

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, March 12, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:31a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, Marco Rinaldi, and Larry Tout. Director Danial Astiasuain arrived at 9:33 a.m. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and attorneys Douglas B. Jensen and Lauren D. Layne. There were also seven members of the public present.

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 by Tout/Kalendar that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2019.

5.2. Approve Payment of the February 2020 Warrants. (Insert 5.2)

5.3. Collector's Report for February 2020. (Insert 5.3)

5.4. Brad Jones Encroachment 10352001 (Traver Canal). Approve one (1) District standard encroachment agreement on Traver Canal.

5.5. Sun Pacific Encroachment 10372001 (Parks Canal). Approve two (2) District standard encroachment agreements on Parks Canal.

5.6. Sun Pacific Encroachment 10372002 (East & West Reedley Pipelines). Approve three (3) District standard encroachment agreements on East & West Reedley Pipelines.

6. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

6.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee. General Manager Wegley informed the Board that the February 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 500,000 acre-feet and out of the flood control window. (Insert 7.1)
- 7.2. Water Run Update – General Manager Wegley reported approximately 277,000 acre-feet was diverted by Alta Irrigation District in 2019. Current runoff forecast models suggest 2020 maybe a 40% water year; historically these types of years generate about 50,000 to 60,000 acre-feet of entitlement. Based on these preliminary projections, water may start sometime between mid-June or the first week of July.
- 7.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – The Monthly Water Banking Report was reviewed and included as an addendum in the minutes. (Insert 7.3)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 8.1. Treasurer’s Report. As of February 29, 2020, the cash balance is \$2,655,769.19 and of that \$2,206,975 is deposited in LAIF, earning an interest rate of 2%. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately \$365,535. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately \$2,377,624 and \$1,278,834 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about \$1,098,789. (Insert 8.1) It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Rinaldi to accept the February 29, 2020 Treasurer’s Report.
- 8.2. Mechanic’s Bank Operating Line. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Marshall to renew the Mechanic’s Bank Operating Line for \$400,000 and designate President Jack Brandt and Secretary Chad Wegley as authorized signers.

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

- 9.1. Caltrans Hwy 180 (Mt. Campbell; 7025). General Manager Wegley reported Caltrans began installation of two 30” pipes without notifying the District. District staff will follow up with Caltrans.
- 9.2. City of Dinuba Avenue 416 Widening (Traver Bridge; 9914). General Manager Wegley reported the cutoff walls were installed by the City of Dinuba at the crossing of Avenue 416 and the entrance to Ridgescreek golf course; these repairs complete City of Dinuba’s portion of the project.
- 9.3. City of Reedley Floral and Reed Avenue (Reedley Pond; 9917). No update.
- 9.4. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark; 9922 & 9923). General Manager Wegley reported the headgate of the Caesar still needs to be completed before this project can be closed out.
- 9.5. Fresno County Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 9.6. Fresno County Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.

- 9.7. Fresno County Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). 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. Tulare County Nebraska Bridge (Traver; 9936). Jason Vivian from Tulare County gave a presentation and status update. Tulare County plans to begin construction in Fall of 2020.
- 9.12. City of Dinuba Stormwater Drain (Horsman; 9945). No update.
- 9.13. City of Dinuba Encroachment (Horsman; 9948). 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 Alternate Turnout (Horsman; 10071903). No update.
- 9.19. City of Reedley Encroachment (Ballard Pipeline; 10081901). No update.
- 9.20. M&G Farms, Inc. Bridge Crossing (Tout Ditch; 10101901). General Manager Wegley reported that plans, submitted on behalf of the landowner, had an expired engineer's stamp. Plans also showed a bridge deck within the flow area of the canal, which will restrict flow to downstream users. Elevation of the bottom cord of the bridge must match the highest point along the alignment of the crossing. The District's consultant will comment on plans.
- 9.21. Ken Carol Inc Encroachment and Alternate Turnout (East Branch; 10121901). No update.
- 9.22. Tulare County Bridge Avenue 376 (Traver Canal; 10131901). Jason Vivian from Tulare County gave a presentation and status update. Tulare County plans to begin construction in Fall of 2022.
- 9.23. Bee Sweet Alternate Turnout (Hogan Pipeline; 10201901). No update.
- 9.24. West Star Development Encroachment and Pipeline Development (Buttonwillow; 10251901). No update.
- 9.25. CRJ Farming Co. LP Alternate Turnout (Button Ditch; 10311901). No update.
- 9.26. PG&E Encroachment (Wilson Ditch; 10321901). No update.
- 9.27. Ross Williams Alternate Turnout (Wilson School House Ditch; 10332001). No update.

- 9.28. Brad Jones Encroachment (Traver Canal; 10352001). No update.
- 9.29. David TeVelde Check Structure (Clough Ditch; 10362001). No update.
- 9.30. David TeVelde Alternate Turnout (Clough Ditch; 10362002). No update.
- 9.31. Sun Pacific Encroachment (Parks Ditch; 10372001). No update.
- 9.32. Sun Pacific Encroachment (East & West Reedley; 10372002). No update.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1. Collector's Request. It was M/S/C by Halford/Astiasuain to deny two (2) landowner requests for waiver of late charges and penalties on annual assessments and water surcharges. (Insert 10.1)

11. OLD BUSINESS

- 11.1. Kings River East GSA. General Manager Wegley reported, Provost & Pritchard is working on the first annual report covering 2016-2019, which is due April 1st.
- 11.2. Nitrate Study. No update.
- 11.3. Legislative.
 - 11.3.1. ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne reported on various bill that have been introduced.
 - 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. No update.
- 11.6. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley discussed infrastructure in dire some need of repair/replacement. Also, General Manager Wegley presented photographs of current District maintenance projects. Landowner Dominic Fino provided a picture of the road crossing at Road 88 and Avenue 406 containing a thin layer of sediment. Staff will investigate.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Jack Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 11:00 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 11:31a.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 11:31a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on April 9, 2020.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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