REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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, Elliott Rossotti, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and Attorney Lauren D. Layne. Attorney Nicholas A. Jacobs joined the closed session for item 12.1 only.

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 room for those items. Attorney Layne declared a conflict of interest on items 12.1 and 12.2 and will leave room for those items.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

President Brandt took agenda item 12.1 out of order and adjourned to closed session at 9:32 a.m. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest and left the room. Attorney Layne declared a conflict of interest and left the room. The Board reconvened into open session at 9:48 a.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

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

3.1. Water Conditions Update. General Manager Wegley explained that Alta ID's cumulative precipitation total is approximately 4.6 inches, while the average precipitation for April is 1.05 inches. The Tulare Basin 6-Station precipitation total for April 2025 was 1.3 inches, compared to an average of 2.5 inches. As of April 6, there were approximately 683,000 acre-feet (AF) of water stored behind Pine Flat Dam, of which nearly 35,300 AF—or 5%—belonged to Alta ID. To date, Alta ID has received only 18,000 AF of entitlement for the current water year. Inflow into Pine Flat was approximately 2,260 cubic feet per second (cfs), representing an increase of nearly 1,400 cfs from the previous month. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers to set the start date for the 2025 water run no later than May 19, 2025. The motion also granted the General Manager discretion to set and adjust, as needed, the allotment, irrigation cycle, and entitlement categories eligible to receive deliveries, based on the best available information from the watermaster and other typical water resource sources 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. General Manager Wegley provided an update on ongoing maintenance activities. District staff once again installed over 30 canal gates this season—potentially the sixth time since 2017 that the District has reached this milestone. Dirt generated during the re-establishment of the original canal prism of the Reedley Main is being used to rebuild the west bank of the Alta Main between the California Vineyard and Smith Mountain ditches. A large drum vibratory compactor is being used to compact the west bank of the Alta Main between the Buttonwillow and Traver headgates to help control seepage. In the 1930s, seepage in this area was initially controlled with concrete lining, which is now covered by 12 to 16 inches of dirt. This update on maintenance activity has been added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 4.1)

5. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA – None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. Mike Swanson Letter. General Manager Wegley explained that many of the issues raised in the letter are legacy concerns and do not reflect the District's operations since 2017. Crews have invested many hours in weed abatement at recharge ponds, and with the recent overhaul of the spray program, the basins are not expected to become overrun with weeds. Regarding the operation of London Pond, the District has maximized water deliveries to the facility, especially in each of the wet years since 2017, which is currently the most productive recharge basin in the District. (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 March 13, 2025.

7.2. Assessment & Water Surcharge Collections Report for March 2025. (Insert 7.2)

7.3. Approve Payment of the March 2025 Warrants. (Insert 7.3)

7.4. Encroachment Agreement (City of Dinuba Dinuba Town/Burum 10092302). Review and consider approving eleven (11) District Standard Encroachment Agreements.

7.5. Encroachment Agreement (City of Dinuba Smith Mountain 10092402). Review and consider approving four (4) District Standard Encroachment Agreements.

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8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of March 31, 2025, the cash balance is $5,584,117.48. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $2,277,740. The current year's revenue and expense are $5,499,188 and $2,290,727, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $3,211,629. (Insert 8.1). It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Fino, to accept the March 2025 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 Myers, seconded by Director Kalender, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of March 2025. (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 explained the city has not been able to acquire right of way from one landowner, which will cause the alignment of Englehart Avenue to shift, resulting in a portion of the Horseman pipeline being in the roadway. The District will need to develop a standard detail for a pressure-rated, vented manhole suitable for installation within the road.

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

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

9.7. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley explained that the City of Reedley is working with Century Homes to coordinate the piping of the Buttonwillow ditch from the Century Property to Zumwalt School.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.20. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town & Burum 10682201). General Manager Wegley explained that Bush Construction will resume work on the meter vaults as soon as meters are delivered to the project site. The meters and utility vaults are the only physical improvements remaining on this project. The District will need to coordinate with the DUSD on finalizing encroachment agreements, as-builts, and

some other administrative matters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.28. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley explained Bonadelle has submitted another set of plans to be reviewed.

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

9.30. Encroachment (Comcast – Ballard 11012501). No update.

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

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

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

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

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

10.1. District Standard Details. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Kalender, to approve new District Standard Details. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Task Order 25-02. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Myers, to approve Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Task Order 25-02 for District Office Remodel Architectural Services. (Insert 10.2)

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Manager's Report. The Manager's Report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 11.1)

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

11.2.1. Traver North Recharge Basin - No update.

11.2.2. London West Recharge Basin – No update.

11.3. Attorney's Report. Attorney Layne provided an update on various bills introduced during this legislative session. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Fino, to send a letter opposing SB601. (Insert 11.3)

President Brandt called a recess at 11:52 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 12:00 p.m. to confer with counsel. There will be no discussion on item 12.2. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 12.5 and left the meeting at 12:00 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:	043-010-017 and 043-010-039
Agency Negotiator:	Chad Wegley
Negotiating Parties:	Brifo Land, LLC
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 12:28 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on May 8, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley,
Secretary

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