

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0800
Thursday, October 12, 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 Norman Waldner. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Jack Brandt, Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad 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 have conferred 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 have conferred 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 have conferred 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 of Directors reconvened into open session with no reportable action taken in closed session.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1. Public Request from Sun Pacific - Mr. Tim Allen with Sun Pacific Farming made a public records request. The request was forward to legal for review and response.

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.
- 7.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

8. WATER MANAGEMENT – REVIEW AND CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 8.1. Pine Flat Storage Report - The District’s current storage is about 19,034 acre-feet with approximately 223,031 acre-feet behind Pine Flat Dam. **(INSERT 73A)**
- 8.2. Precipitation Summary –Precipitation for the month of September was 0.32 inches.
- 8.3. Monthly Headgate Diversions – Volume of water delivered into Alta, through the Frankwood Avenue headgate, for September was approximately 39,660 acre-feet.
- 8.4. Monthly Water Banking Report – Water Banking Report was reviewed and included as an addendum to the minutes. Seepage sites (2) have recaptured, from high water table areas, approximately 660 acre-feet since January 2017. **(INSERT 73B)**
- 8.5. Water Run Update – Water run ended October 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.; the General Manager anticipates resuming surface water diversions, once inflow into Pine Flat increases, for in-channel recharge investigation of a couple key ditches. Diversions off the Kings River are on pace to eclipse 1982 for the most water diverted.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL – ACTION

- 9.1. Board Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2017 and Special Board Meeting for September 8, 2017. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain** to approve the minutes as written.
- 9.2. Claims. No update
- 9.3. Warrants. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Halford** to approve the September 2017 warrants in the amount of \$123,605.86. **(INSERT 73C)**
- 9.4. Collector’s Report. The Collector’s Report was reviewed and made an addendum to these minutes. **(INSERT 73D)**
- 9.5. Treasurer’s Report. As of 9/30/2017 the Treasurer’s General Fund Balance was \$870,161 plus \$277,906 in A/R, inventory and deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$891,000 leaving a project balance in operational reserves of \$257,067 for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2017. As of 9/30/2017 the LAIF account balance was \$556,247 earning interest at a rate of 1.11%. **(INSERT 73E)**

10. CURRENT PROJECTS – REVIEW AND CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 10.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). The General Manager reported that the County's improvements will impact the District's access along the north bank of the Traver. This issue wasn't not raised during plan review as the main focus was on crossings and sections of the canal parallel to the roadway.
- 10.2. Reedley Pond (Floral and Reed; 9917). No update.
- 10.3. Mt. Campbell Pipeline (Caltrans; 7025). General Manager and the District Engineer met with Caltrans to review a District comment letter and identified other requirements that must be satisfied prior to the District signing of any plans or agreements.
- 10.4. Road D39 Bridge (Traver, 9926). The District continues to work with the County of Tulare on resolving the last remaining outstanding issues. The District will be participating in a pre-construction meeting and expects to have resolution on all outstanding issues by the end of October.
- 10.5. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 10.6. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.
- 10.7. Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). No update.
- 10.8. Randle Avenue Widening (Nuss, 9937). City of Dinuba is interested in widening Randle Ave, which will impact (about 60 feet) the Nuss Ditch. Other facilities impacted by this project include three turnouts and a private irrigation line. The city of Dinuba will need to sign a pipeline development agreement and pay an administrative fee as well.
- 10.9. Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 10.10. Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). General Manager explained a comment letter was provided to the County identifying issues that must be resolved prior to signing plans and the encroachment agreement. The General Manager also presented the Board with photos comparing current conditions to conditions in 1914. The historic photograph reflected the man-made configuration of the Alta Main whose banks were free of trees and other vegetation that is present today.
- 10.11. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). Review and discuss for possible action approval of comments from DUSD on an engineering services agreement to determine the minimum required pipeline diameters for Dinuba Town and Burum as part of the mitigation requirements for the new school. General Manager also discussed that there would be environmental documents that would have to be submitted roughly by 2020.
- 10.12. Manning Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.
- 10.13. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House). No update.
- 10.14. Jack Ditch Encroachment (Peters; 7036). No update.
- 10.15. Cutler-Orosi Surface Water Treatment Plant (8875). No update.

10.16. Kings River East GSA. No update

10.17. Semitropic Water Storage District Flood Control Project. General Manager mentioned he is working with legal on a response letter opposing this project. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Astiasuain** to approve the letter of response.

11. NEW BUSINESS – No update.

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.1. Nitrate Study. Draft out a letter with results of testing.

12.2. Legislative.

12.2.1. ACWA Legislative Committee – Attorney Lauren Layne provided an update of key legislative issues discussed in committee at ACWA. Senate Bill (SB) 623 is a two-year bill. SB 252 was edited down to only require noticing of drilling with the understanding the GSAs will address groundwater pumping as a part of SGMA compliance. Legislative committee will meet tomorrow October 13, 2017 for the last time year and as the State legislature will be in recess. Committee meeting resume January 2018.

12.2.2. Valley Ag Water Coalition – No update.

12.2.3. Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee – No update.

12.3. Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS) – No update.

12.4. Manager's Report – General Manager resumed his presentation about conditions at the headgate and how they have changed since the 1914 photograph. He also mentioned that it is important to maintain free-flowing ditches in order to maximize conveyance capacity, ensure accurate flow measurement, and prevent state agencies from usurping District authority over man-made facilities existing for over 125 years.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Sincerely,

Alta Irrigation District

Chad B. Wegley,
Secretary

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