

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0800
Thursday, February 8, 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, Special Projects Coordinator Irma P. Faria, Executive Assistant Maria L. Zamora, Engineer Jim Wegley, Attorney Lauren D. Layne, and Attorney Douglas 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 in Pine Flat Dam is nearly 29,000 acre-feet. The District measured 1.29 inches of precipitation in January at the corporation yard as compared to 5.91 inches for the same month last year. **(INSERT 7A)**
- 8.2. Water Run Update- General Manager Wegley mentioned that February 2018 snow survey information from KRWA suggested the water year could be 40-50 percent of average, which, based on historical records, generates about 56,000 acre-feet of entitlement for the District from April to June. The General Manager also mentioned that it is too premature to set a date for water run as a couple storms and warm late spring have the potential to shift entitlement from below average to average. According to KRWA, the District diverted about 250,500 acre-feet for calendar year 2017, which was 700 acre-feet short of breaking the 1983 record. **(INSERT 7B)**
- 8.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – General Manager Wegley explain that the water banking report will remain unchanged since now water is being diverted from the Kings River. The Water Banking Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. **(INSERT 7C)**

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 9.1. Board Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2018. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Astiasuain** to approve the minutes as written. **(INSERT 7D)**
- 9.2. Financial Statements Prepared by Hudson, Henderson, and Company, Inc. (9:30 a.m.). The auditor from Hudson Henderson & Company INC., reviewed the financial statements for period ending September 30, 2017 and explained, in detail, changes associated with pension reporting and deferred inflows and outflows from GASB 75 OPEB. A clean opinion was given. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Tout** to approve the September 30, 2017 financial statements. **(INSERT 7E)**
- 9.3. Claims. None.
- 9.4. Warrants. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Astiasuain/Tout** to approve the January 2018 warrants in the amount of \$81,958.02. **(INSERT 7F)**
- 9.5. Collector's Report. The Collector's Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. **(INSERT 7G)**

- 9.6. Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2018, the projected Treasurer's General Fund Balance was \$395,494 plus \$259,585 in A/R, inventory and deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$625,000 leaving a project balance in operational reserves of \$30,079 for the fiscal year ending September 31, 2018. As of January 31, 2018, the LAIF account balance was \$2,785,192 earning interest at a rate of 1%. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Waldner/Kalender** to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2018. **(INSERT 8A)**
- 9.7. Personnel. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall** to authorize the hire of a Water Resource Project Manager at salary range 45 and the discretion to set the step.
- 9.8. Committee Reorganization (Primary): Board Member Waldner resigned as KBWQC and ACWA/JPIA director. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Marshall** to appoint John Kalender as the KBWQC and ACWA/JPIA director.

10. CURRENT PROJECTS/ENCROACHMENTS

- 10.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). City of Dinuba is addressing undermining caused when the contractor failed to reinstall a cutoff wall as part of the canal realignment triggered by the widening of Ave 416.
- 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). Contractor place the concrete floor for the box culverts and has installed false work for the vertical walls. Tree removal at the project site was delayed because the County needed approval from an onsite biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game to finish its survey.
- 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). No update.
- 10.9. Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 10.10. Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). The County is modifying the alignment for the proposed bridge based on comments from Alta.
- 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). State Center Community College District returned a final draft copy of an encroachment agreement and asked for the District to modify its standard indemnification language. Proposed change is under review by staff and legal counsel. Proposed plans from KCUSD's engineer still don't address all the District's comments. mar
- 10.14. Woodside Homes/City of Dinuba Water Main (Kennedy Wasteway; 9942). No update.
- 10.15. Quail Run Estates South (Horseman; 9944). No update.
- 10.16. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940). No update.
- 10.17. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House; 7030). No update.
- 10.18. Ave 400 Culvert Repair (Caesar). Caltrans replaced the damaged culvert (two boxes) within the existing headwalls resulting in increased capacity.
- 10.19. Jack Ditch Encroachment (Peters; 7036). No update.

11. NEW BUSINESS – None.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- 12.1. Kings River East GSA. General Manager Wegley notified the Board the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopted a Prop 26 Groundwater Fee of \$1.45 per acre feet and \$3,250 for agencies not significantly impacting groundwater. Invoices will be sent out in March 2018, January 2019, and January 2020, prior to submitting the final plan to the State.
- 12.2. Nitrate Study. No update.
- 12.3. Legislative.
 - 12.3.1. ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne updated the Board on the possibility of a trailer bill caring the fees on fertilizer and urban meters as a public goods charge, SB 623 Bill. A bill has been introduced to have the State Water Board install stream gauges after DWR, for lack of funding, stopped tracking data.
 - 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 – General Manager Wegley updated the Board with current maintenance on the Traver.

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 March 8, 2018.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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