ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

MINUTES

Per Executive Order N-29-20 and Assembly Bill 361, 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 be held via teleconference on Thursday, October 14, 2021, 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 9:31 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Directors present were Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Director Daniel Astiasuain was absent. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, Attorneys Douglas B. Jensen and Lauren D. Layne. There were two (2) members of the public present.

   1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 11.5 and will leave the room for that item.

   1.3. Remote Teleconference Board Meeting Resolution – It was M/S/C unanimously (Astiasuain absent) via roll call vote on motion by Director Halford, seconded by Director Fino, to adopt a resolution consistent with AB 361. (Insert 1.3).

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Luis Rios thanked the Board and management for his tenure at the District.

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

4. **COMMUNICATIONS** - None.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – It was M/S/C unanimously (Director Astiasuain absent) via roll call vote on motion by Vice President Marshall, seconded by Director Fino, that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

   5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting September 9, 2021, and Special Board Meetings September 20, 2021, and September 27, 2021.

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

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

6. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

6.1. Treasurer's Report. No action taken.

6.2. Merit Step Increases. It was M/S/C unanimously (Director Astiasuain absent) via roll call vote on motion by Director Tout, seconded by Director Halford to freeze merit step increases due to current budget.

7. CURRENT PROJECTS – Information Items Only; No Action Will be Taken – General Manager Wegley reviewed status of projects listed.

7.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare County – Caesar 9922).

7.2. Dinuba High School (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town 9932).

7.3. City of Reedley Well #12 (City of Reedley – Ballard 10082001).

7.4. Bridge Crossing (M&G Farms Inc – Tout 10101901).

7.5. Alternate Turnout (M&G Farms Inc. – Lovell 10102001).

7.6. Avenue 376 Bridge (Tulare County – Traver 10131901).

7.7. Century Homes Community (Century Homes 10251901).

7.8. Bridge Crossing (James & Betty Spitze – Mt. Campbell 10402002).

7.9. Bridge Crossing (Smith Mountain Estates, LLC – Smith Mountain 10502001).

7.10. Encroachment (PG&E – Traver Canal 10322002).

7.11. Encroachment (PG&E – Wilson & Dinuba Town 10322102).

7.12. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532101).

7.13. Englehart Bridge (Fresno County – Reedley Main 10532102).

7.14. Alta Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532103).

7.15. Manning Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532104).

7.16. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532105).

7.17. Alternate Turnout (Creekside Farms – Banks Ditch 10542101).

7.18. Alternate Turnout (Wonderful Citrus – Wilson Ditch 10562101).

7.19. Encroachment (ALG North Valley – California Vineyard Ditch 10572101).

7.20. Alternate Turnout (Cardenas Farms – California Vineyard Ditch 10582101).

7.21. Encroachment (CalBioGas North Visalia, LLC – Banks Ditch 10612101).

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

8.1. Water Run Update. General Manager Wegley reviewed the water run report, it was added as

an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 8.1)

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

9.1. Quit Claim Deed Elter Pipeline. It was M/S/C unanimously (Director Astiasuain and Vice President Marshall absent) via roll call vote on motion by Director Kalender, seconded by Director Tout to approve a Quit Claim Deed for the Elter ditch. (Insert 9.1)

9.2. Encroachment CalBioGas North Visalia, LLC. 10612101 (Banks Ditch). It was M/S/C unanimously (Director Astiasuain absent) via roll call vote on motion by Director Fino, seconded by Director Kalendar to approve non-District standard encroachment agreement with CalBioGas North Visalia, LLC. on the Banks Ditch.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley reviewed the manager's report, and it was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Attorney's Report. Attorney Layne reported on various bills that have been signed as well as funding opportunities for GSP implementation.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:20 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:30 a.m. and conferred with counsel on items listed below. No discussions were held on Item 11.4. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on Item 11.5 and left the meeting at 11:35 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. (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 *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. (2 cases)

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – The Board reconvened into open session at 12:42 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on November 12, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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