

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Roll Call – The Special Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Norman Waldner. Members present were Jack Brandt, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, Tom Marshall and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad B. Wegley, Controller Irma P Faria, Engineer Jim Wegley and Attorney Lauren Layne.
- 1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – None.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

## 3. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA – None.

## 4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – ACTION

- 4.1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(1) – Board of Directors will confer with counsel regarding Kings River Water Association, et al. v. James Verboon, et al.
- 4.2. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) – Board of Directors will confer with counsel on potential litigation arising out of claims by third parties to water rights on the Kings River.

## 5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – ACTION

- 5.1. Announcement(s) from Closed Session. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/ Marshall** to reconvene to open session. No action taken on either issue in closed session.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

## 7. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

- 7.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee – Director Halford gave a short review of KRWA activity and explained that copies of minutes from the most recent meeting are available for review at the District office.;
- 7.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

## 8. WATER MANAGEMENT – INFORMATIONAL

- 8.1. Pine Flat Storage Report – General Manager provided a brief explanation about information contained in the latest flood control diagram from KRWA for Pine Flat. As of May 1, there was approximately 625,000 acre-feet in Pine Flat. Given the current combination of impounded water and snow-melt forecast, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will require KRWA to remain in flood release operations until mid-June.
- 8.2. Precipitation Summary – Precipitation for the month of April was recorded at 1.67 inches. Year to date (Jan to April) precipitation is 12.07 inches.

- 8.3. Monthly Headgate Diversions – District diverting about 650 cfs from the Kings River with peak diversion expected to reach about 700 to 800 cfs in mid-July. During an average water year, peak diversion will reach about 700 cfs; however, with water available to groundwater only land it is not unreasonable to expect a significantly larger flow.
- 8.4. March 2017 Groundwater Level Measurements – No update; discussed at the April Board meeting.
- 8.5. Monthly Water Banking Report – The General Manager reported the installation of the Caesar headgate structure required diverting water away from the Caesar, resulting in less water flowing into the ponds and to the southern end of the District. There was 224 acre-feet recharged in the Harder Pond Bank and 241 acre-feet recharged into the Traver Pond Bank. The Monthly Water Banking Report was reviewed and made an addendum to these minutes. (INSERT )

## 9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL – ACTION

- 9.1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2017. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Kalender** to approve the minutes as written.
- 9.2. Claims. No update
- 9.3. Warrants. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall** to approve payment of the April 2017 warrants in the amount of \$125,813.66. (INSERT)
- 9.4. Collector’s Report. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall** approve the Collector’s Report and made an addendum to these minutes. (INSERT)
- 9.5. Treasurer’s Report. As of 4/30/2017, there is a projected \$755,833.02 in the Treasurer’s General Fund plus \$153,393.23 in A/R, Inventory and Deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$891,000.00 leaving a projected \$18,225.35 in operational reserves for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2017. As of 4/30/2017, there was \$1,283,248.17 in LAIF with interest at 0.88%. (INSERT)

## 10. CURRENT PROJECTS – REVIEW AND CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 10.1. Avenue 416 Widening (City of Dinuba, Rd 56 to Rd 80; 9914 & 9889a). No update on status of District facilities impacted by this road project.
- 10.2. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). No update on status of automation for Caesar headgate.
- 10.3. Reedley Pond (Floral and Reed; 9917). No update on development status of a 13-acre parcel within the city of Reedley, adjacent to the East Reedley Ditch.
- 10.4. Mt. Campbell Pipeline (Caltrans; 7025). Caltrans advertised bids on December 27, 2016 and awarded that contract on April 4, 2017 all without having any closure on mitigating impacts

- to the District. Lower bidder submitted a winning bid slightly greater than \$52.6 million. The General Manager submitted a letter to Caltrans identifying issues on the project must be resolved prior to the District signing off on project plan. District originally learned about this project in 2013 and then it went dormant about sixteen months later; Caltrans This project originally surfaced in 2013 and quickly went dormant until now.
- 10.5. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Crossing (Traver; 9926). No update on the status of SoCal Gas installing a new gas line across Traver Canal.
  - 10.6. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update on the status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing.
  - 10.7. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update on the status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing.
  - 10.8. Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). No update on the status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing.
  - 10.9. Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). No update on the status of a Fresno County project to construct a new bridge across the Alta Main.
  - 10.10. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Buron; 9932). The General Manager provided an update about irrigation facilities impacted by development of a 77-acre parcel into a new school and submitted a response to a Notice of Preparation issued by the school district as part of the environmental impact report kickoff. .
  - 10.11. Manning Bridge (Traver; 9933). There was no update on the status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing.
  - 10.12. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House). There was no update on a request from COJPUD to discharge storm water runoff from a proposed sports complex and other infrastructure improvements to Orosi High School's football stadium into a nearby ditch.
  - 10.13. Jack Ditch Encroachment (Peters; 7036). There was no update about proposed encroachment.
  - 10.14. Caesar Encroachment (Paulsen Trust; 7047). No update.
  - 10.15. Cutler-Orosi Surface Water Treatment Plant (8875). Tulare County received an extension to finalize the joint powers authority. At issue is the state mandating an additional, duplicate study for groundwater treatment. No update on acquiring the land for the SWTP.
  - 10.16. Kings River East GSA. The Kings River East GSA is expected to take action on an advisory committee to the KREGSA Board, which will include representation of many different interests within the GSA.

## 11. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – TAKE ACTION

- 11.1. Water Run. The farmer’s demands are being met under the 3 days per 20 acre allocation. The General Manager will reassess the allocation formula when the river comes out of flood releases.

Note: Director Jack Brandt left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

- 11.2. Collections – Fresno County. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Tout/Marshall** to adopt a resolution stating the powers of an irrigation district to fix and collect charges and placement of charges for parcels over 5 acres with 3 or more years delinquent assessment on the 2017-18 year Fresno County tax roll.

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- 11.3. Collections – Tulare County. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Tout/Marshall** to adopt a resolution stating the powers of an irrigation district to fix and collect charges and placement of charges for parcels 5 acres or less and parcels over 5 acres with 3 or more years delinquent assessment on the 2017-18 year Tulare County tax roll.

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- 11.4. Collections – Compliance Certificate and Hold Harmless Statement. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Tout/Marshall** to signature on the Compliance Certificate and Hold Harmless Statement for the purpose of adding District assessments onto the county’s roll.

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## 12. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S) – CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 12.1. AID Arch-type, CV-SALTS – No update.
- 12.2. ACWA Legislative Committee – Attorney Lane reported the main point of contention was these two bills; AB1667 which seeks to additionally require the agricultural water management plan to quantify efficiency, include an annual water budget, and a drought plan; and AB313 which seeks establish a Water Rights Division within the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 12.3. Valley Ag Water Coalition (VAWC) - Reeb is working on AB1667 language.
- 12.4. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Legislative Committee – No change in bills. Friday is the last day to get a bill through committee.
- 12.5. Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS) – Attorney Lane reported Waters of the United States are being amended.
- 12.6. Governor Brown Issues Executive Order B-40-17 – No update.
- 12.7. Manager’s Report –Orange Cove Irrigation District has a contract with PG&E that expires in 2020 and is looking for more flexibility in operating the small power plant. OCID

offered the District an opportunity to share in the plant's operations but the General Manager mentioned that more information was needed about proposed action before a recommendation would be made to the Board. The Kings River is in the process of renewing its FERC license, at a budget of \$10 - \$15 million, over a period of 8 years.

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)** – No update.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until the next scheduled regular board meeting on June 8, 2017 at 9:30.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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