

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA
Thursday, March 8, 2018

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, and Attorney Lauren D. Layne.
- 1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA – Director **Marshall** moved that the Board of Directors add to its Agenda the matter of “Item 9.3 Woodside Homes/City of Dinuba Water Main (Kennedy Wasteway; 9942). Review and take action” and that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) that (i) there is a need to take immediate action on this new matter and (ii) the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to posting of the Agenda for March 8 meeting. Director **Kalender** seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

- 5.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee – No update.
- 5.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

6. WATER MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. Pine Flat Storage Report & Precipitation Summary – The District’s current storage in Pine Flat Dam is nearly 22,000 acre-feet. The District measured 0.62 inches of precipitation in February at the corporation yard as compared to 3.22 inches for the same month last year.
(INSERT 11A)
- 6.2. Water Run Update - General Manager Wegley 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 for the water year. District receives Kings River entitlement in April through July when inflow into Pine Flat is 2300 cfs and greater.

- 6.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – No update since water was not diverted into or extracted from any of the District’s banking facilities. Discounting of banked water happens annually in September.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2018. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain** to approve the minutes as written. **(INSERT 12A)**
- 7.2. Claims. Southern California Edison; fire damage, August 12, 2017. The Board reviewed the claim and did not take action on this issue. **(INSERT 12B)**
- 7.3. Warrants. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain** to approve the February 2018 warrants in the amount of \$189,433.45. **(INSERT 12C)**
- 7.4. Collector’s Report. The Collector’s Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. **(INSERT 12D)**
- 7.5. Collector’s Request. The Collector submitted a request to review two refund requests of late charges. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Tout/Waldner** to continue to follow current policy and law, penalties and costs are automatically charged immediately upon delinquency. **(INSERT 12E)**
- 7.6. Treasurer’s Report. As of February 28, 2018, the projected Treasurer’s General Fund Balance was \$512,082 plus \$283,553 in A/R, inventory and deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$625,000 leaving a project balance in operational reserves of \$170,635 for the fiscal year ending September 31, 2018. As of February 28, 2018, the LAIF account balance was \$2,110,752 earning interest at a rate of 1.4%. **(INSERT 12F)**

8. CURRENT PROJECTS/ENCROACHMENTS

- 8.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). No update.
- 8.2. Reedley Pond (Floral and Reed; 9917). No update.
- 8.3. Mt. Campbell Pipeline (Caltrans; 7025). General Manager called a meeting with Caltrans to discuss project and to develop a plan for resolving impacts to the District from the Project. District explained that it is concerned by the lack of oversight and quality control from Caltrans on for job of this magnitude, and that many of the District comments/concerns are generated from actions observed in the field. Such actions by Caltrans include: placement of concrete pipe on a cobble subgrade, which creates point-loading conditions on the pipeline, and failure to install a pipeline, with elliptical reinforcement, so that the primary loading axis is vertical (pipe was marked with black strips on the top and bottom).

- 8.4. Road D39 Bridge (Traver, 9926). General Manager expressed concerns with the Contractor's ability to construct warped wingwalls for the inlet and outlet transitions of the culvert since the form work was smashed when compacting the backfill. District comments restored conveyance capacity to the full channel.
- 8.5. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 8.6. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.
- 8.7. Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). No update.
- 8.8. Randle Avenue Widening (Nuss, 9937). Alta Irrigation District reviewed final plans and is waiting for the city of Dinuba to reissue an updated set of drawings incorporating the District's comments. Staff is also working on encroachment and pipeline development agreements for this project.
- 8.9. Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 8.10. Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). The County of Fresno is modifying the alignment for the proposed bridge based on the District's comments. The District requires at least 20-ft of separation between from the existing headgate so as that future construction activity does not require a temporary encroachment permit. At this time, the District has not received update plans from the County.
- 8.11. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). The District received a copy of a notice from the Department of Toxic Substances Control regarding an environmental investigation at the project site for the following constituents in the soil: chlordane, heptachlor, diesel, and heptachlor epoxide.
- 8.12. Manning Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.
- 8.13. Pipeline Replacement @ Reedley College (West Reedley Main; 9941). The District will be meeting with SCCCD, KCUSD, Integrated Designs and Durham Construction to discuss project on March 13, 2018.
- 8.14. Woodside Homes/City of Dinuba Water Main (Kennedy Wasteway; 9942). See item 9.3 for update.
- 8.15. Quail Run Estates South (Horsman; 9944). No update.
- 8.16. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940). County of Tulare held a bid opening for this project. Impacts to the project will be minimal, but it will require the County to obtain an encroachment permit.

- 8.17. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House; 7030). No update.
- 8.18. Ave 400 Culvert Repair (Caesar). No update.
- 8.19. Jack Ditch Encroachment (Peters; 7036). No update.
- 8.20. Tout Ditch Encroachments (Wawona Packing, LLC; 9952). Landowner is interested in crossing under the Tout ditch. District sent the Landowner a revised encroachment agreement.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Vast Networks/CVIN Encroachment (California Vineyard, REO, and A.W. Clark; 9950). It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain** to authorize the President and Secretary's signature on Vast Networks/CVIN Encroachment Agreement.
- 9.2. Office Closure: It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Marshall/Kalender** to keep doors locked to the office and to be available to the public by appointment only on 3/19 – 3/22 for carpet replacement in Collector's Office.
- 9.3. Woodside Homes/City of Dinuba Water Main (Kennedy Wasteway; 9942). It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Tout/Astiasuain** to authorize President and Secretary to sign an encroachment agreement with the city of Dinuba for a crossing under Kennedy Wasteway.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1. Kings River East GSA. General Manager notified the Board that Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency will field verify information on key invoices prior to release. The tentative schedule for release of the GSA's invoices is March 2018, January 2019, and January 2020. The General Manager mentioned that i) coordination efforts continue with the other 6 GSAs coordinating with the 7 GSAs in the Kings subbasin, ii) preliminary results show overdraft ranging from 20 – 25,000 acre-feet per year with one methodology suggesting a value as high as 40,000 acre-feet (manager believes this approach has many flaws), and iii) DWR has not released a BMP on water quality.
- 10.2. Nitrate Study. General Manager Wegley mentioned Alta's Water Resource Manager, Jerry James, will start working Phase II of the Nitrate testing. Key next steps include i) developing a revised water quality testing consent form, ii) releasing water quality results from Phase I testing, iii) contacting Phase I participants about participating in a second round of testing, and iv) coordinating with KRCD on water sampling.
- 10.3. Legislative.
 - 10.3.1. ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne mentioned SB 623 and SB 998 (addressing discontinuance of residential water services on urban and community water systems) are still under review.

10.3.2. Valley Ag Water Coalition. Attorney Layne mentioned that VAWC will meet this afternoon and that this organization has not taken a position on any bills.

10.3.3. Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne mentioned there weren't a lot of changes since last year, AB 2828 waste discharge requirements, made mention of Prop 1 funding and the confusion with groundwater recharge not being considered a beneficial use.

Director John Kalender left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

10.4. Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS) – Attorney Layne mentioned the Federal government was suing California.

10.5. Manager's Report – No update.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

11.1. 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.*

11.2. 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)

11.3. 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)

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

14. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled board meeting on April 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

CBW: mlz