

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES

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

**Thursday, September 13, 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. Other 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 – a letter from KRWA regarding water potentially leaving the Kings River service area was distributed for informational purposes.

5.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

**6. WATER MANAGEMENT**

6.1. Pine Flat Storage Report & Precipitation Summary – Storage behind Pine Flat Dam is currently about 275,000 acre-feet and is projected to be at about 250,000 by the end of the water year. (Insert 6.1)

6.2. Water Run Update – It is estimated the District diverted approximately 165,000 acre-feet the 2018 water year for beneficial use.

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 Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2018, Board of Equalization Meeting of August 9, 2018 and Special Board Meeting of August 29, 2018. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Marshall (Kalender abstaining from Regular Board meeting of August 9, 2018 and Board of Equalization meeting of August 9, 2018; Norman Waldner abstaining from Special Board meeting of August 29, 2018) to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 9, 2018, Board of Equalization meeting of August 9, 2018 and Special Board meeting of August 29, 2018. (Insert 7.1)
- 7.2. Budget.
- 7.2.1 PUBLIC HEARING regarding adoption of 2018 Water Charges and Assessments. President Brandt opened the Public Hearing at 9:39 a.m. General Manager Wegley commented on water surcharges and assessments. There being no one to speak in favor or against, President Brandt closed the Public Hearing at 9:41 a.m.
- 7.2.2 2018 Water Charges and Assessments. It was M/S/C unanimously by Tout/Astiasuain to adopt resolution R2018-09-01 fixing assessments and water surcharge for fiscal year 2018-2019. (R2018-09-01)
- 7.2.3 Non-Union Employee Pay Rate. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Tout to approve a pay rate increase of 1.5% for non-union employees, which is similar to the rate negotiated with union employees, effective October 1, 2018.
- 7.2.4 Restricted Funds Resolution. It was M/S/C unanimously by Kalender/Astiasuain to adopt resolution R2018-09-02 authorizing borrowing and repayment of restricted funds for operation of the District and to balance the District's budget. (R2018-09-02)
- 7.2.5 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. It was M/S.C unanimously by Marshall/Tout to approve fiscal year 2018-2019 Budget. (Insert 7.2.4)
- 7.3. Warrants. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Kalender to approve the August 2018 warrants in the amount of \$134,184.65. (Insert 7.3)
- 7.4. Collector's Report. It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Tout to accept the August 2018 Collector's Report. (Insert 7.4)
- 7.5. Treasurer's Report. As of August 31, 2018 the cash balance is approximately \$1,080,000 of that approximately \$943,500 is deposited in LAIF earning an interest rate of 2.00%. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately \$386,000. Current year revenue is approximately \$3,100,000 with expenses of approximately \$2,750,000 and other expense of approximately \$11,000 resulting in a net cash flow of approximately \$342,000. (Insert 7.5). It

was M/S/C unanimously by Marshall/Kalender to accept the August 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). General Manager Wegley explained that the District will be installing a turnout for Mike Jackson per the approved plans signed in 2016 for the Avenue 416 widening.
- 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 that the agreement signed by Caltrans and the District will be amended to include the terms of the District's standard encroachment agreement.
- 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). No update.
- 8.7. City of Dinuba Randle Avenue (Nuss, 9937). General Manager Wegley explained that the contractor is ready to start construction on the pipeline and the District's engineer and staff are currently reviewing project submittals.
- 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 that Dinuba Unified School District and PG&E are working through utility alignment issues and the city of Dinuba found another alignment for a potable water main that avoids the Dinuba Town pipeline. School District did submit plans, specifications, and construction estimate prior to the cutoff date; however, funding of this project will have to wait until the next funding cycle.
- 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). No update.
- 8.14. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940). No update.
- 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 a temporary encroachment was approved during water run and that Trinitas will be moving forward with a permanent encroachment since water run ended in August.
- 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). No update.
- 8.22. Soto Bridge Crossing (Button; 9956). No update.
- 8.23. Vast Networks CVIN, LLC/KCUSD Encroachments (District Wide; 9958). General Manager Wegley commented that Vast Networks have added an additional six (6) encroachments.
- 8.24. Pacific Bell DBA AT&T (District Wide, 9961). General Manager Wegley mentioned that AT&T is providing the District with a letter confirming signing authority of a local staff person for their encroachment agreements.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 District Policies. It was M/S/C unanimously by Kalender/Astiasuain to amend and adopt the revised Procurement and Purchasing Policy. (Insert 9.1)
- 9.2 Accident Claim. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Tout to pay claim in house for the amount requested, filed by GEICO Insurance on behalf of Crystal Marie Diaz so long as GEICO Insurance, Alexis Mariah Diaz, and Crystal Marie Diaz sign a Liability Release Form, releasing the District from any and all future claims.
- 9.3 Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag, 9940). It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalender for President and General Manager/Secretary to execute three (3) encroachment agreements, subject to legal review.
- 9.4 Vast Networks CVIN, LLC/KCUSD Encroachments (District Wide; 9958). It was M/S/C unanimously by Marshall/Kalender for the President and General Manager/Secretary to execute six (6) encroachment agreements, subject to legal review.
- 9.5 District Bank Accounts.

- 9.5.1 Close District bank accounts and credit card account. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to close District bank accounts and credit card account at Bank of the Sierra and Bank of the West.
- 9.5.2 Open new bank accounts and credit card account at Rabobank. It was M/S/C unanimously by Kalender/Astiasuain to open new bank accounts and credit card accounts at Rabobank and authorize the account signers to be President Jack Brandt, Vice President Thomas Marshall, General Manager/Secretary Chad Wegley, and Controller/Treasurer Marc Limas.
- 9.6 Illegal Encroachments. It was M/S/C unanimously by Kalender/Waldner to send a letter to landowner Soto regarding removal of cabana and shop illegally encroaching onto and across the Caesar Ditch near Road 34. The Board gave further direction to General Manager Wegley to address all illegal encroachments posing as a liability to the District.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1 Kings River East GSA. General Manager Wegley reported coordination efforts are continuing with the seven (7) GSAs in the Kings subbasin, data collection for the water budget task continues for the various agencies within the GSA and that information is due to Provost & Pritchard next week. Overdraft numbers developed from a revised hydrologic based period are anticipated to be released in the first week of October.
- 10.2 Nitrate Study. General Manager Wegley reported that letters regarding the follow-up testing were sent to landowners; testing is set to begin early October.
- 10.3 Legislative.
  - 10.3.1 ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne provided an update on various bills that either died at the end of the legislative session or are awaiting action on the Governor's desk.
  - 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 Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 Process. General Manager Wegley stated the target date for the Engineer's report is by the end of 2018.
- 10.6 Manager's Report General Manager Wegley reported that ACWA/JPIA denied the Southern California Edison's claim for damages from the fire along the Sontag ditch.

**11. CLOSED SESSION** President Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 11:37 a.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 12:45 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 12:45 p.m. until the next scheduled regular Board meeting on October 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary  
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