

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, January 11, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Roll Call - The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, Tom Marshall, Larry Tout, and Norman Waldner. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Irma P. Faria, Engineer Jim Wegley and Attorney Lauren D. Layne
- 1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Landowner, Krahn, addressed the board with concerns regarding a late fee assessment after he did not receive the statement prior to the due date. It was noted, Mr. Krahn is a new landowner and the previous landowner's name was still on the roll when the statements were printed and mailed. Per Water Code Section §26077 - §26078, a landowner is responsible for paying the assessments on time regardless of receiving a statement. No action taken.

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 – The Board discussed the fisheries program on the Kings River and how critical it is for KRWA to stay involved in management and administration of that program.
- 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 roughly 24,000 acre-feet behind Pine Flat Dam. Precipitation for the month of December was less than a tenth of an inch. **(INSERT 2A)**
- 8.2. Water Run Update – No update.
- 8.3. Monthly Water Banking Report –The Water Banking Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. **(INSERT 2B)**

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 9.1. Board Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2017. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Tout** to approve the minutes as written.
- 9.2. Claims. None
- 9.3. Warrants. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Waldner/Astiasuain** to approve the December 2017 warrants in the amount of \$158,035.80. **(INSERT 2C)**
- 9.4. Collector’s Report. The Collector’s Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. **(INSERT 2D)**
- 9.5. 2017 Collection Update. The 2017 Collection Update was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. **(INSERT 2E)**
- 9.6. Treasurer’s Report. As of 12/31/2017 the projected Treasurer’s General Fund Balance was \$467,235.00 plus \$218,502.84 in A/R, inventory and deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$675,000 leaving a project balance in operational reserves of \$10,737.84 for the fiscal year ending 9/31/2018. As of 12/31/2017 the LAIF account balance was \$2,108,122.93 earning interest at a rate of 1.14%. **(INSERT 2F)**

- 9.7. 2018 Board Meeting Calendar. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Kalender** to approve the Calendar for the 2018 year. **(INSERT 3A)**
- 9.8. Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Audit. This item was carried over to next month's scheduled Board meeting for action.
- 9.9. California Air Resources Board Report (CARB). The Board reviewed the 2017 CARB report. **It was M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Astiasuain** to authorize the President's signature on the annual CARB filing. **(INSERT 3B)**

10. CURRENT PROJECTS/ENCROACHMENTS

- 10.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). – General Manager noticed that the contractor for the city of Dinuba's Avenue 416 widening project failed to install cutoff walls when Traver Canal was realigned along the road frontage of Ridge Creek golf course. Now erosion is undermining the lining, which cause the lining to fail prematurely. The District is working with City and Contractor to get the resolve the undermining.
- 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) - The County is waiting for mitigation clearance prior to removing trees.
- 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) - The District is reviewing improvement plans, which include replacing the three existing turnouts and piping about sixty (60) feet of Nuss Ditch.
- 10.9. Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 10.10. Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931) -The County of Fresno is working to a comment from Alta Irrigation District requiring a least twenty (20) feet of separation between the rights-of-ways for the County and the District.
- 10.11. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). No update.
- 10.12. Manning Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.

- 10.13. Pipeline Replacement @ Reedley College (West Reedley Main; 9941) - The final plans were submitted to Alta for final review; still waiting for KCUSD to comment or execute the final encroachment agreement.
- 10.14. Woodside Homes/City of Dinuba Water Main (Kennedy Wasteway; 9942) – The city of Dinuba submitted an encroachment agreement to Alta for its review and acceptance.
- 10.15. Quail Run Estates South (Horseman; 9944) - City of Dinuba received plans for a subdivision located on the North-West corner of Englehart and Ave 416. The District will notify landowners that the proposed development will impact their private irrigation line(s).
- 10.16. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940) - We have received Tulare County’s point of contact and will draft an encroachment agreement to them.
- 10.17. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House; 7030). No update.
- 10.18. Ave 400 Culvert Repair (Caesar). Caltrans is scheduled to replace, in January or February, that portion of the damaged culvert within the existing headwalls. No encroachment agreement necessary.
- 10.19. Jack Ditch Encroachment (Peters; 7036). The agreement was finalized; still waiting for landowner to notarize signature and provide insurance documentation.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1. Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District Letter of Understanding - It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender** to authorize General Manager’s signature on the LOU. **(INSERT 4A)**
- 11.2. Engineer’s Report and Proposition 218 Process - It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender** to authorize staff to work with engineering and legal counsel in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII D of the California Constitution and Government Code § 53750-53753.5 to create supporting documentation for Prop 218 efforts to raise additional funds for deferred maintenance, replacement of older vehicles and equipment, and improvement delivery efficiency of existing ditches.
- 11.3. Hire Additional Staff. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Kalender** to authorizing the General Manager to hire an additional staff person to address increase in workload from a record number of projects impacting the District facilities and Alta’s role in supporting the KRE-GSA.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- 12.1. Kings River East GSA. General Manager reviewed the draft Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Groundwater Fee Study drawn by Lechowicz & Tseng, municipal consultants. The fee will only be imposed to fund the initial administration of the GSA and development of a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP). Invoices will be sent out in March 2018, January 2019 and January 2020. The GSP is due January 2020 and DWR has two (2) years to review and comment on a plan.
- 12.2. Nitrate Study. No update.
- 12.3. Legislative.
 - 12.3.1. ACWA Legislative Committee – Attorney, Lauren Layne mentioned she is the new Vice Chair for the ACWA Legislative Committee. Meetings will commence next week.
 - 12.3.2. Valley Ag Water Coalition. No update.
 - 12.3.3. Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee. No update.
- 12.4. Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS) – No update.
- 12.5. Manager’s Report – None.

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 February 8, 2018.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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