

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
Thursday, April 12, 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, Executive Assistant Maria L. Zamora, Engineer Jim Wegley, Attorney Doug B. Jensen, 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 Astiasuain moved that the Board changed its agenda item 6.2 Water Run Update: from update to review and take action and find 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 today's meeting. Director Kalender seconded the motion, which carried unanimously and represented at least a two-thirds majority of the board.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**5. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

- 5.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee - Director Halford explained to the Board that copies of the KRWA current minutes, budget, and Kings River forecast are available for review at the District.
- 5.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

**6. WATER MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1. Pine Flat Storage Report & Precipitation Summary - General Manager Wegley explained that as of April 1, approximately 800,000 acre-feet is stored behind Pine Flat dam. March precipitation totaled about 4.3 inches this year as compared to 0.57 inches for the same month last year. (Insert)
- 6.2. Water Run Update General Manager Wegley mentioned that the District's current storage in Pine Flat Dam is nearly 82,000 acre-feet and given the current combination of impounded

water and snow-melt forecast, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers may require KRWA to release flood water. It was M/S/C unanimously by Waldner/Halford to give the General Manager discretion on setting a start-date for water run, prior to mid-May. No allocation was set. (Insert)

- 6.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – The banks maintain a storage of about 3,500 acre-feet of water. (Insert)

## **7. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL**

- 7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2018 and Special Board Meeting 3/15/2018. It was M/S/C unanimously by Marshall/Astiasuain to approve the minutes as written.
- 7.2. Warrants. It was M/S/C unanimously by Waldner/Kalender to approve the March 2018 warrants in the amount of \$198,032.33. (Insert)
- 7.3. Collector's Report. The Collector's Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. (Insert)
- 7.4. Treasurer's Report. As of March 31, 2018, the projected Treasurer's General Fund Balance was \$532,241 plus \$277,309 in A/R, inventory and deposits, less allocated and restricted reserves of \$625,000 leaving a project balance in operational reserves of \$184,550 for the fiscal year ending September 31, 2018. As of March 31, 2018, the LAIF account balance was \$2,110,752, earning interest at a rate of 1.5%. (Insert)

## **8. CURRENT PROJECTS – Informational Items Only; No Action Will Be Taken**

- 8.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). The project is almost complete the county is lining the ditch.
- 8.2. City of Reedley Floral and Reed Avenue (Reedley Pond; 9917). General Manager Wegley requested project specifications and plans for Dopkins project from the City of Reedley.
- 8.3. Caltrans Hwy 180 (Mt. Campbell; 7025). General Manager Wegley explained the District is concerned by the lack of oversight and quality control by Caltrans for a job of this magnitude. Many of the District's comments/concerns are generated from actions observed in the field. Caltrans was given an encroachment agreement. Alta has not received the agreement in from Caltrans in return.
- 8.4. Tulare County Road D39 Bridge (Traver, 9926). General Manager Wegley informed the Board of the completion of the project. Tulare County did a good job on the bridge crossing, everything looks good with the channel.
- 8.5. Fresno County Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 8.6. Fresno County Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.

- 8.7. Fresno County Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). No update.
- 8.8. City of Reedley Randle Avenue (Nuss, 9937). No update.
- 8.9. Tulare County Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 8.10. Fresno County Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). No update.
- 8.11. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). General Manager Wegley met with 4-creeks to discuss the plans for the new Dinuba High School project.
- 8.12. Fresno County Manning Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9933). Fresno County did an environmental study before talking to Alta Irrigation District. The County will pay for the project, crash barriers. District will also clean out access to ditch. Alta Irrigation District is working with Fresno County on grants for project.
- 8.13. KCUSD Pipeline Replacement (@ Reedley College (West Reedley Main; 9941). General Manger Wegley mentioned that he would like to reconfigure the site where they want to encroach on us.
- 8.14. City of Dinuba Woodside Homes/Water Main (Kennedy Wasteway; 9942). Project is complete.
- 8.15. Quail Run Estates South Avenue 416 and Road 72 (Horseman; 9944). General Manager Wegley mentioned the construction site for this project is located north of Rd 72 and Ave 416. The project is over a private irrigation line (leedy), drawings submitted to Alta Irrigation District show the need to open pipeline prior to construction.
- 8.16. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940). Tulare County has Bid the project. Matt Kemp from Provost & Pritchard contacted Alta Irrigation District for an encroachment agreement. The Project plans for Yettem-Seville show four crossing located within Alta's facilities.
- 8.17. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House; 7030). No update.
- 8.18. Caltrans Ave 400 Culvert Repair (Caesar; 9939). Project is complete.
- 8.19. Peters Encroachment (Jack; 7036). The encroachment agreement was sent out to the County's recorder's office.
- 8.20. Wawona Encroachment (Tout; 9952). The encroachment agreement was sent out to the County's recorder's office.
- 8.21. Tulare County Bridge (Traver; 9943/7029). No update.
- 8.22. Kelly Encroachment (A.W Clark; 9954). No update.

- 8.23. Trinitas Farms Encroachment (Smith Mountain; 9953). No update.
- 8.24. City of Dinuba Encroachment (Horsman; 9948). No update.
- 8.25. City of Dinuba Avenue 416 Widening (9914). No update.
- 8.26. City of Reedley Encroachment (East Reedley; 9949). The District met with the city of Reedley regarding the need for an encroachment agreement for this project.
- 8.27. City of Dinuba Stormwater Drain (Horsman; 9945). Alta Irrigation District is waiting on calculations from the city of Dinuba before approving another storm water connection.
- 8.28. CableCom, LLC Overhead Encroachment (Horsman & Sandridge; 9955). The encroachment agreement was sent out to the County's recorder's office.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Kelly Encroachment (A.W. Clark Ditch; 9954). It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender to authorize President and Secretary to sign an encroachment agreement with Kelly.
- 9.2 Wawona Encroachment (Tou Ditch; 9952). It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender to authorize President and Secretary to sign an encroachment agreement.
- 9.3 Trinitas Farms Encroachment (Smith Mountain; 9953). It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender to authorize President and Secretary to sign an encroachment agreement.
- 9.4 City of Reedley Encroachment (East Reedley; 9949). It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender to authorize President and Secretary to sign an encroachment agreement.
- 9.5 DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Marshall to authorize President's and Secretary's signature on an initial study agreement requiring DUSD to pay, as part of their mitigation of impacts to the District, \$10,000 towards determining the sizes of the Dinuba Town and Burum pipelines and for reviewing plans and specifications.
- 9.6 KCUSD Pipeline Replacement @ Reedley College (West Reedley Main; 9941).
  - 9.6.1 Encroachment Agreement – It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to authorize President and Secretary to sign an encroachment agreement allowing State Center Community College to install an irrigation line underneath the West Reedley Main and KCUSD to install paving for new bus drop-off zone.

- 9.6.2 Pipeline Development Agreement – It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Waldner to authorize President and Secretary to sign a pipeline development agreement authorizing the replacement of the West Reedley Main with a new pipeline sufficient for an urban environment.
- 9.7 CableCom, LLC Overhead Encroachment (Horsman & Sandridge; 9955). It was M/S/C unanimously by Waldner/Astiasuain to authorize the President and Secretary to sign encroachment agreements with CableCom, LLC.
- 9.8 District Policies. Review and consider for possible action revising policies listed below. No action taken since the Policies weren't ready for review.
- 9.3.1. Work for Others Job Costing – None.
- 9.3.2 Misc. Structure – None.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1 Kings River East GSA. General Manager explained that overdraft in the Kings Basin is estimated to be about 200,000 acre-feet per year and that the various GSAs are working through several methodologies to prorate this value. General manager also mentioned that an initial Coordination Agreement is being developed by legal councils representing some of the GSAs that will address dispute resolution. Staff continues to work on Prop 26 invoices for the GSA.
- 10.2 Nitrate Study. General Manager Wegley explained that testing will begin once notifications are sent from Alta ID to all landowners that participated in the phase 1 testing program.
- 10.3 Legislative.
- 10.3.1 ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne mentioned that AB 2649 will require the SWRCB to prioritize temporary permits for projects capturing flood water, to exempt temporary permits from CEQA, and to set a reduced application. Committee is split on whether to support or oppose this bill, which should prevent ACWA from taking any position.
- 10.3.2 Valley Ag Water Coalition. No Update.
- 10.3.3 Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee. No update.
- 10.4 Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS) - No update.
- 10.5 Manager's Report General Manager Wegley mentioned that a BBQ was held at the corporation yard on April 27<sup>th</sup> celebrating employees working over 400 days without a worker's comp claim with JPIA. (Insert)

**11 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – Board adjourned to closed session about 11:05 a.m.

- 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 Board Directors reconvened to open session about 11:45 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

**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 May 16, 2018.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary  
CBW: mlz