REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Friday, November 12, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and Attorney Douglas B. Jensen. There was one member of the public present.

   1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 11.7 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 Astiasuain, seconded by Director Kalendar, that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

   5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting October 14, 2021.

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

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

   5.4. Approve Audit Engagement Letter with Hudson Henderson & Company Inc. (Insert 5.4)

   5.5. CalBioGas North Visalia, LLC Encroachment (10612101 Banks Ditch). Review and consider approving one (1) standard District encroachment permit.

   5.6. City of Reedley Encroachment (10082001 East Reedley Pipeline). Review and consider approving one (1) standard District encroachment permit for a drive approach.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL**

   6.1. Treasurer's Report. As of October 31, 2021, the cash balance is $1,874,208.08. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $2,363,677. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately $2,524,720 and $215,918 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about $2,308,915 (Insert 6.1). It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Halford, seconded by Vice President Marshall to accept the September 30, 2021, and

October 31, 2021, Treasurer's Report.

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

7.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare County – Caesar 9922). No update.

7.2. Dinuba High School (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town 9932). General Manager Wegley reported that the school district's consultant requested a meeting to discuss the possibility of a variance to District standards on pipe material.

7.3. City of Reedley Well #12 (City of Reedley – East Reedley 10082001). General Manager Wegley reported that the city is desires to dispose of backwash water from granular activated carbon filters and storm water into the East Reedley Ditch.

7.4. Bridge Crossing (M&G Farms Inc – Tout 10101901). 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. Century Homes Community (Century Homes 10251901). No update.

7.8. Bridge Crossing (James & Betty Spitze – Mt. Campbell 10402002). No update.

7.9. Bridge Crossing (Smith Mountain Estates, LLC – Smith Mountain 10502001). General Manager Wegley reported that the District provided comments on drawings of a proposed crossing and will be issuing an agreement for installation of a temporary crossing

7.10. Encroachment (PG&E – Traver Canal 10322002). No update.

7.11. Encroachment (PG&E – Wilson & Dinuba Town 10322102). No update.

7.12. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532101). No update.

7.13. Englehart Bridge (Fresno County – Reedley Main 10532102). No update.

7.14. Alta Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532103). No update.

7.15. Manning Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532104). No update.

7.16. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532105). No update.

7.17. Alternate Turnout (Creekside Farms – Banks Ditch 10542101). No update.

7.18. Alternate Turnout (Wonderful Citrus – Wilson Ditch 10562101). No update.

7.19. Encroachment (ALG North Valley – California Vineyard Ditch 10572101). No update.

7.20. Alternate Turnout (Cardenas Farms – California Vineyard Ditch 10582101). No update.

7.21. Encroachment (CalBioGas North Visalia, LLC – Banks Ditch 10612101). General Manager Wegley reported the District is working with CalBioGas' consultant on a resolution to an illegal encroachment.

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

8.1. Water Run Update. General Manager Wegley explained that late October and early

November rainfall generated about 9,500 acre-feet of entitlement, which nearly equaled the total entitlement generated during WY 2021; water run report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 8.1)

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

9.1. Flo Analytics Contract. No action taken.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley explained impacts to canal system operations and finances because saplings were not removed from canal banks/O&M roads, and highlighted steps being taken to address deferred maintenance of structures; 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 10:28 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 10:35 a.m. and conferred with counsel on items listed below. No discussions were held on Item 11.6. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on Items 11.6 and 11.7 and left the meeting at 11:15 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 claims against the District. (1 Case)

11.2. 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.

11.3. 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)

11.4. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *Jesse Alvarado v. Alta Irrigation District Case # ADJ9776072*.

11.5. 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).*

11.6. 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. (2 cases)

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – The Board reconvened into open session at 12:39 p.m. with the following reportable action. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Fino,

seconded by Director Tout to deny request from retiree Irma Faria to make in-lieu payments to her of Medicare premiums, which would constitute providing a benefit that is not available per the District retirement policy.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on December 9, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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