

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0800
Thursday, December 14, 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 Kalender, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Irma P. Faria, Engineer Jim Wegley and Attorney Doug B. Jensen.

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

4.1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(1) – Board of Directors 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 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 conferred with counsel for possible action on potential litigation arising out of unauthorized encroachment(s) into District canal. (1 case)

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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 – None.

7. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

7.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee – No update.

7.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

8. WATER MANAGEMENT

8.1. Pine Flat Storage Report & Precipitation Summary - The District's current storage is 24,410 acre-feet with 100,307 acre-feet behind Pine Flat Dam for the Upper River Units. Precipitation for the month of November was 0.48 inches. Projected storms could cause storage to encroach into flood control space behind the dam. Depending on demand and rain forecast, the District could run flood water.

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8.2. Water Run Update – The General Manager gave a brief summary of the KRWA storage. Due to adjustments made at month end, the District was short approximately 500 acre-feet from having the most water diverted since 1974. Maximizing recharge in our existing facilities is key to reaching a goal of 300,000 acre-feet.

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8.3. Monthly Water Banking Report –The Monthly Water Banking Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes.

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9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

9.1. Board Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2017. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt /Astiasuain** to approve the minutes as written.

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9.2. Claims. – None.

9.3. Warrants. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Brandt** to approve the November 2017 warrants in the amount of \$174,163.37, plus an additional \$1,170 correction to the Baker, Manock & Jensen invoice for legal services.

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9.4. Collector's Report. The Collector's Report was reviewed and made an addendum to these minutes. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Marshall** to accept collector's report.

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9.5. Collector's Request. The Collector submitted a request to update the assessment status of Tulare County and private land owner parcels annually at the Board of Equalization meeting. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt / Halford** that all assessment status requests be reviewed for action at the Board of Equalization Meeting in August 2018.

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- 9.6. Treasurer's Report. As of 11/30/2017 the projected Treasurer's General Fund Balance was \$533,114.91 plus \$345,105.12 in A/R, inventory and deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$775,000 leaving a project balance in operational reserves of \$103,220.03 for the fiscal year ending 9/31/2018. As of 11/30/2017 the LAIF account balance was \$758,122.93 earning interest at a rate of 1.14%. **(INSERT 82A)**
- 9.7. Board Officer Reorganization. President, Norman Waldner passed the gravel to Vice President Marshall who then asked for nominations to serve as President for 2018. Halford made the motion to nominate Jack Brandt for President and Astiasuain made the motion to nominate Norman Waldner for President, no further nominations were made. Vice President Marshall closed the nominations and asked for a vote. Astiasuain voted for Waldner, Brandt abstained, Halford voted for Brandt, Kalendar voted for Waldner, Tout voted for Brandt and Waldner abstained. Vice President Marshall broke the tie and voted for Brandt. Brandt was elected President by a majority vote. Vice President Marshall handed the gravel back to President Waldner. **It was M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to elect Tom Marshall Vice President.**
- 9.8. Committee Reorganization (Primary and Alternate): KRWA Executive Committee, SSVWOC, ACWA/JPIA and KREGSA: **It was M/S/C by Waldner/Marshall** to appoint Halford to the KRWA Executive Committee with the General Manager Wegley as alternate; **It was M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Kalender** to appoint Waldner as representative to KBWQC (previously known as the SSVWOC) with the General Manager Wegley serving as alternate, **It was M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender** to appoint Waldner as representative to ACWA/JPIA with the General Manager Wegley serving as alternate. No vote was necessary for the KREGSA, since it is a 4-year position, appointed in January of 2017.
- 9.9. Bank of the West: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Astiasuain** to update the credit card, authorize the following changes: remove former employees, Chris Kapheim and Javier Cavazos, increase Chad Wegley's credit line to \$7500 and add Stan Sasaki with a credit line of \$2500. No changes to Irma P Faria's credit line of \$2500.

10. CURRENT PROJECTS

- 10.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). General Manager mentioned that staff is wrapping up improvements to the Caesar head gate structure and will start on side slope lining later this winter.
- 10.2. Reedley Pond (Floral and Reed; 9917). No update.
- 10.3. Mt. Campbell Pipeline (Caltrans; 7025). No update.
- 10.4. Road D39 Bridge (Traver, 9926). General Manager explained that the County of Tulare will be re-establishing upstream and downstream portions of Traver Canal to match that of the new culverts under the road.

- 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). General Manager explain the scope of work associated with the city of Dinuba's proposed widening of Randle Avenue; project impacts about 60-ft of the Nuss and three turnouts.
- 10.9. Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 10.10. Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). General Manger mentioned receiving revised plans from the County of Fresno. Staff will review plans and determine the next step. We need to make sure the material they are using its up to Alta's standards.
- 10.11. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). No update.
- 10.12. Manning Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.
- 10.13. Woodside Homes/City of Dinuba Water Main (Kennedy Wasteway; 9942). General Manager has sent City of Dinuba a draft copy of an encroachment agreement for a proposed water main that will cross under Kennedy Wasteway.
- 10.14. Quail Run Estates South (Horseman; 9944). No update.
- 10.15. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button; 9940). Staff is reviewing improvement plans and anticipates having comments ready very soon. This process will require an encroachment permit from Alta.
- 10.16. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House). No update.
- 10.17. Jack Ditch Encroachment (Peters; 7036). No update.
- 10.18. Kings River East GSA. General Manger reminded the Board that this month's GSA meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday December 20th at 2:00p.m. The primary topic of discussion will be a draft report explaining how Prop 26 will be used to collect fees for costs associated with initial agency operations and GSP development.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Tout/Astiasuain** to increase affected fees by \$100 per parcel to accommodate increase fee for a lot book guarantee.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- 12.1. Nitrate Study. No update.
- 12.2. Legislative.
 - 12.2.1. ACWA Legislative Committee - No update.
 - 12.2.2. Valley Ag Water Coalition. Review and consider for possible action. Attorney Doug B. Jensen mentioned the issue continues to be SB 623.
 - 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 - The Manager’s Report consisted of information on initiating a Prop 218 report in 2018. He mentioned hiring an additional staffer to assist with his workload, and Alta’s role in the Kings River East GSA. General Manager reported that Alta will increase its rates after comparing the cost on assessments from other districts and how Alta was one of the lowest charging landowners per acre. Alta will have to notify our landowners by personally speaking to them sometime in the summer. He also explained how important it is for the district to keep up with maintenance along our banks. Giving an example of Button Ditch, east of Elkhorn Dairy. Where water was going underneath the concrete causing permanent damage to our structure.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) - None

14. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled board meeting on January 11, 2018.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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