REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, July 10, 2025

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board meeting of Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:31 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 Douglas B. Jensen.

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.

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 July was 22.8 inches, compared to a historical average was 27.7 inches – no change from prior month. As of July 6, approximately 861,000 acre-feet (AF) of water was stored behind Pine Flat Dam, of which nearly 110,300 AF—or 14%—belonged to Alta ID. To date, Alta ID has received about 134,200 AF of entitlement for the current water year. Inflow into Pine Flat was approximately 1,240 cubic feet per second (cfs), a decrease of nearly 3,700 cfs from the previous month. The water conditions update was added as an addendum to the minutes. 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 explained that this year's cleaning effort on Sontag Ditch fundamentally changed operations – ditch is conveying water at a rate not seen in 50 years. In-channel weed growth was so pervasive that the operating water surface was high enough to submerge or match top of pipe elevation for all crossings, while post-cleaning allowed over 16" of daylight at these same crossings. 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 Article. (Insert 6.1) ACWA published an article by Marwan Khalifa, interim executive director, titled "*Ag + Urban: A Shared Commitment to Water Stewardship*" in recognition of the the agency's 115-year anniversary and the role agriculture has played in the association's history. The article acknowledged ACWA's predecessor, Irrigation Districts Association of California, which was founded by Alta Irrigation District and four other Central Valley irrigation districts. Khalifa also noted that generational farmers and Central Valley communities are facing enormous pressures due to lack of investment, which has contributed to deteriorating infrastructure.

6.2. ACWA JPIA Rate Stabilization Fund Letter (Insert 6.2) Alta Irrigation District was one of nine recipients—out of more than 400 ACWA JPIA members— to receive a rebate from the Rate Stabilization Fund. The District received its first refund in 2018 and has received multiple refunds since then. These refunds are another example on how the District is fulfilling its fiduciary duty to its landowners.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Fino, seconded by Director Rossotti, that consent calendar items be approved as presented except item 7.7, which was tabled until the next meeting.

7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meetings of May 08, 2025, and June 12, 2025.

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

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

7.4. Encroachment Brifo Land, LLC (11092501 Kennedy School House). Review and consider approving two (2) District standard encroachment agreements.

7.5. Encroachment PG&E (11082501 Smith Mountain). Review and consider approving one (1) District standard encroachment agreement.

7.6. Memorandum of Understanding Secure Government-to-Government Portal. Review and consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding for the Secure Government-to-Government Portal. (Insert 7.6)

7.7. Surplus Trucks 5, 58, 71, 82, 84, 93, 94, and 219. Review and consider the surplus of trucks 5, 58, 71, 82, 84, 93, 94, and 219, and allow the District to dispose of said trucks.

7.8. ACWA Committee Consideration. Review and consider approving the District's nomination of Lauren Layne as a committee member to the ACWA State Legislative Committee and the Legal Affairs Committee.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of June 30, 2025, the cash balance is $6,442,280.51. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $892,291. The current year's revenue and

expenses are $5,799,362 and $3,853,133, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $1,951,685. (Insert 8.1) It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Director Fino, seconded by Director Kalender, to accept the June 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 Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Rossotti, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of June 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 reported that QK, the developer's design engineer, has submitted another set of revised plans. The District continues to work on pressure manhole design, as the pipeline will be installed within the roadway.

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 Manager Wegley reported that the District is reviewing the most recent check structure layout.

9.5. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). No update.

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).

9.14. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town & Burum 10682201). General Manager Wegley explained that Bush Construction is working on the punch list submitted by the District in mid-June. The District still needs to develop the outstanding agreements and easements for the relocated District facilities.

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 reported that the District continues to provide comments to LandDesign on revised plans and submittals.

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 update.

9.27. Encroachment (PG&E – Smith Mountain 11082501). No update.

9.28. Encroachment (Brifo Land, LLC – Kennedy School House 11092501). No update.

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

10.1. 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.

10.2. Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Task Order 25-03. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Kalender, to approve Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Task Order 25-03 to provide Environmental Planning Services for the London West Pond, with a maximum cost of $40,000. (Insert 10.2)

10.3. California Air Resources Board Comment Letter. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Rossotti, to approve the submission of a comment letter to the California Air Resources Board regarding Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation/AB 1594 Amendments, subject to legal review.

10.4. Emergency Approval for Facility Repairs. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Kalender, to grant emergency approval for facility repairs.

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley explained that Alta Irrigation District may need to acquire 400 to 600 acres of land for future recharge basins to address overdraft within the District. These basins are projected to have an annual average recharge capacity of 6,900 to 10,300 acre-feet. Based on preliminary water level data from monitor wells in KREGSA's network, groundwater levels south of Avenue 400 declined by approximately 5 to 10 feet from Spring 2024 to Spring 2025. 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 Jensen mentioned that with the search for a new ACWA Executive Director, he sees the challenge for ACWA is to remain member-focused.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:23 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:45 a.m. to confer with counsel. There will be no discussion on 12.1. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 12.6 and left the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Director Kalender declared a conflict of interest on item 12.4 and left the room from 11:45 a.m. to 11:46 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 12:17 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.**

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on August 14, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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