REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, December 12, 2024

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting of Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, Christopher "C.J." Myers, Elliott Rossotti, and Larry Tout. 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 as it involves his employer and will leave the room for that item. Director Rossotti declared a conflict of interest on item 11.1 as he owns property within 500 feet and will abstain from discussion and vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Machael Smith with Century Homes addressed the Board regarding their development in Reedley and the timeline for approval of their plans and submittals. Landowner Kristal Oliver addressed the Board regarding the letter received from the District about the removal of illegal encroachments on the East Reedley ditch. She was directed to submit a written request for an extension of time to remove the illegal encroachments.

President Brandt took item 11.1 out of order.

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

3.1. Water Conditions Update. General Manager Wegley explained that Alta ID received nearly 1.75 inches of measurable rainfall for November. On December 8th there was about 429,000 acre-feet (AF) in storage behind Pine Flat Dam and nearly 26,000 AF or 6% belonged to Alta ID. Inflow into Pine Flat was about 425 cubic feet per second (cfs), an increase of nearly 300 cfs from the previous month. Outflow from Pine Flat was 150 cfs and will likely fluctuate between 140 to 160 cfs for the remainder of calendar year and into January 2025. The water conditions updated 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 provided an update on ongoing and upcoming maintenance activities. The District received its first batch of canal gates this past week, with about 30 gates planned for installation during this maintenance season. Staff also removed dirt plugs from the rehabilitated section of Sontag Ditch between Avenue 384 and Road 156. Additional in-channel rehabilitation of the Sontag Ditch will depend on local rainfall, as the heavy red clay soils, when wet, will prevent cleaning with a bulldozer. If the

ditch becomes too wet for bulldozer use, the District will switch to an excavator or backhoe to continue cleaning. Over 30 trees were removed from the embankments of the Reedley Main, north of the city. Once stumps are ground down, the District may begin in-channel rehabilitation with the dual side blade bulldozer, as soils in this area do not prevent cleaning. Rehabilitation work was also started on three half check structures on Banks Ditch, which were at imminent risk of failure. These structures, along with many others, highlight the dangers of deferring maintenance over several decades. 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 JPIA President's Special Recognition Award. General Manager Wegley explained that the District has received five recognition awards. (Insert 6.1)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously 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 November 14, 2024.

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

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

7.4. Encroachment Agreement (Frontier Communications – Curtis Cuttoff 10462401). Review and consider approving two (2) District Standard Encroachment Agreements.

7.5. Approve 2025 Meeting Calendar. (Insert 7.5)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of November 30, 2024, the cash balance is $5,394,356.46. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $5,528,068. The current year's revenue and expenses are approximately $5,277,725 and $340,203, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $4,938,037. (Insert 8.1) It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Tout, to accept the November 2024 Treasurer's Report.

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

8.3. Board Officer Reorganization. – Vice President Halford nominated Marc Limas for Treasurer, there being no further nominations, it was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Fino, to elect Marc Limas Treasurer. Director Rossotti nominated Chad Wegley for Secretary, there being no further

nominations, it was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to elect Chad Wegley Secretary. Director Kalender nominated Jerry Halford for Vice President, there being no further nominations, it was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Kalender, seconded by Director Rossotti, to elect Jerry Halford Vice President. President Brandt handed control of the meeting to Vice President Halford. Director Rossotti nominated Jack Brandt for President, there being no further nominations, it was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Tout, to elect Jack Brandt President. Vice President Halford returned control of the meeting to President Brandt.

8.4. Bank Account Signature Cards. No action taken.

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

9.1. Pipeline Development Agreement (San Joaquin Valley Homes – Horseman 10022401). No update.

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). General Manager Wegley explained that the District submitted comments on the preliminary design drawings provided by Tulare County, along with a sketch of a more hydraulically efficient layout of the new check structure.

9.7. Avenue 430 Bridge (Tulare County - Buttonwillow 10132201). General Manager Wegley explained that the District is working with Tulare County staff and its designer on the configuration of a new check structure and has provided essential design information for the project.

9.8. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley explained that the District will review information provided by Century Homes and address outstanding issues or concerns.

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). General Manage Wegley explained Fresno County is nearly done with this project.

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 explained that the project is nearly complete, with DUSD hosting an open house next week. However, the District is still awaiting a submittal for the meter vaults, despite having addressed this issue with the contractor during a weekly project meeting in October. The remaining open items include the installation of meter vaults, meters, grating covers, and relocation of access gates.

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). No update.

9.36. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley explained that LandDesign and the city of Dinuba are working to resolve utility alignment conflicts in Sierra Way. Additionally, the developer will need to coordinate with landowners whose properties are served by a private irrigation line crossing the project.

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. Resolution R2024-1201. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Fino, seconded by Director Rossotti to adopt Resolution R2024-1201 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 10.1)

10.2. Felling FT-24-2 T Trailer Purchase. It was M/S/C unanimously by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to approve the purchase of one (1) Felling FT-24-2 T Trailer through Bobcat of Fresno using the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract. (Insert 10.2)

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Variance Request from the Developer of Tract No. 791. Landowner Jim Moshier addressed the Board in favor of a variance. It was M/S/C (Rossotti abstain) unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Myers, to deny a request for a variance to the Urban Policy requiring a development project to pipe a ditch when adjacent to the development. (Insert 11.1)

11.2. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley provided a brief summary of Kings River East GSA's activities, along with an update on revisions to the District's pipeline development agreement. GSA activities this past month, as well as those planned for the remainder of this calendar year and into January 2025, include releasing a request for proposal for professional services to assist with development of an assessment or rate to fund groundwater management activities, updating the groundwater sustainability plan, issuing the first periodic evaluation, and preparing another annual report. The update also included information about potential dry domestic wells, with an estimated total of 272, 84% of which are within the District and 12% in Orange Cove ID. The District is also revising the development agreement to include provisions for the timing of easement recordation for a realigned ditch. The Manager's Report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 11.2)

11.3. Surface Water Utilization Projects. Review and take action as appropriate.

11.3.1. Traver North Recharge Basin – It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Kalander, to amend the existing cultural service contract to include cultural services for the 2025 farming season. (Insert 11.3.1)

11.4. Attorney's Report. Attorney Layne reported on the ACWA conference and her participation on a SGMA panel.

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

11.5.1. Maintenance Ad-Hoc Committee – No update.

11.5.2. Public Relations Ad-Hoc Committee – No update.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:26 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:42 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 Kalander declared a conflict of interest on item 12.3 and left the room from 11:55 a.m. to 11:58 a.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 12:24 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on January 9, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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