

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Division 4 seat is vacant. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager 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 AGENDA** – None.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – It was M/S/C unanimously (Division 4 vacant) by Halford/Kalendar that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2019.

5.2. Approve Payment of the December 2019 Warrants. (Insert 5.2)

5.3. Collector's Report for December 2019. (Insert 5.3)

5.4. PG&E Encroachment 10321901 (Wilson Ditch). Approve one (1) District standard encroachment agreement on Wilson Ditch.

#### 6. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

6.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee – General Manager Wegley informed the Board that the December meeting packet is available for review in the District's office.

6.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – No update.

#### 7. WATER MANAGEMENT – Review and take action as appropriate.

7.1. Pine Flat Storage Report & Precipitation Summary – General Manager Wegley reported that storage behind Pine Flat is about 475,000 acre-feet. He also explained that the amount of water available in Alta Irrigation District's storage account is estimated to be about 20,000 acre-feet. (Insert 7.1)

- 7.2. Water Run Update – No update.
- 7.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – The Monthly Water Banking Report was reviewed and included as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 7.3)

## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of December 31, 2019, the cash balance is \$2,856,661.24 and of that \$2,201,926 is deposited in LAIF, earning an interest rate of 2.2%. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately \$542,940. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately \$2,363,472 and \$727,105 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about \$1,636,366. (Insert 8.1) It was M/S/C unanimously (Division 4 vacant) by Astiasuain/Kalendar to accept the December 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report.

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

- 9.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). No update.
- 9.2. City of Reedley Floral and Reed Avenue (Reedley Pond; 9917). No update.
- 9.3. Caltrans Hwy 180 (Mt. Campbell; 7025). No update.
- 9.4. Fresno County Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 9.5. Fresno County Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.
- 9.6. Fresno County Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). No update.
- 9.7. Tulare County Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). No update.
- 9.8. Fresno County Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). No update.
- 9.9. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). No update.
- 9.10. Fresno County Manning Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.
- 9.11. City of Dinuba Encroachment (Horsman; 9948). No update.
- 9.12. City of Dinuba Avenue 416 Widening (Traver Bridge; 9914). No update.
- 9.13. City of Dinuba Stormwater Drain (Horsman; 9945). No update.
- 9.14. Soto Bridge Crossing (Button; 9956). No update.
- 9.15. Dopkins Funeral Home (West Reedley; 10041801). No update.
- 9.16. Mullholland Farms (Nicoles-Cann Pipeline; 10051801). No update.

- 9.17. Wawona Packing Co, LLC Alternate Turnout (Kennedy Wasteway; 10071901). No update.
- 9.18. Wawona Packing Co, LLC Encroachment (Kennedy Wasteway; 10071902). No update.
- 9.19. Wawona Alternate Turnout (Horsman 10071903). No update.
- 9.20. City of Reedley Encroachment (Ballard Pipeline, 10081901). No update.
- 9.21. Ken Carol Inc Encroachment and Alternate Turnout (East Branch, 10121901). No update.
- 9.22. Tulare County Bridge Avenue 376 (Traver Canal, 10131901). No update.
- 9.23. Britz Encroachment (Smith Mountain 1011902). No update.
- 9.24. West Star Development Encroachment and Pipeline Development (Buttonwillow 10251901). No update.
- 9.25. M&G Farms, Inc. Bridge Crossing (Tout Ditch 10101901). No update.
- 9.26. Bee Sweet Alternate Turnout (Hogan Pipeline 100201901). No update.
- 9.27. CRJ Farming Co. LP Alternate Turnout (Button Ditch 10311901). No update.
- 9.28. PG&E Encroachment (Wilson Ditch 10321901). No update.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1. Provost & Pritchard Proposal. No action taken.
- 10.2. Division 4 Vacancy. It was M/S/C unanimously (Division 4 vacant) by Marshall/Astiasuain to appoint Marco Rinaldi to the vacant Division 4 Director seat.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

- 11.1. Kings River East GSA. General Manager Wegley reported that Provost & Pritchard is making minor changes to the GSP such as incorporating, when appropriate, responses to comments and checking cross-references. Although only one GSP from the Kings Subbasin was uploaded to DWR's SGMA portal, Provost and Pritchard is scheduled to have remaining GSPs and Coordination Agreement uploaded and submitted prior to the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Also, General Manager Wegley reported that thirty (30) non-governmental organizations submitted a letter to DWR, CalEPA, and SWRCB requesting involvement in review of GSPs prior to current statutory requirements.
- 11.2. Nitrate Study. No update.
- 11.3. Legislative.

11.3.1. ACWA Legislative Committee. No update.

11.3.2. Valley Ag Water Coalition. No update.

11.3.3. Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee. No update.

11.4. Federal Legislation. No update.

11.5. Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 Process. General Manager Wegley presented a preliminary Proposition 218 schedule for 2020 photographs of District infrastructure in dire need of repair/replacement. Deferred maintenance is one of the several key issues justifying the need for a Proposition 218 election.

11.6. Manager's Report. No update.

**12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** President Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 11:25 a.m. to confer with counsel and items listed below. There will be no discussion on item 12.3.

12.1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing 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.*

12.2. 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)

12.3. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing 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.*

12.4. 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)

12.5. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *Jesse Alvarado v. Alta Irrigation District Case # ADJ9776072*.

12.6. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association (Fresno Co. Case #19CECG00769)*.

12.7. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Labor Negotiations, Government Code §54957.6(a). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding Local 39 labor negotiations.

12.8. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Threatened Litigation, Government Code

§54956.9(d)(2). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action on potential litigation. (1 case)

**13. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board reconvened into open session at 11:47 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)** - None.

**15. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on February 13, 2020.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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