REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

**MINUTES**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board meeting of Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:39 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 12.7 and will leave the room for those items. Director Kalender declared a conflict of interest on item 12.5 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 28.0 inches – no change from prior month. As of August 10, approximately 288,000 acre-feet (AF) of water was stored behind Pine Flat Dam, of which nearly 57,000 AF—or 20%—belonged to Alta ID. To date, Alta ID has received nearly 153,000 AF of entitlement for the current water year. Inflow into Pine Flat was approximately 360 cubic feet per second (cfs), a decrease of nearly 900 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 Manger Wegley reported seepage at a few locations: two spots along the Alta Main between American and Clayton Avenues, and four locations along the East Branch, south of Anchor Avenue. It was also explained that the District is tracking maintenance activities through a master maintenance list, which grown from nearly 80 entries in June to over 160, not including new canal gates and slides. No new turnout requests have been received through the District's website. 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. Dinuba Historical Society Article. (Insert 6.1)

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Tout, that consent calendar items be approved as presented except item 7.4, which was tabled until the next meeting.

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

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

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

7.4. 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.

## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of July 31, 2025, the cash balance is $7,544,139.88. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $675,599. The current year's revenue and expenses are $5,829,219 and $4,781,767, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $1,053,114. (Insert 8.1) It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Kalender, to accept the July 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 Kalender, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of July 2025. (Insert 8.2)

8.3. Position Budget. Review and consider approving 2025-2026 position budget. Tabled until next meeting.

8.4. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Review Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. No action was taken.

## 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 plans are nearly complete. The developer's engineer is reviewing whether the air vent from the pressure manhole will fit within the road section with the slope requirement shown in the pressure manhole detail.

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 two landowners upstream of a check structure on Buttonwillow Ditch, in alignment with Springfield Avenue, will not relinquish their water rights. As a result, the future Buttonwillow pipeline will need to include two stub-outs for future turnouts.

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). General Manager Wegley reported that he had another meeting with the landowner and contractor regarding encroachment requirements for a PG&E power pole and service line. The District sent an encroachment agreement to PG&E in February 2024, and the key condition in that agreement was no new poles.

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). No update.

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 that the District is awaiting revised plans.

9.20. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley noted that the District is reviewing and commenting on submittals and updated plans. Key concerns include utility alignment conflicts and the sequence of construction activities in Sierra Way, as the District's 48" irrigation line must cross the city of Dinuba's main sewer trunk lines.

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.

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

10.1. Update Standard Details. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to approve updated District Standard Details to include handrailing, reinforcing steel, pressure manhole, and construction joint. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Labor Negotiator. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Fino, to designate General Manager Chad Wegley as labor negotiator for Local 39 labor negotiations.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

11.1. Manager's Report. No update.

11.2. Surface Water Utilization Projects. No update.

11.2.1. Traver North Recharge Basin

11.2.2. London West Recharge Basin

11.3. Attorney's Report. No Update.

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

**12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:24 a.m. to confer with counsel. There will be no discussion on item 12.1. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 12.1 and 12.7 and left the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Director Kalender declared a conflict of interest on item 12.5 and left the room from 11:43 a.m. to 11:45 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 Labor Negotiations, Government Code §54957.6(a). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding Local 39 labor negotiations.

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

12.7. 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 12:38 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on September 11, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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