

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, August 11, 2022

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and Attorney Douglas B. Jensen
- 1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 11.4 and will leave the room for that item.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA – None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Halford, seconded by Vice President Marshall, that consent calendar items be approved as presented, with the exception of Special Board Meeting minutes of May 20, 2022, and July 25, 2022, which were tabled until the next meeting.

- 5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meetings of April 14, 2022, May 12, 2022, June 9, 2022.
- 5.2. Collector’s Report for July 2022. (Insert 5.2)
- 5.3. Approve Payment of the July Warrants. (Insert 5.3)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 6.1. Treasurer’s Report. Tabled until the next meeting.

7. CURRENT PROJECTS – Information Items Only; No Action Will be Taken

- 7.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare County – Caesar 9922). No update.
- 7.2. Encroachment (San Joaquin Valley Homes – Horseman 10022201). General Manager Wegley reported the District is working with the developer and 4-Creeks Engineering on

final items needed to issues encroachment permits. The District notified San Joaquin Valley Homes that a second phase of the project will require piping of Horseman ditch and highlighted the importance of engaging the District early in the development process.

- 7.3. City of Reedley Well #12 (City of Reedley – East Reedley 10082001). No update.
- 7.4. Encroachment (City of Dinuba – Dinuba Town 10092201). No update.
- 7.5. Alternate Turnout (M&G Farms Inc. – Lovell 10102001). No update.
- 7.6. Avenue 376 Bridge (Tulare County – Traver 10131901). No update.
- 7.7. Avenue 430 Bridge (Tulare County - Buttonwillow 10132201). No update.
- 7.8. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). No update.
- 7.9. Bridge Crossing (James & Betty Spitze – Mt. Campbell 10402002). No update.
- 7.10. Encroachment (PG&E – Traver Canal 10322101). No update.
- 7.11. Encroachment (PG&E – Wilson & Dinuba Town 10322102). No update.
- 7.12. Encroachment (PG&E – Traver Canal 10322103). No update.
- 7.13. Encroachment (PG&E – Wilson Canal 10322104). No update.
- 7.14. Encroachment (PG&E – Floyd Canal 10322201). No update.
- 7.15. Bridge Crossing (Smith Mountain Estates, LLC – Smith Mountain 10502001). No update.
- 7.16. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532101). No update.
- 7.17. Englehart Bridge (Fresno County – Reedley Main 10532102). No update.
- 7.18. Alta Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532103). No update.
- 7.19. Manning Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532104). General Manager Wegley reported the District is working with Fresno County regarding questions about the Traver Canal.
- 7.20. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532105). No update.
- 7.21. Alternate Turnout (Cardenas Farms – California Vineyard Ditch 10582101). No update.
- 7.22. Encroachment (Megalodon Properties LLC – Buttonwillow Pipeline 10642101). No update.
- 7.23. Encroachment (MBN Homes LLC – Horseman Ditch 10652101). No update.
- 7.24. Alternate Turnout (Red Wolf Farms, LLC – California Vineyard 10662201). No update.
- 7.25. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town & Burum 10682201). General Manager Wegley reported that Dinuba Unified School District is working through supply chain issues for concrete pipe. The District is waiting on submittals for the concrete pipe that were promised by July 19, 2022. Legal counsel has revised the District’s standard Pipeline Development Agreement to address issues raised by Dinuba Unified School District and submitted it to Dinuba Unified School District legal

counsel on August 8, 2022 for review. A Pipeline Development Agreement was initially provided by the District to Dinuba Unified School District back in September of 2016.

- 7.26. Encroachment (AT&T – Smith Mountain Pipeline 10692201). No update.
- 7.27. Pipeline Development (Castle Rock Development – Nuss Ditch 10702201). No update.
- 7.28. Alternate Turnout (Neil Zwart – Vannoy 10712201). No update.
- 7.29. Encroachment (Sultana Community Services District – Carey – Hunter 10722201). No update.
- 7.30. Encroachment (Gravity Pull Enterprise Inc – Smith Mountain Pipeline 10752201). No update.

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

- 8.1. Water Conditions Update. Water conditions report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 8.1)

9. NEW BUSINESS – Review and take action as appropriate.

- 9.1. Labor Negotiator. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Halford, seconded by Director Astiasuain, to designate General Manager Chad Wegley as labor negotiator for Local 39 labor negotiations.
- 9.2. Rules and Regulations. General Manager Wegley reviewed previous versions and current version of Alta Irrigation District’s rules and regulations. A copy of the 1919 Rules and Regulations was passed around for the board members to review – contains 21 rules and regulations; today the District has 28. No action taken.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1. Manager’s Report. General Manager Wegley provided updates on planned maintenance activities; manager’s report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 10.1)
- 10.2. Attorney’s Report. No update.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:08 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:21 a.m. and conferred with counsel on items listed below. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 11.4 and left the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

- 11.1. 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. (2 cases)
- 11.2. 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).

- 11.3. 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.
- 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 claims by third parties to water rights on the Kings River. (2 cases)

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – The Board reconvened into open session at 12:49 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on September 8, 2022.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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