REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, June 12, 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 Lary 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** – Landowner Lanny Simpson addressed the Board regarding water levels and other landowners allegedly stealing water from the McGee Ditch. Ian Bakke, candidate for Tulare County Supervisor District 4, introduced himself and discussed his background.

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 June was 22.8 inches, compared to a historical average was 27.7 inches. As of June 8, approximately 847,000 acre-feet (AF) of water were stored behind Pine Flat Dam, of which nearly 129,600 AF—or 15%—belonged to Alta ID. To date, Alta ID has received about 121,000 AF of entitlement for the current water year. Inflow into Pine Flat was approximately 4,900 cubic feet per second (cfs), a decrease of nearly 4,600 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 a summary of the major maintenance activities completed during the 2025 maintenance season. Projects included restoring the canal prism along nearly 25,000 feet of ditches, installing 32 gates designed to withstand unseating head conditions, rehabilitating three half-check structures, and rebuilding nearly 8,000 feet of canal banks. District staff also removed two dilapidated bridges—first removals since 2013. Ditch cleaning efforts on Sontag Ditch have enabled the District to operate it at flows not seen in 50 years. 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 Letter. (Insert 6.1)

6.2. AB 1466 (Hart) Opposition Letter. (Insert 6.2)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Tout, that consent calendar items be approved as presented, with the exception of item 7.1, which was tabled until the next meeting.

7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of May 08, 2025.

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

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

7.4. Tulare County Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement. Review and consider approving Tulare County Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement for county collections. (Insert 7.4)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of May 31, 2025, the cash balance is $7,061,913.18. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $1,345,924. The current year's revenue and expenses are $5,550,995 and $3,254,093, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $2,301,499. (Insert 8.1) It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Kalender, seconded by Director Myers, to accept the May 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 Fino, seconded by Director Kalender, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of May 2025. (Insert 8.2)

8.3. IBank Loan Documents. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Vice President Halford, to approve the IBank Loan Documents for the London West Recharge Project and authorizing the President and Secretary to sign the loan documents. (Insert 8.3)

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 reported that the District met with the developer and engineer to discuss multiple changes to the project scope. The developer will consolidate the drawings for phases 1 and 2 into a single plan set and resubmit for District review..

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). General Manger Wegley explained the District has a meeting scheduled with the county and project engineer next week to discuss plans.

9.5. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley explained that the City of Reedley has agreed to pay for piping the Buttonwillow ditch from the north end of Century's project to the piped section behind Zumwalt School.

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 noted that all turnouts are equipped with flow meters and that work has begun on developing a punch list to identify outstanding items that the contractor needs to complete.

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). No update.

9.20. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley elaborated on a meeting between the District, Bondadelle Homes, and Land Design. He reiterated that letters identifying outstanding submittals were sent to Land Design in January and March. Copies of those letters were forwarded to John Bonadalle, at his request, following the meeting.

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). General Manager Wegley discussed the various documents sent to the irrigation company and owner prior to the start of the 2025

Water Run. On March 21st, a letter was sent to the irrigation company informing them that the General Manager will be onsite during installation, along with a several other comments on the drawings. The District approved the plans on April 7th and sent the pipeline development agreement to the owner on April 16th. An executed copy of the agreement was received by the District on April 22nd.

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

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

10.1. Vehicle and Defensive Driving Policy. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Fino, to approve the revised Vehicle and Defensive Driving Policy. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Department of Fish and Wildlife Temporary Entry Permit. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Director Fino, seconded by Director Kalender, to approve the Department of Fish and Wildlife Temporary Entry Permit for parcel 333-430-15T. (Insert 10.3)

10.3. Claim for Damages Submitted by Adan Vargas. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Director Tout, seconded by Director Fino, to accept a claim for damages submitted by Adan Vargas and pay such claim upon the execution of a full release by Adan Vargas.

10.4. Request from Family Health Care Network for Purchase of Construction Water. Review and consider approving the sale of up to 36,000 gallons of water to Family Health Care Network for construction. No action taken and this item will be considered at a future meeting.

10.5. Pacific Gas & Electric Easement Deed. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Fino, to approve Pacific Gas & Electric Easement Deed for the West Reedley pipeline, subject to legal review. (Insert 10.5)

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Manager's Report. No additional update.

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. Review and take action as appropriate. – Attorney Layne gave updates on various bills from this legislative session.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:24 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned the meeting to closed session at

11:34 a.m. to confer with counsel on the following items. President Brandt reconvened into open session at 11:38 a.m., and the Board took action on item 10.3**.** President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:39 a.m. There will be no discussion on items 12.1, 12.2, and 12.3. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 12.1 and 12.6 and left the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Director Kalender declared a conflict of interest on item 12.4 and left the room from 11:42 a.m. to 11:47 a.m. Director Myers left the meeting at 11:38 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:	043-010-017 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 12:25 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on July 10, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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