

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES

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

Thursday, August 9, 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, Tom Marshall, Larry Tout, and Norman Waldner. John Kalender was not present at this meeting. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and Attorneys Doug B. Jensen and Lauren D. Layne.

1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA – None.

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 – Projected storage behind Pine Flat Dam at the end of 2018 water year is about 200,000 acre-feet. Alta Irrigation District's current available storage behind Pine Flat Dam is about 50,000 acre-feet and the District will likely drawdown it's minimum storage to a volume of 12,000 acre-feet. (Insert 6.1)

6.2. Water Run Update – The District is currently diverting about 760 cfs from the Kings River with entitlement available 4 days out of a 14-day irrigation cycle. Lands classified as "Groundwater Only" are still receiving water based on a 25% entitlement category. The General Manager is expecting water run to end by mid-September if demand for water tapers off as it did in 2016; however, if diversions remain steady at 760 cfs then water run will end sooner.

6.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – The Monthly Banking Report was reviewed and included as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 6.3)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regulars Board Meetings of April 12, 2018, May 16, 2018, and July 12, 2018. It was M/S/C unanimously Halford/Waldner to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings of April 12, 2018, May 16, 2018, and July 12, 2018. (Insert 7.1)
- 7.2. Warrants. It was M/S/C unanimously (Member Kalender absent) by Marshall/Tout to approve the July 2018 warrants in the amount of \$234,531.10. (Insert 7.2)
- 7.3. Collector's Report. The Collector's Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 7.3)
- 7.4. Treasurer's Report. As of July 31, 2018, the cash balance is approximately \$1,373,000 of that approximately \$1,326,000 is deposited in LAIF earning an interest rate of 1.95%. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately \$377,000. Current year revenue is approximately \$2,984,000 with expenses of approximately \$2,471,000 and other income of approximately \$15,000 resulting in a net cash flow of approximately \$497,000. (Insert 7.4). It was M/S/C unanimously (Member Kalender absent) by Astiasuain/Marshall to accept the July 31, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

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

- 8.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). No update.
- 8.2. City of Reedley Floral and Reed Avenue (Reedley Pond; 9917). No update.
- 8.3. Caltrans Hwy 180 (Mt. Campbell; 7025). General Manager Wegley explained Caltrans will reimburse Alta's expenses once an updated Encroachment Agreement is drafted and signed.
- 8.4. Fresno County Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 8.5. Fresno County Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.
- 8.6. Fresno County Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). General Manager Wegley explained he is working on setting a meeting with Fresno County regarding a jurisdictional water designation on our facility.
- 8.7. City of Dinuba Randle Avenue (Nuss, 9937). General Manager Wegley explained that the City of Dinuba should be dropping off an escrow deposit Friday, August 10, 2018. Work on the Nuss will likely start shortly after the conclusion of water run.
- 8.8. Tulare County Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 8.9. Fresno County Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). No update.

- 8.10. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). General Manager Wegley explained he will attend a meeting on August 9, 2018 at 4-Creeks Engineering to discuss PG&E's utility location. PG&E wants to locate their utilities within Alta Irrigation District's right of way, which the District will not currently approve without a separate agreement.
- 8.11. Fresno County Manning Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.
- 8.12. KCUSD Pipeline Replacement @ Reedley College (West Reedley Main; 9941). No update.
- 8.13. Quail Run Estates South Avenue 416 and Road 72 (Horseman; 9944). General Manager Wegley explained the project is moving forward as planned.
- 8.14. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940). General Manager Wegley explained that staff will be starting on Encroachment Agreements for the water lines crossing our facilities.
- 8.15. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House; 7030). No update.
- 8.16. Tulare County Bridge (Traver; 9943/7029). No update.
- 8.17. Trinitas Farms Encroachment (Smith Mountain; 9953). General Manager Wegley explained that Trinitas Farms was allowed a temporary encroachment to water their trees; a permanent encroachment will be installed after water run.
- 8.18. City of Dinuba Encroachment (Horsman; 9948). No update.
- 8.19. City of Dinuba Avenue 416 Widening (Traver Bridge; 9914). No update.
- 8.20. City of Reedley Encroachment (East Reedley; 9949). No update.
- 8.21. City of Dinuba Stormwater Drain (Horsman; 9945). General Manager Wegley explained Alta Irrigation District is waiting on calculations from the City of Dinuba documenting proposed storm water discharge conditions for the Viscaya development. The project was initiated in 2008, but the original developer went bankrupt.
- 8.22. Soto Bridge Crossing (Button; 9956). No update.
- 8.23. Vast Networks CVIN, LLC/KCUSD Encroachments (District Wide; 9958). No update.
- 8.24. Pacific Bell DBA AT&T (District Wide, 9961). General Manager Wegley explained that District staff stopped an illegal encroachment by AT&T southeast of Cutler. The District is working with AT&T's legal counsel on signing authority for its encroachment agreements.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 District Policies. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to approve, subject to legal review, the new Fiscal Policy, amendments to the Alternate Turnout and Encroachment policies, and to eliminate the Meter Agreement policy.
- 9.2 Surplus Vehicle Destruction. It was M/S/C unanimously (Member Kalender absent) by Marshall/Waldner to make a finding that vehicle #87, a 2007 Ford F-150, is surplus and to sell it for scrap metal. Vehicle #7 was tabled for a later date to allow more research on repairs.
- 9.3 Pacific Bell DBA AT&T (District Wide, 9961). It was M/S/C unanimously (Member Kalender absent) by Halford/Astiasuain to approve, subject to legal review, four (4) encroachment agreements for underground and aerial crossings.
- 9.4 City of Reedley Encroachment (East Reedley; 9949). This item was pulled from the agenda by General Manager Wegley, no action taken.
- 9.5 Mullholland Recharge Investigation. No update.
- 9.6 Kings River East GSA Repayment Plan. It was M/S/C unanimously (Member Kalender absent) by Halford/Tout to approve an eighteen (18) month repayment plan from Kings River East GSA for money loaned to cover initial operating costs and expenses. President Brandt abstained from voting. (Insert 9.6)

10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1 Kings River East GSA. As of today, the KREGSA has received payments totaling \$442,174. The seven (7) GSAs in the Kings basin will meet again on August 10, 2018 to continue coordination efforts.
- 10.2 Nitrate Study. No update.
- 10.3 Legislative.
- 10.3.1 ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne reported that a coalition is trying to introduce legislation in response to policy decisions of the State Water Resources Board regarding unimpaired flows in tributaries to the San Joaquin River. It was M/S/C unanimously (Member Kalender absent) by Tout/Halford for Alta Irrigation District to support legislation released by the coalition regarding unimpaired flows.
- 10.3.2 Valley Ag Water Coalition. No update.
- 10.3.3 Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee. No update.

President Brandt recessed the regular Board Meeting to convene as the Alta Irrigation District Board of Equalization at 11:30 a.m.

President Brandt reconvened the regular Board Meeting at 11:45 a.m.

10.4 Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS). No update.

10.5 Manager's Report General Manager Wegley reported that Luis Rios will join Alta Irrigation District on Monday August 13, 2018 as a Resource Analyst I. General Manager Wegley received direction from the Board to work with Sun Pacific Farming to pursue a public/private partnership for water banking within Alta Irrigation District boundaries.

11. CLOSED SESSION President Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 12:10 p.m. to confer with counsel and the following items:

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

11.4. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(2). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action on potential litigation associated with settlement of health care/disability payment to a former employee. (1 case)

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – The Board reconvened into open session at 1:15 p.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 at 1:15 p.m. until the next scheduled regular Board meeting on September 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary
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