

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, Marco Rinaldi, and Larry Tout. Director Daniel Astiasuain arrived at 9:38 a.m. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and attorney Lauren D. Layne. Attorney Douglas B. Jensen was on telephone for closed session.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Landowner Dominic Fino provided information for two (2) gates that he believes are not functioning properly and a picture of a drop with a retaining wall that appears to be failing. Staff will investigate.

3. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA – None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AUDIT

5.1. Fiscal Year End September 30, 2019 Audit. Kip Hudson, a CPA with Hudson Henderson & Company Inc., reviewed the fiscal year end September 30, 2019 audit. It was the opinion of Hudson Henderson & Company, Inc, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects. It was M/S/C unanimously by Kalendar/Rinaldi to accept the fiscal year end September 30, 2019 audit. (Insert 5.1)

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously (Rinaldi abstaining from item 6.1) by Marshall/Halford that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

6.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2019.

6.2. Approve Payment of the January 2020 Warrants. (Insert 6.2)

6.3. Collector's Report for January 2020. (Insert 6.3)

7. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

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

8. WATER MANAGEMENT – Review and take action as appropriate.

- 8.1. Pine Flat Storage Report & Precipitation Summary – General Manager Wegley reported that storage behind Pine Flat is about 500,000 acre-feet. He also explained that the amount of water available in Alta Irrigation District's storage account is estimated to be about 19,000 acre-feet. (Insert 8.1)
- 8.2. Water Run Update – General Manager Wegley reviewed the February 1, 2020 snow survey with the Board. (Insert 8.2)
- 8.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – The Monthly Water Banking Report was reviewed and included as an addendum in the minutes. (Insert 8.3)

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 9.1. Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2020, the cash balance is \$2,771,979.75 and of that \$2,206,975 is deposited in LAIF, earning an interest rate of 2%. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately \$438,516. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately \$2,375,323 and \$1,061,508 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about \$1,312,586. (Insert 9.1) It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to accept the January 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report.

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

- 10.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). No update.
- 10.2. City of Reedley Floral and Reed Avenue (Reedley Pond; 9917). No update.
- 10.3. Caltrans Hwy 180 (Mt. Campbell; 7025). No update.
- 10.4. Fresno County Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 10.5. Fresno County Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.
- 10.6. Fresno County Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). No update.
- 10.7. Tulare County Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). General Manager Wegley reported that Tulare County will replace the bridge on Nebraska Avenue, the bridge deck will be lowered six (6) inches and the center pier will be eliminated. Tulare County will purchase approximately 6,000 square feet of District property.
- 10.8. Fresno County Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). No update.
- 10.9. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). No update.
- 10.10. Fresno County Manning Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.

- 10.11. City of Dinuba Encroachment (Horsman; 9948). No update.
- 10.12. City of Dinuba Avenue 416 Widening (Traver Bridge; 9914). No update.
- 10.13. City of Dinuba Stormwater Drain (Horsman; 9945). No update.
- 10.14. Soto Bridge Crossing (Button; 9956). No update.
- 10.15. Dopkins Funeral Home (West Reedley; 10041801). General Manager Wegley reported the District is waiting for the project owner to deposit construction funds with the District. Also, the landowner's contractor will be sending submittals for District approval.
- 10.16. Mullholland Farms (Nicoles-Cann Pipeline; 10051801). No update.
- 10.17. Wawona Packing Co, LLC Alternate Turnout (Kennedy Wasteway; 10071901). No update.
- 10.18. Wawona Packing Co, LLC Encroachment (Kennedy Wasteway; 10071902). No update.
- 10.19. Wawona Alternate Turnout (Horsman 10071903). No update.
- 10.20. City of Reedley Encroachment (Ballard Pipeline, 10081901). No update.
- 10.21. Ken Carol Inc Encroachment and Alternate Turnout (East Branch, 10121901). No update.
- 10.22. Tulare County Bridge Avenue 376 (Traver Canal, 10131901). No update.
- 10.23. PG&E Encroachment (Smith Mountain 1011902). No update.
- 10.24. West Star Development Encroachment and Pipeline Development (Buttonwillow 10251901). No update.
- 10.25. M&G Farms, Inc. Bridge Crossing (Tout Ditch 10101901). No update.
- 10.26. Bee Sweet Alternate Turnout (Hogan Pipeline 10201901). No update.
- 10.27. CRJ Farming Co. LP Alternate Turnout (Button Ditch 10311901). No update.
- 10.28. PG&E Encroachment (Wilson Ditch 10321901). No update.
- 10.29. Ross Williams Alternate Turnout (Wilson School House Ditch 10332001). No update.
- 10.30. Brad Jones Encroachment (Traver Canal 10352001). No update.
- 10.31. David TeVelde Alternate Turnout (Clough Ditch 10362001). No update.

- 10.32. David TeVelde Check Structure (Clough Ditch 10362002). General Manager Wegley reported that a sketch of the check structure was sent to the District's consultant. The District will need more detail and a full set of plans for the structure, as well as an agreement over ownership and transfer of title to the structure.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1. Provost & Pritchard Proposal. – It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalendar to approve proposal from Provost & Pritchard to provide professional services (time and material basis) to assist AID with the assessment and design repair plan for the Cobles Weir. (Insert 11.1)
- 11.2. Collector's Request. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to deny two (2) requests for waiver of late charges and penalties on annual assessments and water surcharges. (Insert 11.2)
- 11.3. Traver Canal Sinkhole Investigation. – The Board of Directors gave direction to General Manager Wegley to work with the landowner adjacent to the Traver Canal sinkhole to reach a solution.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- 12.1. Kings River East GSA. – General Manager Wegley reported the GSP's for the Kings Subbasin were one of the first complete set of GSPs for a subbasin DWR posted online. The first annual report is due April 1, 2020.
- 12.2. Nitrate Study. No update.
- 12.3. Legislative.
- 12.3.1. ACWA Legislative Committee. No update.
- 12.3.2. Valley Ag Water Coalition. No update
- 12.3.3. Kings River Water Association Legislative Committee. No update.
- 12.4. Federal Legislation. Attorney Layne reported the updated WOTUS ruling was released for comment January 23, 2020.
- 12.5. Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 Process. Attorney Layne provided an explanation of options for assessment and water rate increases. General Manager Wegley discussed the landowner outreach process.
- 12.6. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley discussed infrastructure in dire need of repair/replacement. Also, General Manager Wegley presented photographs of current District maintenance projects.

13. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 11:23 a.m. to confer with counsel and items listed below. There will be no discussion on item 13.3.

- 13.1. 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.*
- 13.2. 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)
- 13.3. 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.*
- 13.4. 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)
- 13.5. 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*.
- 13.6. 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)*.
- 13.7. 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.
- 13.8. 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)

14. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – The Board reconvened into open session at 11:55 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) – None.

16. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on March 12, 2020.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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