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, March 11, 2021 and was 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 9:34 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, Attorneys Doug B. Jensen, and Lauren D. Layne, and one (1) member of the public was present. Attorney Nick Jacobs joined the meeting for closed session.

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

3. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA** – It was M/S by Halford/Fino to add two (2) items to the agenda that came to the attention of the District after the posting of the agenda and required immediate Board action: 1) Communications item 4.2 Public Records Act request and 2) Consent Calendar item 6.7 Standard easement agreement. Roll call vote of directors were: Director Halford, aye, Director Fino, aye, President Brandt, aye, Vice President Marshall, aye, Director Astiasuain, aye, Director Kalender, aye, and Director Tout, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

   4.1. San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Letter for ACWA JPIA Executive Committee candidate. (Insert 4.1)

4.2. Public Records Act Request from Lois Henry with San Joaquin Valley Water for any agreements and invoices between the District and Corcoran Irrigation Company, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, Delta Lands Reclamation District #770, Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation District and J.G. Boswell Company.

5. Wells Fargo Investment Advisors Presentation

5.1. Wells Fargo Investment Advisors. Jumana Ghattas from Wells Fargo Investment Advisors gave a brief presentation on investment options in compliance with Alta Irrigation District Investment Policy.

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

6.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2021.

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

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

6.4. ALG North Valley Encroachment 10572101 (California Vineyard Ditch). Approve one (1) District standard encroachment agreement on the California Vineyard Ditch.

6.5. ALG North Valley Encroachment 10572102 (Buttonwillow Ditch). Approve one (1) District standard encroachment agreement on the Buttonwillow Ditch.

6.6. ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Resolution. Review and consider adopting Resolution R2020-0301 concurring with nomination of Melody McDonald of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. (Insert 6.6)

6.7. Easement Agreement. Review and consider accepting standard easement agreement for access and maintenance along Traver Canal north of Avenue 424.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

7.1. Treasurer's Report. As of February 28, 2021, the cash balance is $3,038,752.33. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $405,239. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately $2,111,618 and $1,304,034 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about $808,222. (Insert 7.1) It was M/S by Fino/Tout to accept the February 28, 2021 Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote of directors were: Director Fino, aye, Director Tout, aye, President Brandt, aye, Vice President Marshall, aye, Director Astiasuain, aye, Director Halford, aye, and Director Kalender, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Landowner Request. Review and consider request from Richard Nicholas to waive assessment penalties. No Board action was taken. (Insert 7.2)

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

8.1. Water Run Update. – No update.

9. NEW BUSINESS – None.

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 - 0.51 inches of rainfall fell in February at the District shop. General Manager Wegley highlighted maintenance efforts planned for 2021 such as installing new canal gates (27), applying pre-emergent, and repairing failing canal lining and structures. General Manager Wegley explained it 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 forty percent (40%) of the historical average.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 10:37 a.m. to confer with counsel on items listed below. There was no discussion on item 11.4. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 11.4 and 11.5, and exited closed session at 11:00 a.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. (1 case)

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 *Jesse Alvarado v. Alta Irrigation District Case # ADJ9776072*.

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 *James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association (Fresno Co. Case #19CECG00769).*

11.4. 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.*

11.5. 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 11:07 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on April 8, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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