

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0800

*Per Executive Order N-29-20, which allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, this Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Alta Irrigation District was held via telephone conference call on*

*Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.*

*accessed as follows: Teleconference Number (559) 823-8500.*

*The public participated in the meeting, as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act, by calling the telephone number shown above.*

**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 Danial Astiasuain, Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, Marco Rinaldi, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and attorneys Douglas B. Jensen and Lauren D. Layne. There was also one member 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. CONSENT CALENDAR** – It was M/S by Rinaldi/Kalendar vote was taken by roll call as follows: Director Rinaldi aye, Director Kalendar aye, President Brandt aye, Vice-President Marshall aye, Director Astiasuain aye, Director Halford aye, Director Tout aye, that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

4.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2020.

4.2. Approve Payment of the April 2020 Warrants. (Insert 4.2)

4.3. Collector’s Report for April 2020. (Insert 4.3)

4.4. CVIN Encroachment 10212001 (Smith Mountain Pipeline). Approve one (1) District standard encroachment agreement on Smith Mountain Pipeline.

4.5. CVIN Encroachment 10212002 (Dinuba Town Pipeline). Approve three (3) District standard encroachment agreements on Dinuba Town Pipeline.

- 4.6. M&J LP Encroachment 10412001 (Wilson Ditch). Approve two (2) District standard encroachment agreements on Wilson Ditch.
- 4.7. County Elections Resolution R2020-05-01. Adopt Resolution R2020-05-01 ordering even-year Board of Directors election, consolidation of elections, and specifications of the election order. (Insert 4.7)
- 4.8. Collections from the County of Fresno. Adopt Resolution R2020-05-02 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels twenty (20) acres or less and parcels that previously had delinquent assessments on the 2020-2021 County of Fresno's tax roll. (Insert 4.8)
- 4.9. Collections from the County of Tulare. Adopt Resolution R2020-05-03 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels twenty (20) acres or less and parcels that previously had delinquent assessments on the 2020-2021 County of Tulare's tax roll. (Insert 4.9)

**5. WATER MANAGEMENT – Review and take action as appropriate.**

- 5.1. Water Run Update – General Manager Wegley reported the District diverted approximately 251,000 acre-feet of water from the Kings River during Water Year 2019, making it the 5<sup>th</sup> largest diversion since the completion of Pine Flat Dam. Water was diverted for 207 days during the calendar year, the second most diversion days since 1974 – record for this period was set in 2017. A review of monthly diversion records since Water Year 2000 revealed new diversion records for April, July, August, and September – diversions during March and May ranked second during that period with record-setting diversions occurring during Water Year 2017. General Manager Wegley also reported current runoff forecast models suggest that April-July runoff for Water Year 2020 may be a 54% of historical average. Historically, these types of water years generate about 80,000 acre-feet of entitlement, which suggests a potential water run start sometime during the first week of July.

**6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – President Jack Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 9:55 a.m. to confer with counsel and items listed below. There was no discussion on item 6.3

- 6.1. 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.*
- 6.2. 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)
- 6.3. 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.*

- 6.4. 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)
- 6.5. 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*.
- 6.6. 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)*.
- 6.7. 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.
- 6.8. 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)
- 6.9. Conference with Real Property Negotiators.  
Real Property: 012-260-014  
Agency Negotiator: Chad Wegley  
Negotiating Parties: Juan Carmona, Tulare County  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board reconvened into open session at 10:20 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on June 11, 2020.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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