

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0800

**Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M.**

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Normal Waldner. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Jack Brant, 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 Attorneys Doug Jensen and 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 for possible action 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 for possible action on potential litigation arising out of claims by third parties to water rights on the Kings River. (1 case)

4.3. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) – Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action on potential litigation arising out of claim(s) by landowner(s) from seepage from District canals. (1 case)

**5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – ACTION**

5.1. Announcement(s) from Closed Session. The Board reconvened into open session with no reportable action taken in closed session.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**7. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

7.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee – Director Halford gave a brief review of KRWA activity and explained that copies of minutes from the most recent meeting are available for review at the District office. He handed out a report with statistical data on previous water runs and correspondence between North Fork and KRWA.

7.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

## 8. WATER MANAGEMENT – REVIEW AND CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 8.1. Pine Flat Storage Report – Pine Flat dam is close to 925,000 acre-feet capacity; the Upper Kings River Units are at nearly 6,641 acre-feet cumulative total of allowable storage.
- 8.2. Precipitation Summary – There was no precipitation for the month of July. The cumulative total for April – July was 1.95 inches while the same period last year was 1.29 inches.
- 8.3. Monthly Headgate Diversions – Demand is starting to gradually decline.
- 8.4. Monthly Water Banking Report - Pumping at the banking sites is down. The two seepage sites have collectively recaptured approximately 537 acre-feet of water. The Water Banking Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. **(INSERT)**
- 8.5. Water Run Update - The General Manager projected the end of water run on 9/30/2017 with approximately 50,000 acre-feet in carry over storage. He anticipates selling water while there is a market for water, with the plan to develop recharge basins to improve the water balance for the District as a whole.

## 9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL – ACTION

- 9.1. Board Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2017. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Astiasuain** to approve the minute as written.
- 9.2. Claims – None.
- 9.3. Budget – Do to staffing issues, the budget, year-end projections and capital budget will be reviewed next month. No action.
- 9.4. Warrants – It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall** to approve the payment of the July 2017 warrant in the amount of \$103,354.92. **(INSERT)**
- 9.5. Collector's Report. The Collector's Report was reviewed and made an addendum to these minutes. **(INSERT)**
- 9.6. Treasurer's Report. As of 7/31/2017 the Treasurer's General Fund Balance was \$686,208 plus \$257,194 in A/R, inventory and deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$891,000 leaving a projected balance in operational reserves of \$54,403 for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2017. As of 7/31/2017 the LAIF account balance was \$796,247 earning interest at a rate of 1.05% **(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). Discuss for possible action impacts to District facilities from this road project. No update.

- 10.2. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). Discuss for possible action automation for Caesar headgate. No update.
- 10.3. Reedley Pond (Floral and Reed; 9917). Discuss for possible action impacts to District facilities from the development of a 13-acre parcel within the city of Reedley, adjacent to the East Reedley Ditch. No update.
- 10.4. Mt. Campbell Pipeline (Caltrans; 7025). The General Manager discussed possible impacts to District facilities from the expansion of Highway 180 and will meet with Caltrans on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month. In the meantime, Caltrans does not have the right to encroach on district facilities.
- 10.5. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). Discuss for possible action status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing. No update.
- 10.6. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). Discuss for possible action status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing. No update.
- 10.7. Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). Discuss for possible action status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing. No update.
- 10.8. Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). The General Manager discussed the possibility of environmental issues on the Fresno County project to construct a new bridge across the Alta Main.
- 10.9. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). The General Manager met with school personnel and discussed the project regarding irrigation facilities impacted by development of a 77-acre parcel into a new school and the \$10,000 deposit for preliminary work to provide an engineering review and determination of required improvements.
- 10.10. Manning Bridge (Traver; 9933). Discuss for possible action status of a Fresno County project to replace an existing bridge crossing. No update.
- 10.11. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House). Discuss for possible action 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. No update.
- 10.12. Jack Ditch Encroachment (Peters; 7036). Provide update for possible action about proposed encroachment. No update.
- 10.13. Cutler-Orosi Surface Water Treatment Plant (8875). Provide update for possible action regarding 1) developing a joint powers authority, 2) acquiring land for the SWTP, and 3) participating in outreach efforts. No update.
- 10.14. Kings River East GSA. The General Manager informed the board the initial Advisory Meeting was scheduled for Wed 8/16/17 for 3:30 p.m. at the District office. The Prop 26 consultant continues to work on the fee schedule.

## 11. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – TAKE ACTION

- 11.1. Surplus Water Sale – Lakeside Irrigation Water District. The General Manager discussed the possibility for the sale of surplus water to Lakeside Irrigation Water District; the water would stay inside the Kings River Service Area. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford /Marshall** to have legal counsel draft an agreement to sell 5,000 acre-feet at \$50 per acre-foot, request KRWA to circulate a 15-day notice of sale, and to make the finding that the water sale is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), since it is a temporary transfer. **(INSERT)**
- 11.2. Surplus Water Sale – Curtz Holmes. The General Manager discussed the possibility for the sale of surplus water from the District’s banked water supply to a landowner on the east boundary, off the Alta Main, outside of the Kings River Service Area. The landowner is currently pumping sub-flow from the District. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall** to have legal counsel draft an agreement to sell surplus banked water at \$200 an acre-foot and to make the finding that the water sale is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), since it is a temporary transfer.
- 11.3. Waiver of Conflict of Interest. Attorney Doug Jensen informed the board that his firm has represented a landowner in Semi Tropic with regards to a particular easement agreement. This places him in a conflict of interest with the District. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Astiasuain** to authorize the District’s President to sign consent to waive a conflict of interest and to represent the District with respect to the District’s Application filed with the State Water Resources Control Board for a permit and license to divert water from the Kings River. **(INSERT)**

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

- 12.1. AID Arch-type, CV-SALTS – No update.
- 12.2. ACWA Legislative Committee – Attorney Layne reported the State is out of session until September 23, 2017. Regarding SB623, Ag has expressed a willingness to participate in the clean-up of drinking water as long as there is urban participation also. The advisory committee found the SB332 to be inconsistent with the bill and too vague. Attorney Jensen informed the board his term is up. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Marshall** to authorize General Manager Wegley to reappoint Attorney Jensen and to divide the cost of legal representation equally with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control, Fresno and Consolidated Irrigation Districts.
- 12.3. Valley Ag Water Coalition (VAWC) – The VAWC conference call is later today.
- 12.4. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Legislative Committee – No update.
- 12.5. Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS) - Fed HR23 has received opposition letters.
- 12.6. Governor Brown Issues Executive Order B-40-17 - No update.

12.7. Manager's Report - Hills Valley Water District has shown interest in purchasing banked water from the District. This transaction would be beneficial to the Kings River East GSA. The funds could be dedicated to establishing a recharge facility.

13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)** – None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT TO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (11:30 A.M.)** The Collector made a request for approval by the Board to remove the Sale Liens from the Sale Year 2006 from the Sale Lien Inventory per the California Water Code Section 26138 for 10 year old liens. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Tout/Brandt** to remove the (21) Sale Liens totaling \$1,295.32. **(INSERT)**

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

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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