

**MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
November 2, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Regular Session at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Tom Orvis, President  
Brad DeBoer, Vice President  
Herman Doornenbal  
Linda Santos  
Ed Tobias (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary  
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer  
Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Administrator  
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager/District Engineer  
Emily Sheldon, Associate Engineer

Also Present: Angela Schrimp De La Vergne, General Counsel  
Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel

**ADDITION OR DELETION OF  
AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items added or deleted.

**ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE**

There were no items taken out of sequence.

General Manager, Steve Knell requested that Agenda Item No. 1 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT ITEMS  
ITEM NOS. 2 - 7**

**ITEM NO. 2**

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (OID) PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 ON JUNE 11, 2021, WHICH AUTHORIZES REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 2, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve adoption of resolution of the Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 4, 2020, and Executive Order N-08-21 on June 11, 2021, which authorizes remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Oakdale Irrigation District for the period November 2, 2021 through December 1, 2021 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

**ITEM NO. 3**  
**APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations.

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District Improvement District's Statement of Obligations.

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE**  
**MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the financial statements for the nine months ending September 30, 2021.

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the Board meeting schedule for 2022.

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE THE MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND**  
**DEEP WELL RENTAL CHARGES**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the miscellaneous rates and charges for special services and deep well rental charges.

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NO. 1**

**ITEM NO. 1**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2021 AND RESOLUTIONS NOS. 2021-21, 2021-22, 2021-23, 2021-24, 2021-25,**  
**2021-26**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by DeBoer, to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2021 and Resolutions Nos. 2021-21, 2021-22, 2021-23, 2021-24, 2021-25, excluding 2021-26.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEMS NOS. 8-11**

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to amend the 2021 budget:

Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 9**

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM TO CONDUCT RECRUITMENT FOR GENERAL MANAGER AND ALLOW THE CURRENT GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve entering into a contract with Bob Murray and Associates to conduct recruitment for General Manager and allow the current General Manager to execute:

Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 10**

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve renewal of health insurance coverage effective January 1, 2022:

Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 11**

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve adoption of the 2022 budget:

Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION**  
**ITEM NOS. 12 - 13**

**ITEM NO. 12**

**DISCUSSION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES PLANNING FOR 2022**

General Manager, Steve Knell reviewed a PowerPoint presentation provided at the ACWA Water Management Meeting regarding DWR's water resources planning for 2022.

**ITEM NO. 13**

**DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ON THE MODESTO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

Water Operations Manager/District Engineer, Eric Thorburn gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Modesto subbasin groundwater sustainability plan.

At the hour of 11:10 a.m. the Board took a short recess.

At the hour of 11:18 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NO.14**

**A. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

**Director Santos**

Director Santos apologized for missing the employee end of season event, but stated she was informed that morning that she had to move cattle. She stated that this year was a good irrigation season. She looks forward to the upcoming year and the upcoming holidays.

**Director DeBoer**

Director DeBoer stated that November is one of his favorite times, Thanksgiving season. He stated we have a lot to be thankful for in this District, the history our forefathers have given to us and a strong water situation for all of our farmers and constituents. He expanded that there have been good financial decisions made in the past, that have put the District into a very positive situation. Director DeBoer stated that we need to be thankful for those financial decisions, because during difficult times if the District did not have reserves then it would be in a difficult position. Director DeBoer conveyed that he was thankful for staff and that they are doing a fantastic job, and he is looking forward to 2022.

**Director Doornenbal**

Director Doornenbal stated that the employee end of season event was very good, and the employees seemed to really have a good time. He stated he is thankful that he was done harvesting about 10 days before the storm, he stated that crops were good and he was thankful of Oakdale Irrigation District's inexpensive water.

**Director Tobias**

Director Tobias thanked Eric Thorburn and Emily Sheldon on their presentation on the groundwater sustainability plan. He thanked all the employees for doing such a great job. He stated he really appreciated the budget discussion and thanked Sharon Cisneros for a great job.

**Director Orvis**

Director Orvis thanked all the organizers of the employee end of season event. Director Orvis thanked Sharon Cisneros for the budget. He stated Thanksgiving is upon us and it is time to look back and

reflect, expanding that we should be thankful for what we have and the hands that grow it, and the water that grew it as well.

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Ad Hoc

Director Orvis stated the SGMA committee met, and what they discussed was presented by Eric Thorburn during discussion.

### Personnel Committee

Director DeBoer stated that the personnel committee met, but all that was discussed was presented in the earlier agenda items.

## **C. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

General Manager, Steve Knell, discussed the information that was provided in the Board Packet.

At the hour of 11:33 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** **ITEM NO. 1**

There was one public comment from Bob Frobose.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 11:37 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

At 11:38 a.m., President Orvis read the items to be discussed in Closed Session and opened for Public Comment on these items.

There was no public comment.

At the hour of 11:39 a.m. Public Comment Closed and the Board reconvened to Closed Session.

### **CLOSED SESSION** **ITEM NO. 16:**

- A. **Government Code §54956.8 – Conference Real Property Negotiator**  
 Negotiating Parties: Me-Wuks, Tuolumne River Agencies, OOD Lands  
 Property: Water  
 Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel  
 Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
  
- B. **Government Code §54956.8 – Conference Real Property Negotiator**  
 Negotiating Parties: SSJID  
 Property: Water  
 Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel  
 Under Negotiations: 1988 Agreement Terms
  
- C. **Government Code §54956.8 – Conference Real Property Negotiator**  
 Negotiating Parties: All Bargaining Groups

Property: Benefits  
Agency Negotiators: GM, CFO, HRA  
Under Negotiations: Cost of Benefits

- D. Government Code §54956.9(b) – Exposure to Litigation: 2 cases**
- E. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation**  
SJTA, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board  
Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding 5013
- F. Government Code §54957 – Public Employment: General Manager  
(update regarding search for new General Manager)**

At the hour of 1:18 p.m. the Board reconvened to Open Session.

Coming out of Closed Session, Director Orvis reported the following actions:

By the following roll call, the Board voted 3-1 to authorize staff to invoice South San Joaquin Irrigation District for the reimbursement of Oakdale Irrigation District expenses paid to San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority in response to their claim for cancellation of the water sale in the amount of \$29,692.04:

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	No
Director DeBoer	Yes

By the following roll call, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve District Perfect Attendance and Service Awards for 2021:

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes

By the following roll call, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve District Holiday Closure on December 27, 28, 29, 2021:

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 17**

At the hour of 11:19 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Next regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Details can be obtained by calling (209) 847-0341.

The next Joint Board Meeting of the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts serving the Tri-Dam Projects and Tri-Dam Authority and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** via teleconference and hosted by Oakdale Irrigation District. Details can be obtained by calling (209) 249-4600.



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Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:



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Steve Knell, P.E.  
General Manager/Secretary

