ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES

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 Ring Central Thursday, February 11, 2020, and accessed as follows:

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:33 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, Attorneys Doug B. Jensen, and Lauren D. Layne, and four (4) members of the public were present. Attorney Nick Jacobs joined the meeting for closed session.

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Karen Yohannes asked about the Kings River Administrative Hearing and if she, as a landowner, should submit a letter to the Administrative Hearing Office.

3. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA** – None.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

   4.1. ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award for the Liability Program, Property Program, and Workers' Compensation Program. (Insert 4.1)

   4.2. Cucamonga Valley Water District Letter for ACWA JPIA Executive Committee candidate. (Insert 4.2)

5. **Wells Fargo Investment Advisors Presentation**

   5.1. Wells Fargo Investment Advisors. Tabled until the March 20201 meeting.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – It was M/S by Halford/Astiasuain that consent calendar items be approved as presented. Roll call vote of directors were: Director Halford, aye; Director Astiasuain, aye; President Brandt, aye; Vice President Marshall, aye; Director Fino, aye; Director Kalender, aye; and Director Tout, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

   6.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2021.

   6.2. Collector's Report for January 2021. (Insert 6.2)

   6.3. Approve Payment of the January 2021 Warrants. (Insert 6.3)

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL**

   7.1. Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2021, the cash balance is $3,032,607.14. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $597,550. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately $2,110,024 and $1,062,936 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about $1,047,088. (Insert 7.1) It was M/S by Marshall/Tout to accept the January 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote of directors were: Vice President Marshall, aye; Director Tout, aye; President Brandt, aye; Director Astiasuain, aye; Director Fino, aye; Director Halford, aye; and Director Kalender, aye.

   7.2. Annexation Policy. Item tabled until the next meeting.

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

   8.1. Water Run Update. Item was discussed during the Manager's Report.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

   No update

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

   10.1. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley reported on the District's annual precipitation and Kings River diversions from 2016 through 2020 and explained how those annual values compared to key historical markers for average, wet, and dry hydrologic conditions – 2.48 inches of rainfall fell in January at the District shop. General Manager Wegley highlighted maintenance efforts planned for 2021 such as installing new canal gates (20), applying pre-emergent, and repairing failing canal lining and structures. General Manager Wegley explained is too early to determine a duration for 2021 water run and that KRWA anticipates, based on available data, a runoff volume equal to about fifty-five percent (55%) of the historical average. General Manager Wegley reported on the administrative hearing process for the Kings River water rights battle with Semitropic Water Storage District and that the Administrative Hearing Officer will be issuing a memorandum outlining the hearing process.

11. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 10:19 a.m. to confer with counsel on items listed below. There was no discussion on item 11.6 and Attorney

Nick Jacobs only attended for discussion on item 11.7. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 11.6 and 11.7, and exited closed session at 10:34 a.m.

11.1. 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*.

11.2. 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 unauthorized encroachment(s) into District canal. (1 case)

11.3. 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*.

11.4. 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).*

11.5. 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 *County of Fresno v. Alta Irrigation District, et al*.

11.6. 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*.

11.7. 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. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

12.1. Announcement(s) from Closed Session. – The Board reconvened into open session at 10:55 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on March 11, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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