

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES

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

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta irrigation District was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, Larry Tout, and Norman Waldner. 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 – General Manager Wegley reported that storage behind Pine Flat has been increasing at a marginal rate since October 1<sup>st</sup>. (Insert 6.1)

6.2. Water Run Update – General Manager Wegley reviewed the summary of monthly deliveries for 74% water year 2017-2018. Alta Irrigation District diverted approximately 170,000 acre feet during the water year. For the 2018 irrigation season the District diverted approximately 159,000 acre feet. (Insert 6.2)

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 October 11, 2018. It was M/S/C unanimously by Kalendar/Astiasuain to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 11, 2018.
- 7.2. Warrants. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Marshall to approve the October 2018 warrants in the amount of \$112,316.45. (Insert 7.2)
- 7.3. Collector's Report. The October 2018 Collector's Report was reviewed and made an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 7.3)
- 7.4. Treasurer's Report. As of October 31, 2018, the cash balance is approximately \$655,645.19 of that approximately \$618,526.24 is deposited in LAIF earning an interest rate of 2.15%. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately \$2,857,759. Current year revenue is approximately \$2,510,322 with expenses of approximately \$271,917 resulting in net cash flow of approximately \$2,238,404 (Insert 7.4). It was M/S/C unanimously by Tout/Astiasuain to accept the October 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 is currently finishing the side slope of the ditch at the Caesar headgate. Also, the District will be installing a new modified turnout, including a mag meter for Mike Jackson, as agreed on signed plans.
- 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 Caltrans has a new engineer on the project, Caltrans would like to finish the project within six (6) months.
- 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 the District is up to date on submittals from the contractor. The contractor has installed the private irrigation line. The contractor will be installing a pre-cast structure for District facilities and will install three (3) flow meters for the turnouts.
- 8.8. Tulare County Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). General Manager Wegley explained that Tulare County is currently working on sixty-five (65) percent plans. Tulare County is planning the design of the new bridge to be a free span bridge removing the center pier.
- 8.9. Fresno County Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). No update.

- 8.10. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). No update.
- 8.11. Fresno County Manning Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.
- 8.12. KCUSD Pipeline Replacement @ Reedley College (West Reedley Main; 9941). General Manager Wegley explained that Kings Canyon Unified School District has paid the District for engineering costs.
- 8.13. Yettem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940). General Manager Wegley explained that Tulare County counsel is reviewing the funding agreement from the state. Tulare County anticipates issuing the notice to proceed next week.
- 8.14. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House; 7030). No update.
- 8.15. Tulare County Bridge (Traver; 9943/7029). No update.
- 8.16. Trinitas Farms Encroachment (Smith Mountain; 9953). General Manager Wegley explained that the District allowed a temporary crossing during water run, currently the District is working on the permanent crossing.
- 8.17. City of Dinuba Encroachment (Horsman; 9948). No update.
- 8.18. City of Dinuba Avenue 416 Widening (Traver Bridge; 9914). No update.
- 8.19. City of Reedley Encroachment (East Reedley; 9949). General Manager Wegley explained that the City of Reedley is currently potholing to find our facilities.
- 8.20. City of Dinuba Stormwater Drain (Horsman; 9945). No update.
- 8.21. Soto Bridge Crossing (Button; 9956). No update.
- 8.22. Vast Networks CVIN, LLC/KCUSD Encroachments (District Wide; 9958). General Manager Wegley explained that the District is up to date on encroachment agreements with CVIN.
- 8.23. Dopkins Funeral Home (West Reedley, 10041801). General Manager Wegley explained that the District will be sending a project initiation letter to Dopkins.
- 8.24. Mullholland Farms (Nicoles-Cann Pipeline, 10051801). General Manager Wegley explained that Mullholland Farms ripped out our pipeline while doing demolition work. Mullholland Farms will be required to replace the pipeline, location of the new pipeline will be mutually agreed upon by the District and Mullholland Farms.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Resolution Appointing Directors. It was M/S/C unanimously by Tout/Kalendar to adopt resolution appointing and requesting the respective County Board of Supervisors confirm Directors Brandt, Marshall, Astiasuain, and Tout in lieu of election. (Insert 9.1)
- 9.2 Records Retention and Destruction Policy. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to adopt revised Records Retention and Destruction Policy. (Insert 9.2)
- 9.3 Operating Line of Credit at Rabobank. It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalendar to establish a \$500,000 operating line of credit with Rabobank and authorize Jack Brandt and Chad Wegley as signers on loan documents.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1 McGee Pipeline Tree Removal. General Manager Wegley reported the District will identify and mark the corridor of trees that are encroaching District facilities and need to be removed.
- 10.2 Kings River East GSA. General Manager Wegley reported Provost & Pritchard has developed the overdraft for the sub-basin. The overdraft for Kings River East GSA is estimated at approximately 11,000 acre feet.
- 10.3 Nitrate Study. General Manager Wegley reported that the second round of testing was completed. Results are expected in a couple of months.
- 10.4 Legislative.
- 10.4.1 ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne explained the committee met last month to plan for next legislative session, but there will be no further meetings until early 2019.
- 10.4.2 Valley Ag Water Coalition. No update.
- 10.4.3 Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee. No update.
- 10.5 Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS). No update.
- 10.6 Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 Process. General Manager Wegley explained that the initial assessment of District structures has begun, this process will identify the level of risk of District structures and estimated deferred maintenance budget.
- 10.7 Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley discussed the new bill format for assessment and water surcharges. General Manager Wegley also distributed progress photographs of maintenance projects and cooper wire theft at Traver Pond.

**11. CLOSED SESSION** President Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 11:37 a.m. to confer with counsel and the following items. President Brandt stated that no discussion will be held on item 11.3.

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 Pending Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *Kings River Water Association v. R.D. #761, et al.*

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 arising out of unauthorized encroachment(s) into District canal. (1 case)

**12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** - The Board reconvened into open session at 12:30 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 12:30 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on December 13, 2018.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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