ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

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 teleconference on Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. and was accessed as follows:

Teleconference Number (559) 823-8500

The public participated in the meeting as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act by calling the teleconference number above.

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 Danial Astiasuain, Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, and Larry Tout. Member absent was Tom Marshall. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, Attorney Douglas B. Jensen, and two (2) members of the public were present. Attorney Nick Jacobs joined the meeting for closed session item 10.5.

   1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 10.5 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 (Vice President Marshall absent) by Halford/Kalender that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

   5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting May 13, 2021.

   5.2. Collector's Report for May 2021. (Insert 5.2)

   5.3. Approve Payment of the May 2021 Warrants. (Insert 5.3)

   5.4. Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement. Approve Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement for Tulare County collections. (Insert 5.4)

   5.5. Quit Claim Deed River Ridge Partners. Approve Quit Claim Deed for River Ridge Partners for the previous alignment of Buttonwillow Ditch. (Insert 5.5)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

6.1. Treasurer's Report. As of May 31, 2021, the cash balance is $2,580,524.23. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $264,953. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately $2,122,308 and $2,052,259 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about $70,049. (Insert 6.1) It was M/S/C unanimously (Vice President Marshall absent) on motion by Astiasuain, seconded by Fino to accept the May 31, 2021, Treasurer's Report.

6.2. Investment Policy. It was M/S/C unanimously (Vice President Marshall absent) on motion by Halford, seconded by Astiasuain to approve the revised Investment Policy. (Insert 6.2)

6.3. Valley Strong Credit Union Public Funds Agreement. It was M/S/C unanimously (Vice President Marshall absent) on motion by Halford, seconded by Kalender to approve the Public Funds Agreement subject to legal review with Valley Strong Credit Union. (Insert 6.3)

6.4. Valley Strong Credit Union Money Market. It was M/S/C unanimously (Vice President Marshall absent) on motion by Astiasuain, seconded by Tout to open a money market account at Valley Strong Credit Union and authorize President Jack Brandt, Vice President Tom Marshall, Secretary Chad Wegley, and Treasurer Marc Limas as signers on the account.

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

7.1. Water Run Update. - It was M/S/C on motion by Halford, seconded by Kalender to not run water for 2021. A, roll call vote was taken with results as follows: Director Halford, aye, Director Kalender, aye, President Brandt, aye, Director Astiasuain, no, Director Fino, aye, and Director Tout, aye, Vice President Marshall absent. The motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS –None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Manager's Report. General Manager reviewed the manager's report, it was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 9.1)

9.2. Attorney's Report. No update.

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:06 a.m. to confer with counsel on items listed below. There will be no discussion on item 10.4. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 10.5, and exited closed session at 11:15 a.m. Attorney Nick Jacobs joined closed session for discussion on item 10.5.

10.1. 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)

10.2. 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.

10.3. 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).*

10.4. 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*.

10.5. 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)

11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

11.1. Announcement(s) from Closed Session – The Board reconvened into open session 11:45 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on July 8, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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