REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, May 16, 2024

MINUTES

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. Members present were Domenic Fino, John Kalender, Christopher "C.J." Myers, Elliott Rossotti, and Larry Tout. Vice President Jerry Halford was absent. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and attorneys Lauren D. Layne and Fernando Almaraz.

1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – Domenic Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 12.2 and 12.5 and will leave the room for those items.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

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

3.1. Water Conditions Update. General Manager Wegley explained that the current rainfall total was about 11.5 inches, nearly 9 inches less than last year's rainfall total. USACOE ended a 12-day flood release at midnight on May 16th; flood release operations are common when the preceding water year is "very wet." Pine Flat storage on that day was about 926,000 acre-feet with Alta ID's storage balance totaling about 99,000 acre-feet – Alta ID storage balance increased about 30,000 acre-feet since April 30th. The water conditions update was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 3.1)

4. MAINTENANCE – Review and take action as appropriate.

4.1. Maintenance Activity Update. Maintenance activity for the remainder of the 2024 Water Year was suspended with the start of water run and will resume sometime in September. Emergency repairs were completed on infrastructure located on Traver Ditch, Banks Ditch, Dinuba Town Ditch, Horseman, Tout Ditch, etc. East Reedley repairs, completed during the final months of the 2023 Water Year, cost 2.5 times more than money provided by the developer – pipelines located in front yards. The Maintenance Activity Update was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 4.1)

5. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA – None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. ACWA AB 2257 Support Letter. (Insert 6.1)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously (Halford absent) on a motion by

Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Kalender, that consent calendar items be approved as presented, with the exception of item 7.1, which was tabled until the next meeting.

7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2024, and Special Board Meetings of April 18, 2024, and May 3, 2024.

7.2. Collector's Report for April 2024. (Insert 7.2)

7.3. Approve Payment of the April 2024 Warrants. (Insert 7.3)

7.4. Encroachment Agreement (Joel and Judith Isaak/M&J LP – Driver 10972401) – Approve one (1) District standard encroachment agreement.

7.5. County Elections Resolution R2024-0501. Adopt Resolution R2024-0501 ordering even-year Board of Directors election, consolidation of elections, and specifications of the election order. (Insert 7.5)

7.6. Collections from County of Fresno. Adopt Resolution R2024-0502 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels on the 2024-2025 County of Fresno's tax roll. (Insert 7.6)

7.7. Collections from County of Tulare. Adopt Resolution R2024-0503 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels on the 2024-2025 County of Tulare's tax roll. (Insert 7.7)

7.8. Collections from County of Kings. Adopt Resolution R2024-0504 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels on the 2024-2025 County of King's tax roll. (Insert 7.8)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of April 30, 2024, the cash balance is $7,331,601.11. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $1,210,983. The current year's revenue and expenses are approximately $5,932,537 and $2,765,438, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $3,172,174. (Insert 8.1). It was M/S/C unanimously (Halford absent) on a motion by Director Kalender, seconded by Director Fino, to accept the April 2024 Treasurer's Report.

8.2. Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments. It was M/S/C unanimously (Halford absent) on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Fino, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments. (Insert 8.2)

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

9.1. Pipeline Development Agreement (San Joaquin Valley Homes – Horseman 10022401). General Manager Wegley provided a brief overview of the project, the District has had a preliminary meeting with the developer.

9.2. Encroachment (City of Dinuba – Dinuba Town 10092201). No update.

9.3. Encroachment (City of Dinuba – Smith Mountain 10092301). No update.

9.4. Encroachment (City of Dinuba – Dinuba Town & Burum 10092302). No update.

9.5. Encroachment (City of Dinuba – Smith Mountain 10092402). No update.

9.6. Avenue 376 Bridge (Tulare County – Traver 10131901). No update.

9.7. Avenue 430 Bridge (Tulare County - Buttonwillow 10132201). No update.

9.8. Encroachment (CVIN – Dinuba Town & Burum 10212302). No update.

9.9. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). No update.

9.10. Encroachment (PG&E – Wilson, Dinuba Town, & Van Noy 10322102). No update.

9.11. Encroachment (PG&E – Traver Canal 10322103). No update.

9.12. Encroachment (PG&E – East Branch 10322304). No update.

9.13. Encroachment (PG&E – Dinuba Town 10322401). No update.

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

9.15. Bridge Crossing (Smith Mountain Estates, LLC – Smith Mountain 10502001). No update.

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

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

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

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

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

9.21. Encroachment (Megalodon Properties LLC – Buttonwillow Pipeline 10642101). No update.

9.22. Encroachment (MBN Homes LLC – Horseman Ditch 10652101). No update.

9.23. Alternate Turnout (Red Wolf Farms, LLC – California Vineyard 10662201). No update.

9.24. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town & Burum 10682201). General Manager Wegley provided a brief overview of the project and the status of submittals.

9.25. Encroachment (AT&T – Smith Mountain Pipeline 10692201). No update.

9.26. Pipeline Development (Castle Rock Development – Nuss Ditch 10702201). No update.

9.27. Alternate Turnout (Neil Zwart – Vannoy 10712201). No update.

9.28. Encroachment (SoCalGas – Banks 10782201). No update.

9.29. Alternate Turnout (Frankwood LLC – Wahtoke 10862301). No update.

9.30. Encroachment (Steven Boos – Buttonwillow 10872302). No update.

9.31. Encroachment (Cutler-Orosi Unified School District – Orosi School House 10882301). No update.

9.32. Alternate Turnout (Marvin & Beck Warkentin – Traver 10892301). No update.

9.33. Alternate Turnout (Gerben Leyendekker – Carey Hunter 10902401). No update.

9.34. Alternate Turnout (Gerben Leyendekker – Banks 10902402). No update.

9.35. Alternate Turnout (Smittcamp Ag Enterprises – Carey Hunter 10912401). No update.

9.36. Encroachment (Otani Properties – West Reedley 10932401). No update.

9.37. Encroachment (Huerta L Farms, LLC – Elter 10952401). No update.

9.38. Pipeline Development (Family Healthcare Network – Orosi School House 10962401). No update.

9.39. Encroachment (Joel & Judith Isaak/M&J, LP – Driver 10972401). No update.

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

10.1. Pima Wawona Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Filing. An update was provided on paid assessments and water surcharges, and the remaining outstanding balances.

10.2. Trinitas Farming, LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Filing. An update was provided on paid assessments and water surcharges, and the remaining outstanding balances.

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Manager's Report. Frey Pipeline continues to be a maintenance problem for Alta ID. During the past two years, 12 repairs have been made to this pipeline. Failures are a combination of poor construction quality for the cast-in-place pipe and reduced ground cover. The manager's report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 11.1)

11.2. Attorney's Report. Attorney Layne reported on various bills from this legislative session..

11.3. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports. Review and take action as appropriate.

11.3.1. Maintenance Ad-Hoc Committee. No update.

11.3.2. Public Relations Ad-Hoc Committee No update.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:57 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 12:09 p.m. and conferred with counsel on times 12.1 and 12.3 through 12.5. No discussion will be held on item 12.2. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 12.2 and 12.5 and left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

12.1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

Property:	043-010-037
Agency Negotiator:	Chad Wegley
Negotiating Parties:	Wawona Farm Co. LLC
Under Negotiation:	Price and terms of payment

12.2. 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.*

12.3. 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 from seepage along District canal. (2 cases)

12.4. 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)

12.5. 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. (3 cases)

13. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - The Board of Directors reconvened into open session at 12:55 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on June 13, 2024.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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