REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, May 8, 2025

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board meeting of Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:31 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 12.6 and will leave the room for those items. Director Kalender declared a conflict of interest on item 12.4 and will leave the room for that item.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

President Brandt took item 11.2 out of order. General Manager Wegley introduced General Manager Dave Merritt from the Kings River Conservation District. Mr. Merritt reviewed and explained the Pine Flat Dam Spillway Enhancement project and answered questions from the Board.

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

3.1. Water Conditions Update. General Manager Wegley reported that the cumulative precipitation for the Tulare Basin 6-Station Index through May was 22.7 inches, compared to a historical average was 27.3 inches. As of May 4, approximately 776,500 acre-feet (AF) of water were stored behind Pine Flat Dam, of which nearly 84,800 AF—or 11%—belonged to Alta ID. To date, Alta ID has received about 57,800 AF of entitlement for the current water year. Inflow into Pine Flat was approximately 4,900 cubic feet per second (cfs), an increase of nearly 600 cfs from the previous month. 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 continues to rebuild and recompact the west bank of Alta Main to control seepage—portions of this ditch were originally lined in the 1930s. Cleaning continues on the Sontag Ditch upstream of Check 5, with a slurry scheduled for placement beneath Check 3 on Button Ditch prior to water run. The maintenance update has been added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 4.1)

5. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA

None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. City of Dinuba Letter of Support for Community Project Funding. (Insert 6.1)

6.2. Mid Valley Times Article on London West Property Purchase. (Insert 6.2)

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

7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2025.

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

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

7.4. Encroachment Agreement (Comcast – Button Ditch/King Ditch 11012502). Review and consider approving two (2) District Standard Encroachment Agreements.

7.5. Encroachment Agreement (Southern California Edison – Button Ditch 11042501). Review and consider approving two (2) District Standard Encroachment Agreements.

7.6. Collections from County of Fresno. Adopt Resolution R2025-0501 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels on the 2025-2026 County of Fresno's tax roll. (Insert 7.6)

7.7. Collections from County of Tulare. Adopt Resolution R2025-0502 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels on the 2025-2026 County of Tulare's tax roll. (Insert 7.7)

7.8. Collections from County of Kings. Adopt Resolution R2025-0503 affirming an irrigation district's authority to fix, collect, and place charges on parcels on the 2025-2026 County of King's tax roll. (Insert 7.8)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of April 30, 2025, the cash balance is $6,312,879.18. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $1,365,250. The current year's revenue and expenses are $5,528,397 and $2,738,869, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $2,793,283. (Insert 8.1). It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Fino, seconded by Director Kalender, to accept the April 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 Rossotti, seconded by Director Tout, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of April 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 District has scheduled a with the developer, city engineer, and project engineer, to discuss ongoing changes to the project, as the plans have been different with each submission.

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

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

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

9.5. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley explained that the City of Reedley intends to pipe the remaining portion of the Buttonwillow Ditch adjacent to the Ito property. The City and Century Homes are working together to submit new plans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.14. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town & Burum 10682201). General Manager Wegley explained that the vault and meter for Judge Drew are now complete. The District and School District will now work on completing encroachment agreements and easements.

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

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

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

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

9.19. Pipeline Development (Family Healthcare Network – Orosi School House 10962401). General Manager Wegley explained the contractor is looking for construction water and anticipates beginning construction in July or August. Staff will add an action item for this on the next meeting agenda.

9.20. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401).

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

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

9.23. Encroachment (Comcast – King/Button 11012502). No update.

9.24. Encroachment (SCE – Button 11042501). No update.

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

9.26. Alternate Turnout (Brad Lekkerkerker – Hogan 11062501). No udpdate.

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

10.1. District Standard Temporary Water Transfer Form. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Kalender, to approve the new District Standard Temporary Water Transfer Form. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Vehicle and Defensive Driving Policy. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Fino, to approve the revised Vehicle and Defensive Driving Policy. (Insert 10.2)

10.3. Curtis Pipeline Agreement and Grant of Easement. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Tout, to approve the Curtis Pipeline Agreement and accept the Grant of Easement from the State of California. (Insert 10.3)

10.4. Encroachment Variance for DR Horton – Buttonwillow 11002401). It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Vice President Halford, to grant a variance for the District standard separation requirement for a sewer crossing on the Buttonwillow Pipeline.

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. District Standard Details. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Kalender, to approve revisions to the District's standard details. (Insert 11.1)

11.2. Manager's Report. 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 – No update.

11.3.2. London West Recharge Basin - No update.

11.4. 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 Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Rossotti, to sign onto joint letters opposing AB 1413 and AB 1466.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:37 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

12. 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 12.1 or 12.2. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 12.6 and left the meeting at 12:14 p.m. Director Kalender declared a conflict

of interest on item 12.4 and left the room from 12:05 p.m. to 12:14 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 Real Property Negotiators.

Property:	333-100-45T
Agency Negotiator:	Chad Wegley
Negotiating Parties:	State of California
Under Negotiation:	Price and terms of payment

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 from seepage along 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 unauthorized encroachment(s) into District canal. (2 cases)

12.6. 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 12:46 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on June 12, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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