REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, November 14, 2024

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting of Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, Christopher "C.J." Myers, and Larry Tout. Member Elliott Rossotti was absent. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and Attorney Lauren D. Layne.

1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 12.1 and 12.5 and will leave the room for those items. Director Kalender declared a conflict of interest on item 12.3 and will leave the room for that item.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

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

3.1. Water Conditions Update. General Manager Wegley explained that Alta ID has not had any measurable rainfall since May. On November 10 there was about 406,000 acre-feet (AF) in storage behind Pine Flat Dam and nearly 22,000 AF or 5% belonged to Alta ID. Inflow into Pine Flat was about 190 cubic feet per second (cfs), an increase of nearly 30 cfs from the previous month. Inflow will fluctuate between 160 to 190 cfs for the remainder of the calendar year until a rainfall event passes through the area. Once inflow reaches 700 cfs, Alta ID will gain nearly 600 AF per day in entitlement. The water conditions report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 3.1)

4. MAINTENANCE – Review and take action as appropriate.

4.1. Maintenance Activity Update. General Manager Wegley described ongoing and upcoming maintenance activities. This year's maintenance season will be longer than the previous one, as water run ended in August instead of November, and the system was not damaged by runoff from record-setting storms. The District expects delivery of the first batch of canal gates in December, with about 30 gates planned for installation this season. The portions of the Sontag Ditch between Avenue 384 and Road 156 have been restored to a shape and condition not seen in half a century. Material displaced during cleaning was hauled to low spots upstream of Check 5 on the Sontag Ditch. Tree removal along the Reedley Main will begin next week. The maintenance activity report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 4.1)

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

6. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Kalender, that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

   7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2024.

   7.2. Assessment & Water Surcharge Collections Report for October 2024. (Insert 7.2)

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

   7.4. Encroachment Agreement (PG&E -Clements 10322402). Review and consider approving one (1) District Standard Encroachment Agreement.

   7.5. Encroachment Agreement (PG&E – Carey Hunter 10322403). Review and consider approving one (1) District Standard Encroachment Agreement.

   7.6. Encroachment Agreement (PG&E – Wilson 10322404). Review and consider approving one (1) District Standard Encroachment Agreement.

   7.7. Encroachment Agreement (City of Dinuba – Haymaker 10092403). Review and consider approving one (1) District Standard Encroachment Agreement.

   7.8. Review and take action to approve signing the Auditor's Engagement Letter. (Insert 7.8)

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL**

   8.1. Treasurer's Report. It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Director Tout, seconded by Vice President Halford, to accept a revised report summarizing the balance sheet, cash revenue and expenses, and cash flows for the month of September 2024. (Insert 8.1).

   8.2. Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments. It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Director Tout, seconded by Vice President Halford, to accept the revised Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of September 2024. (Insert 8.2)

   8.3. Treasurer's Report. As of October 31, 2024, the cash balance is $5,622,272.72. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $5,564,317. The current year's revenue and expenses are approximately $5,254,592 and $12,341, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $5,242,588. (Insert 8.3) It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Director Touts, seconded by Vice President Halford, to accept a report summarizing the balance sheet, cash revenue and expenses, and cash flows for the month of October 2024. (Insert 8.3)

   8.4. Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments. It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Director Touts, seconded by Vice

President Halford, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of October 2024. (Insert 8.4)

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 explained that after determining the minimum required internal diameter for the new pipeline, the developer's engineer will begin preparing improvement plans for the District's review.

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

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

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

9.5. Encroachment (City of Dinuba – Haymaker 10092403). 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. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley mentioned that the District continues to work with the developer's engineer on submittals. The issues arising during the submittal process are the same as those encountered on other development projects within the District. The District provided preliminary sketches for a more compact, cost-effective structure to be incorporated into revised plans, which could reduce future review time.

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

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

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

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

9.13. Encroachment (PG&E – Clements 10322402). No update.

9.14. Encroachment (PG&E – Carey Hunter 10322403). No update.

9.15. Encroachment (PG&E – Wilson 10322404). No update.

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

9.17. Encroachment (Frontier Communications – Curtis Cutoff 10462401). No update.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.26. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town & Burum 10682201). General Manager Wegley noted that a submittal has not been provided for the alternate meter vault configuration and that grating has still not been installed over the opening of the Burum and Dinuba Town flow distribution boxes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.35. Pipeline Development (Family Healthcare Network – Orosi School House 10962401). General Manager Wegley noted that Layne Engineers subcontracted with Summers Engineering to determine the minimum required internal diameter for longer pipe run. As part of that hydraulic analysis, Summers identified raising the upstream canal banks as a potential option for overcoming the additional head loss associated with a longer pipe run.

9.36. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley summarized recent project activity, which included participating in an onsite meeting with the developer, city of Dinuba, and the developer's engineer to review and discuss potential utility conflicts in Sierra Avenue. During the meeting, the District learned that PG&E is unlikely to sign an encroachment agreement, despite having collaborated with the District on a master agreement less than six months ago as part of the DUSD high school project. Additionally, both the District and the city of Dinuba questioned the accuracy of grades and locations of an existing trunk sewer, as its drawn location contradicted standard practice.

9.37. Encroachment (DR Horton – Buttonwillow 11002401). No update.

9.38. Encroachment (Cablecom – Dinuba Town 11012401). No update.

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

10.1. Proposal to Provide Engineering and Consulting Services for the London West Recharge Basin Project. It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Fino, to approve the proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to provide professional services to investigate subsurface conditions at the London West Recharge Basin project. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Pipeline Development Agreement. It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Kalender, to approve a revised Pipeline Development Agreement, which is required when an urban development project converts a ditch into a pipeline, subject to legal review. (Insert 10.2)

10.3. Resolution R2024-1101. It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Kalender, to adopt Resolution R2024-1101 authorizing Alta Irrigation District's submission of an application to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank for the London West Recharge Basin Project. (Insert 10.3)

10.4. National Auto Fleet Group Quote ID #3083HD. It was M/S/C unanimously (Rossotti absent) on a motion by Director Fino, seconded by Director Tout, to approve the purchase of a 2026 Freightliner 114SD Plus under Sourcewell Contract #032824-NAF. (Insert 10.4)

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley explained that the Kings River GSA responded to a public records act request from the McMullin Area GSA and signed onto a comment letter regarding their Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Other activities include participation in the webinar on SB 88..

11.2. Attorney's Report. Attorney Layne commented on the Governor's special legislative session and the proposed rulemaking changes to SB 88.

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 10:58 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:16 a.m. to confer with counsel. There will be no discussion on item 12.1. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 12.1 and 12.5 and left the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Director Kalender declared a conflict of interest on item 12.3 and left the room from 12:00 p.m. until 12:10 p.m.

12.1. 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.*

12.2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

Property:	043-020-025
Agency Negotiator:	Chad Wegley
Negotiating Parties:	Mark & Janet Laemmlen

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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 reconvened into open session at 12:29 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on December 12, 2024.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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