REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, September 11, 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 Kalnder, 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 item 12.6 and will leave the room for that item.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ryo Takanaahi, with Water One, introduced himself, explaining that his company helps growers manage SGMA.

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 September was 23.2 inches, compared to a historical average, which was 28.0 inches. As of September 7th, nearly 224,900 acre-feet (AF) of water was stored behind Pine Flat Dam, of which approximately 17,300 AF—or 8%—belonged to Alta ID. To date, Alta ID has received nearly 153,000 AF of entitlement for the current water year. Water run ramp-down began on September 5th and is scheduled to end on September 11th. Water charges will cease on the morning of September 10th and any residual water in the ditches will be available for use on an "as-is" basis. 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 that staff is developing a prioritized list of activities from the master maintenance list. Maintenance activities will begin after water run. 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** – None.

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 except item 7.4, which was tabled until the next meeting.

7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of August 14, 2025, and Board of Equalization Meeting of August 14, 2025.

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

7.3. Approve Payment of the August 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. (Insert 7.4)

7.5. Encroachment Frontier Communications (10462501 West Reedley Pipeline). Review and consider approving three (3) District standard encroachment agreements.

7.6. Encroachment Frontier Communications (10462502 Traver Canal). Review and consider approving one (1) District standard encroachment agreement.

7.7. Encroachment CVIN (10212501 Sontag Ditch). Review and consider approving two (2) District standard encroachment agreements.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

8.1. Treasurer's Report. As of August 31, 2025, the cash balance is $8,846,080.89. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $688,140. The current year's revenue and expenses are $6,552,890 and $5,292,454, respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of approximately $1,260,436. (Insert 8.1) It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to accept the August 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 Kalender, to accept the Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments for the month of August 2025. (Insert 8.2)

8.3. Resolution R2025-0901. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to adopt Resolution R2025-0901 Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. (Insert 8.3)

8.4. Public Hearing Regarding Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts. District staff provided an update on the District's efforts related to vacancies, recruitment, and retention for staff positions. President Brandt opened the public hearing at 10:01 a.m. There being no public comment, President Brandt closed the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Director Rossotti and seconded by Vice President Halford, to accept the report on vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts. (Insert 8.4)

8.5. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

8.5.1. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Vice

President Halford, seconded by Director Tout, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. (Insert 8.5.1)

8.5.2. Position Budget. It was M/S/C unanimously, on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to approve the 2025-2026 position budget. (Insert 8.5.2)

8.5.3. Resolution R2025-0902. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Director Kalender, to adopt Resolution R2025-0902 fixing charges for services rendered and surface water deliveries. (Insert 8.5.3)

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 explained that a structural engineer is reviewing the pressure manhole design. San Joaquin Valley Homes has also requested a variance for the slope on the offset vent.

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. Encroachment (CVIN – Sontag 10212501). No update.

9.6. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley explained that pipeline designs for the upper reach of the Buttonwillow Ditch will need to incorporate water service for two landowners who do not wish to relinquish their right to water.

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

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

9.9. Encroachment (PG&E – Carey Hunter 10322403). General Manager Wegley explained that PG&E has returned the signed document, and the project can now move forward. This project was initiated back in 2013.

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

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

9.12. Encroachment (Frontier Communications – West Reedley 10462501). No update.

9.13. Encroachment (Frontier Communications – Traver 10462502). No update.

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

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

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

9.17. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town &

Burum 10682201). No update.

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

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

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

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

9.22. Pipeline Development (Family Healthcare Network – Orosi School House 10962401). General Manager Wegley explained the developer has submitted plans for a final review.

9.23. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley reported that the District met with the developer and City of Dinuba to discuss the logistics of installing casings for sewer trunklines beneath the District's irrigation pipeline. Another revised plan set was issued in the morning of that meeting, which will need to be reviewed by the District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.30. The Legends at Kings River – Tract 7911. General Manager Wegley explained that the District met with the developer and Tulare County to discuss this project. The District agreed to provide a copy of the developer's 2008 plan set, as the developer did not have a copy in their files. (Insert 9.30).

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

10.1. Investment Policy. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Fino and seconded by Director Kalender, to adopt the revised Investment Policy. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Restricted/Reserve Funds Policy. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti and seconded by Director Myers, to adopt the revised Restricted/Reserve Funds Policy. (Insert 10.2)

10.3. Vehicle and Defensive Driving Policy. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Fino and seconded by Director Kalender, to adopt the revised Vehicle and Defensive Driving Policy. (Insert 10.3)

10.4. Public Hearing Regarding Unpaid Charges Related to Damages to District Infrastructure.
10.4.1. Resolution R2025-0903. Item tabled until the next meeting.

10.5. Residential Lease Agreement – Headgate House. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Director Rossotti and seconded by Director Myers, to approve the First Amendment to the Residential Lease Agreement for the Headgate House. (Insert 10.5)

10.6. San Joaquin Homes Variance Request. It was M/S/C unanimously on a motion by Vice President Halford and seconded by Director Myers, to approve San Joaquin Homes' request for a variance to reduce the minimum pipe slope for the offset "T"-vent connected to the District standard detail for pressure manholes. (Insert 10.6)

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley presented a multi-year comparison of canal maintenance budgets before and after the Proposition 218 rate increase and highlighted the impacts of underfunding canal maintenance. A supplemental discussion also took place regarding alternatives approaches to canal maintenance during periods without a water run. Well hydrographs from two wells in KREGSA's monitoring network reaffirmed the effectiveness of the District's FARM program, which started in 2017, as groundwater levels continue to trend above both the interim milestones and measurable objectives. This progress would not be possible without the support from the District's field staff and cooperation of landowners. 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. No update.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:12 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:28 am. To confer with counsel. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 12.6 and left the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

12.1. 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

12.2. 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

12.3. 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.

12.4. 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 12:50 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on October 9, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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