REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, February 13, 2025

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting of Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:32 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 13.1 and 13.5 and will leave the room for those items.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Dennis Keller and Marco Rinaldi, on behalf of Hills Valley Irrigation District, expressed interest in purchasing banked water from the District. Machael Smith, representing Century Communities, also addressed the Board regarding their Reedley development and the approval timeline for plans submitted the morning of the meeting. Additionally, Ms. Smith mentioned that reinforced concrete pipe would be delivered to the project site next week.

3. FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, AUDIT

3.1. Fiscal Year End September 30, 2024, Audit. Kip Hudson, a CPA with Hudson & Company, Inc., reviewed the fiscal year end September 30, 2024, audit. It was the opinion of Hudson & Company, Inc. that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to accept the fiscal year end September 30, 2024, Audit. (Insert 3.1)

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

4.1. Water Conditions Update. General Manager Wegley explained that Alta ID received about 1.11 inches of precipitation to date for the February, bringing the cumulative total to 4.13 inches. Average precipitation total for February is 1.88 inches. The Tulare Basin 6-Station precipitation total for January 2025 was about 0.5 inches and 5 inches below average. According to the February 3rd Kings River snow course survey, stations with a ground elevation of 9,000 ft and greater reported about 10 inches of water content, while those in the 8000-ft elevation band generally had an average water content of 8 inches. Stations in the 7000-ft elevation band had 4 inches or less of water content. On February 9th there about 505,000 acre-feet (AF) in storage behind Pine Flat Dam and approximately 25,500 AF or 6% belonged to Alta ID. So far this water year, Alta ID has only received 4,000 AF of entitlement. Inflow into Pine Flat was about 1,100 cubic feet per second (cfs), an increase of

nearly 500 cfs from the previous month. Outflow from Pine Flat was nearly 160 cfs and will likely fluctuate between 140 to 170 cfs for the remainder of February and into March, absent significant rainfall on the valley floor. Expect outflows to be ramped down when Mill Creek is running. It is still too soon to determine the start and duration of water run. The water conditions update was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 4.1)

5. MAINTENANCE – Review and take action as appropriate.

5.1. Maintenance Activity Update. General Manager Wegley provided an update on ongoing and upcoming maintenance activities. District staff is working on new gate installations and re-establishing the canal prism of the Reedley Main using a dual side blade bulldozer. Rehabilitation is complete for two half check structures on Button Ditch and one structure on Banks Ditch. Additionally, staff is also using both the mini excavator and backhoe to re-establish the canal prism for the Sontag Ditch between the headgate and alignment of Avenue 392. This update on maintenance activity has been added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 5.1)

6. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA – None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1. San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Letter. (Insert 7.1)

8. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Fino, that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

8.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of January 09, 2025.

8.2. Assessment & Water Surcharge Collections Report for January 2025. (Insert 8.2)

8.3. Approve Payment of the January 2025 Warrants. (Insert 8.3)

8.4. Approve Records Destruction in Accordance with the Records Retention and Destruction Policy. (Insert 8.4)

8.5. Encroachment Agreement (Denken Farms 11072501 Wahtoke). Review and consider approving one (1) District Standard Encroachment Agreement.

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9. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

9.1. Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2025, the cash balance is $6,886,123.36. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $3,230,098. The current year's revenue and expenses are approximately $5,453,078 and $1,438,289 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $4,016,801. (Insert 9.1) It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Kalender, to accept the January 2025 Treasurer's Report.

9.2. 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 January 2025. (Insert 9.2)

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

10.1. Pipeline Development Agreement (San Joaquin Valley Homes – Horseman 10022401). General Manager Wegley explained that the District is currently reviewing the second plan submittal from QK for this project.

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

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

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

10.5. Avenue 376 Bridge (Tulare County – Traver 10131901). General Manager Wegley stated that the District has no additional comments on the project and is now waiting for Tulare County's consultant to release an updated plan set.

10.6. Avenue 430 Bridge (Tulare County - Buttonwillow 10132201). General Manager Wegley explained that the District is working with Tulare County and its consultant to resolve project issues. With the check structure being relocated north of Avenue 430, both existing turnouts must also be moved, while maintaining the same level of service for the landowners.

10.7. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley mentioned that reviews of the updated plan set, issued by LandDesign on the day of the Board meeting, will begin shortly. Sketches of an alternative configuration for a new structure were provided in October 2024. Two comments letters issued in January 2025, containing supplementary comments on the plan submittal, and a third letter that month outlined submittal procedures and identified outstanding submittals.

10.8. Encroachment (PG&E – Dinuba Town 10322401). General Manager Wegley explained that the District is working to provide PG&E with information regarding its easements and rights-of-way.

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

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

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

10.12. Alternate Turnout (David TeVelde – Barlow 10362401). No update.

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

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

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

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

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

10.18. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532105). General Manager Wegley mentioned that Fresno County should restore vehicular access to Lincoln Avenue soon, now that work on the new headwalls and culvert is complete.

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

10.20. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town & Burum 10682201). No update.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10.27. Pipeline Development (Family Healthcare Network – Orosi Schooll House 10962401). No update.

10.28. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley provided a brief overview of the problems that typically arise when a project involves the same area but uses two different datums.

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

10.30. Encroachment (SCE – Banks 11042401). No update.

10.31. Alternate Turnout (HJ Ventures – Wilson 11052401). No update.

10.32. Alternate Turnout (Brad Lekkerkerker – Hogan 11062501). No update.

10.33. Encroachment (Denken Farms – Wahtoke 11072501). No update.

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

11.1. Pipeline Development Agreement. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Myers to approve the revised Pipeline Development Agreement template. (Insert 11.1)

11.2. Resolution R2025-0201. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Kalender, to adopt Resolution R2025-0201 concurring in nomination of Melody McDonald of San Bernardino Vally Water Conservation District to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee. (Insert 11.2)

11.3. City of Dinuba Encroachment Variance. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to approve the City of Dinuba's request

for a separation variance regarding a proposed storm drain pipeline beneath a new piped reach of the Horseman Ditch. (Insert 11.3)

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.1. Manager's Report. The Manager's Report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 12.1)

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

12.2.1. Traver North Recharge Basin – No update.

12.2.2. London West Recharge Basin – It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Fino, to approve a proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to provide professional services on a time and materials basis for designing, bidding, and construction management of a new recharge basin. (Insert 12.2.2)

12.3. Attorney's Report. Attorney Layne provided an update on various bills introduced this legislative session, and reminded the Board their Form 700's are due April 1st.

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

12.4.1. Maintenance Ad-Hoc Committee – No update.

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

President Brandt called a recess at 11:39 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

13. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:53 a.m. to confer with counsel. There will be no discussion on item 13.1 or 13.2. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 13.1 and 13.5 and left the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

13.1. 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.*

13.2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

Property:	043-010-017 and 043-010-039
Agency Negotiator:	Chad Wegley
Negotiating Parties:	Brifo Land, LLC
Under Negotiation:	Price and terms of payment

13.3. 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)

13.4. 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)

13.5. 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)

14. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board reconvened into open session at 12:51 p.m. with no reportable action taken curing closed session.

15. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on March 13, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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