REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, October 09, 2025

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board meeting of Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, Christopher "C.J." Myers, Elliott Rossotti, and Larry Tout. Member John Kalender was absent. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, and Attorneys Lauren D. Layne and Fernando A. Almaraz.

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 – 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 September was 24.4 inches, compared to a historical average, which was 28.6 inches. As of October 5th, nearly 232,000 acre-feet (AF) of water was stored behind Pine Flat Dam, of which approximately 13,100 AF—or about 6%—belonged to Alta ID. During Water Year 2025, Alta ID received nearly 153,000 AF of entitlement. Water run ended September 11th and prepayment notices for Water Year 2026 will be sent out to landowners in October. 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 a maintenance schedule has been developed from staff's priority-one activities, along with other issues identified during water run meetings. The schedule outlines potential maintenance activities for the remainder of this calendar year, with uncompleted items to be carried over into the following year. Examples of current activities include assessing and measuring turnouts for new canal gates, monitoring groundwater levels, and recompacting portions of the East Branch Canal banks downstream of the Divide. The maintenance activity update was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 4.1).

5. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA – None. However, President Brandt noted that Item 10.1 will be moved to after the Closed Session.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

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

   7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2025.

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

   7.3. Approve Payment of the September 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)

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL**

   8.1. Treasurer's Report. Tabled until the next meeting.

   8.2. Monthly Report of Reserve Accounts, Unrestricted Funds, and Status of Investments. Tabled until the next meeting.

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.

   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 explained that Tulare County met with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers without District representation over what the County claims are "jurisdictional waters" within the District's man-made facilities. General Manager Wegley also explained that the District is preparing a memorandum describing the operations of Buttonwillow Ditch and clarifying that it does not meet the criteria for jurisdictional waters

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

   9.6. Pipeline Development & Encroachments (Century Homes - Buttonwillow 10251901). General Manager Wegley explained that LandDesign will be designing the plans to pipe the remaining portion of the ditch south of Zumwalt School. The District will also prepare a new standard turnout detail for lands that are not relinquishing their water rights.

   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). No update.

   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). No update.

9.23. Pipeline Development (BN Dinuba, LP – Horseman 10992401). General Manager Wegley reported that the developer and the city of Dinuba continue to coordinate on finalizing details for the sewer lines crossing beneath the Horseman pipeline before releasing an updated plan set for the District's review.

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 (Comcast – Carpenter 11012503). No update.

9.28. Encroachment (Comcast – Knestric – KWW 11012504). No update.

9.29. Encroachment (Comcast – Caesar 11012505). No update.

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

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

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

9.33. The Legends at Kings River – Tract 7911. No update.

10. NEW BUSINESS – Review and take action as appropriate. Item 10.1 was moved to after the closed session.

10.1. Real Property Purchase APN 333-100-45T. It was M/S/C unanimously (Fino and

Kalender absent) on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Director Myers, to adopt Resolution R2025-1001 approving the purchase of APN 333-100-45T and authorizing the Secretary to sign necessary documents and close escrow on the property. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Public Hearing Regarding Unpaid Charges Related to Damages to District Infrastructure. President Brandt opened the public hearing at 10:13 a.m. District staff and legal counsel explained the background of the damage, the repair process, and the meeting the District held with the landowner. There being no members of public present and no public comment, President Brandt closed the public hearing at 10:18 a.m.

10.2.1. Resolution R2025-0903. It was M/S/C unanimously (Kalender absent) on a motion by Director Tout, seconded by Director Rossotti, to adopt Resolution R2025-0903 imposing a lien on property for unpaid charges related to damages to District infrastructure. (Insert 10.2.1)

10.3. Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Task Order 25-04. It was M/S.C unanimously (Kalender absent) on a motion by Director Myers, seconded by Vice President Halford, to approve Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Task Order 25-04 to convert a portion of Smith Mountain Ditch into a pipeline. (Insert 10.3)

10.4. Statement of Qualifications for On-Call Construction Inspection Services of Capital Projects and Off-Site Improvements at Various Developments within Alta Irrigation District. It was M/S/C unanimously (Kalender absent) on a motion by Vice President Halford, seconded by Director Fino, to select ICM Construction for Inspection Services of Capital Projects and Off-Site Improvements at Various Developments within Alta Irrigation District through May 1, 2026. (Insert 10.4)

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Manager's Report. General Manger Wegley provided a general overview about potential assessment rates and toll charges to be evaluating during the next rate review cycle. The primary objectives of these increases are to establish a sustainable revenue stream, to address decades of deferred infrastructure maintenance, and to fund the replacement or acquisition of equipment and fleet vehicles. that will be evaluated in the next round of rate increases. There was also additional discussion about impacts of the District's Functional Aquifer Recharge Management (FARM) program on groundwater levels in the southern portion of the District, noting that many wells have shown a complete reversal of previously observed long-term declines. 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 – The tentative timeline for release of bid documents is sometime in November.

11.2.2. London West Recharge Basin – This tentative timeline for release of bid documents is early Spring 2026.

11.3. Attorney's Report. Attorney Layne gave an update on various bills from this legislative session.

On item 12.5, it was reported that it was M/S/C unanimously (Myers absent, Kalender abstained) on a motion by Director Rossotti, seconded by Vice President Halford, to enter into a Grant of Easement and Accept a License Agreement on land owned by Betty Jean Spitze.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:25 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

12. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:34 a.m. to confer with counsel. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 12.6 and left the meeting at 11:58 a.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 12:08 p.m. with no reportable action taken during closed session.

The Board took item 10.1 out of order here.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on November 13, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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