface Water Project Update:

Legal Issues: No update.

Governance, Communication and Community: The initial polling did not get a fair sampling. We will continue to work with the Sultana Attorney to work out the agreement. The map was finalized with limited impacts to agriculture. It has taken more than a year to achieve the communities to agree and form the JPA. Once formalized, the remaining engineering studies can be completed within the next 12-18 months. The new board will determine the preferred option for operating the plant.

Land Ownership and Coordination of Water Resources: The State Board supports a purchase agreement for the site project. Tulare County will develop the agreement. The landowner is interested in keeping the marginal areas to maintain continuous access to an adjacent parcel. The site map will need to be redesigned. Once the project site is agreed to, an appraisal based on FMV will determine the initial budgeted purchase price, which can be re-evaluate prior to the actual purchase two years from now. The next meeting with the landowner will include Tulare County Supervisor Steven Worthley, who will take over the negotiations from that point forward. No action taken.

NTC Surface Water Engineering Study: No update.

Groundwater Sustainability Implementation:

Selection of Kings River East GSA Board Members: The sitting members of the Drinking Water Districts met Monday, January 10, 2017 to appoint the Kings River East GSA board member. Freddy Ruvalcaba will be the Drinking Water District's representative, with Mike Prado as the alternate. In two weeks, the Irrigation Districts will meet to determine how they will be represented. The application for the Agricultural Director will be circulated.

Kings Basin Coordination: The group met yesterday. The Kings River Conservation District did not have sufficient support, Provost and Prichard will head the coordination efforts. It has been estimated the hydrological conceptual model will cost \$366,000. The GSA's are interested in splitting the cost equally among the six GSAs in the Kings Basin. The Kings River East GSA has hired their own hydrological consultant and is not interested in paying for two models.

Discussion was held on, which of the four tasks need to be cost shared and which should be picked up by individual GSA's. The Kings River East GSA is far ahead of the other Kings Basing GSA's and as such, has already addressed tasks 2, 3 and 4. Our issues are different from the rest of the basin. Hopefully by 2018 we can create our own basin. The State will be invited to the coordinating meetings, to ensure we are meeting the States' plan. The groundwater and surface water connection calls for a level of education.

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Documents: The GSP is due to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on or before 1/31/2020, which mean an internal draft should be completed by April or May 2019. North Kings GSA is anticipated to file its notice with DWR January 2017, CID will file February

2017, with the McMullin Group filing March 2017. North Fork Kings is a special act district and will as a groundwater sustainability agency with DWR sometime in the first quarter of 2017.

AID continues to serve, on an interim basis, as the lead agency for the Kings River East GSA. In January or February 2017, AID will submit a proposal to the GSA to manage and serve as the lead agency for the next three years. The contract will limit AID's liability and ensure the District is reimbursed for costs.

Water Quality Coalition:

Nitrate Isotope Testing: KRCD has been slow to disseminate information.

AID Arch-type, CV Salts: No update.

Personnel Matters:

Closed Session meeting with labor negotiators – labor negotiations: The board went into closed session per Government Code 54957.6(a) and reconvened into open session and reported on action taken in closed session. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Brandt** to accept the contract as negotiated by General Manager Chris Kapheim subject to the union's acceptance of same and to authorize signature by the President and Secretary.

Set Salary for Chad Wegley, incoming (12/26/2016) General Manager: Chris Kapheim will retire on 12/25/2016. Effective 12/26/2016, Chad Wegley will be the General Manager for Alta Irrigation District. Upon Mr. Wegley's hire in May, it was agreed upon to revisit his salary in December. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Brandt** to set the Mr. Wegley's salary equal to Mr. Kapheim's current salary. It was noted the rate was lower than the average for other districts in the area.

Procedure to Fill AID Board Seat Vacancy:

Division #6: No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Updating of CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS PERTAINING TO URBAN TYPE LAND DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC ROADWAY PROJECTS POLICY: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Astiasuain** to adopt the revised construction standards to address confined space and submittals. **INSERT 20A**

Updating of CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE POLICY: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender** to approve the updated Conflict of Interest Code to include the position of Assistant General Manager. **INSERT 20B**

Updating ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT POLICY: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Kalender** to update the encroachment policy to address situations where additional parcels within one agreement triggered additional title search costs. **INSERT 20C**

CEQA Notice of Exemption for Replacement Water Transfer Agreement: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Kalender** to adopt a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under CEQA regarding the agreement and the amendment and to authorize Secretary's signature and to file the NOE with Counties of Fresno and Tulare. **INSERT 20D**

Corcoran Irrigation Company Replacement Water Transfer: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Kalender** to authorize the President and Secretary's signature on the Replacement Water Transfer. **INSERT 21A**

Amendment to Delta Lands Encroachment and Operations Agreement: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Kalender** to amend to Delta Lands Encroachment and Operations Agreement to include provisions for the District to access existing meters and install SCADA, and to authorize the President and Secretary's signature on the Amendment #1 to the encroachment and operations agreement. **INSERT 21B**

The Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was read and included as an addendum to these minutes. **INSERT 21C**

Claims and Report:

Potential Tree Damage to a Carport at 104 N Frankwood Ave., Sanger: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender** to authorize the payment of \$1,800 to the claimant in return for a signed release to the District and to file for reimbursement from JPIA. **INSERT 21D**

Treasurer's Report: As of November 31, 2016 there is a projected \$749,172 in the Treasurer's General Fund plus \$167,834 in A/R, Inventory and Deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$1,016,000 leaving a projected negative \$98,992 in operating reserves for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2017. **LAIF information.**

Warrants: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Brandt** to approve the November 2016 warrants in the amount of \$97,918.55 **INSERT 21E**

Collector's Report: The Collector's Report was signed and made an addendum to these minutes. **INSERT 21F**

Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled board meeting on January 12, 2017.

Sincerely,

Chad Wegley

General Manager and Secretary to the Board

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