

## **MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

Oakdale, California  
May 12, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Session at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Director Orvis requested that attendees observe a moment of silence in honor of Twyla Capurro.

### **ROLL CALL**

Directors: Tom Orvis, President  
Ed Tobias, Vice President  
Brad DeBoer  
Jacob DeBoer  
Herman Doornenbal

Staff Present: Scot A. Moody, General Manager/Secretary  
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer  
Eric Thorburn, Water Resources Manager/District Engineer  
Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Manager

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel  
Stefanie Morris, Water Counsel (via Zoom)  
Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel (via Zoom)

### **ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no additions or deletions of agenda Items.

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

There were no items taken out of sequence.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board welcomed public comments at the hour of 9:03 a.m. on items not on the agenda. There was one member of the public who addressed the Board on matters not on the agenda:

(1) David Avila

With no further public comments, the public comment period concluded at 9:10 a.m.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR** **ITEM NOS. 1-5**

The following items were scheduled to be approved under the Consent Calendar. However, at the request of Director J. DeBoer, Item No. 5 was pulled for separate discussion and action

1. Approve the Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2026
2. Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations
3. Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations
4. Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Three Months Ending March 31, 2026
5. Approve the Appointment of Committee Members for Improvement District No. 22

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the above-noted Consent Item Nos. 1-4.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes — B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
                          Noes — None  
                          Abstained — None  
                          Absent — None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ITEM NO. 5**

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**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 22**

Director J. DeBoer requested that Consent Item No. 5 be pulled to recognize the newly appointed Improvement District No. 22 committee members.

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer, and seconded by Director J. DeBoer, to approve the appointment of committee members for Improvement District No. 22.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes — B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
                          Noes — None  
                          Abstained — None  
                          Absent — None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**ITEM NO. / NOS. 6-8**

**ITEM NO. 6**

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE  
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (DISTRICT)**

Ms. Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the board with the review and recommendation to approve Resolution 2026-011 to authorize an amendment to the contract between the board of administration for California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors for Oakdale Irrigation District.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the adoption of the resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administrators for California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors of Oakdale Irrigation District.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 6 at 9:16 a.m. Hearing none, public comment closed at 9:17 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:           Ayes — B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
                              Noes — None  
                              Abstained — None  
                              Absent — None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 7**

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE GENERAL  
MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT — CONSIDERED AFTER CLOSED  
SESSION**

Item No. 7 was considered after closed session. The Board reconvened to open session at the hour of 1:04 p.m., and the following action was taken.

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director B. DeBoer, approving the General Manager Employment Agreement, effective May 31, 2026.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 7 at 1:07 p.m. Hearing none, public comment closed Item No. 7 at 1:07 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:           Ayes — B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
                              Noes — None  
                              Abstained — None  
                              Absent — None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2026**  
**UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE**  
**EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2026 — CONSIDERED AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Director J. DeBoer, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the 2026 Unrepresented Employee Salary and Wage Schedule, effective May 31, 2026, noting a 1.6% increase to the General Manager's salary, with a text edit to correct a minor typo on the salary and wage schedule title.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 8 at 1:09 p.m. Hearing none, public comment closed at 1:09 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:           Ayes — B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
                              Noes — None  
                              Abstained — None  
                              Absent — None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NOS. 9-12**

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director B. DeBoer expressed his appreciation to Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, and her staff for their work in preparing for the Finance Committee meeting. He encouraged the Board and staff to continue closely monitoring the District's finances. Director B. DeBoer also extended his condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the family and loved ones of Twyla Capurro. Additionally, he emphasized the continued need for education regarding the District's power purchase contract and requested that General Manager Scot Moody coordinate with the South San Joaquin Irrigation District to facilitate those efforts.

**At the hour of 9:21 a.m., technical difficulties resulted in the loss of computer and Zoom connectivity. A recess was called at 9:21 a.m. to allow staff time to address the issue. Staff worked quickly to restore the system and reestablish Zoom access for remote participants. The meeting reconvened at 9:27 a.m. once connectivity was restored. No Board action was taken during the recess**

Director J. DeBoer provided an update on his attendance at the Association of California Water Agencies 2026 Spring Conference. He expressed hope that the new ACWA Executive Director will represent the agricultural perspective. He also suggested reviewing expected offsets compared to actual offsets regarding the PG&E line item on the statement of obligations. He

acknowledged Director Orvis for the significant time he spends representing the District on ACWA JPIA matters and thanked him for his service.

Director Doornenbal expressed his appreciation to the staff for their efforts with the finance committee and for providing clear information and education for the Board. He gave his thanks to Director Orvis for representing OID at the ACWA conference.

Director Tobias stated that, although operations may appear calm on the surface, staff have remained very busy behind the scenes and continue to do an excellent job. He expressed appreciation for the field crews and water delivery personnel and encouraged everyone to stay the course and continue performing their duties. Director Tobias also noted that reservoir levels are currently in very good condition. He thanked staff for their hard work and input and stated that he anticipates it will continue to be a great year for the District.

Director Orvis thanked all attendees for observing the moment of silence for Twyla Capurro and expressed condolences to her family. He also shared that, during the ACWA conference, Adrienne Beatty provided a strong presentation, was well prepared for Board member questions, and gave thorough responses. He referenced comments made by Paul Gosselin during a California Department of Water Resources Groundwater Committee session, including the statement, "We can't recharge our way out of a drought," and noted the encouragement for GSAs to begin implementing demand management programs. Additionally, he reminded the Board that Regions 3 and 4 will host a trip to Putah Creek in Vacaville in November to observe salmon returning upstream. He also noted that Region 4 continues to advocate regarding predation and species issues affecting local rivers. Director Orvis announced that Vince Lucchesi of Patterson Irrigation District was added to the Region 4 Board. Lastly, he informed the public that Stanislaus County is renewing efforts to ensure orchards, including branches, do not encroach into County easements.

#### **ITEM NO. 10**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A Finance Committee Meeting was held on April 27, 2026. Director B. DeBoer stated that the report had already been addressed during Director Comments. Additionally, Eric Thorburn, Water Resources Manager/District Engineer, reported that a landowner addressed the Committee regarding an OID easement and fence issue. The Committee recommended that the matter not be brought forward to the Board; however, the landowner was encouraged to attend a regular Board meeting and address the Board during Public Comment if he wished to do so.

Ms. Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, stated that there was a Tri-Dam Authority Advisory meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, but there was nothing to report to the Board.

#### **ITEM NO. 11**

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES**

General Manager Scot Moody reported that he, Eric Thorburn, Emily Sheldon, and Connor Medeiros attended the celebration of life for Twyla Capurro. He stated that it was a very nice and uplifting event and noted that the reverend delivered a meaningful service.

He echoed Director Doornenbal's comments regarding the Finance Committee, stating that periodic committee meetings are beneficial for staff as well and provide an opportunity to refocus. He commended Sharon Cisneros and her staff for their work tracking the District's fleet condition.

Additionally, he provided a water update, reporting that the District is currently on track with approximately 570,000 acre-feet of inflow at New Melones Reservoir and expressed confidence that inflows will reach approximately 600,000 acre-feet, which he noted is a positive outlook. He further reported that the District has pumped only 112 acre-feet of groundwater this year, which remains on target. Regarding out-of-district water, he stated that full natural flow conditions are trending normal, with approximately 245,000 acre-feet of use projected for the year.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**WATER COUNSEL REPORT**

Stefanie Morris, Water Counsel, informed the Board that the Steiner forecast is trending similarly to the April forecast, although there have been a few changes. She reported that the forecast changed from critical to dry and that inflow into New Melones Reservoir remains roughly consistent with the April forecast. She also noted a slight change in unimpaired runoff projections, with a drop-off anticipated in August. She described the current water year as unusual, explaining that much of California experienced early runoff in March despite minimal precipitation.

Director J. DeBoer requested that, regarding the subject of full natural flow as it pertains to out-of-district water, the District proactively engage with landowners and continue providing updates.

President Orvis announced the items to be discussed in closed session, and the Board welcomed public comments on Item Nos. 13-17 at 9:59 a.m. Hearing none, public comment on Items No. 13-17 closed at 9:59 a.m.

**10:00 a.m. – Recessed**  
**10:10 a.m. – Reconvened**

The Board convened to closed session at 10:10 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NOS. 13-17**

13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)  
Two (2) matters
14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
Two (2) cases

- a. San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al v. California State Water Resources Control Board  
County of Sacramento Superior Court  
Case No. JCCP 5013
  - b. Threfall Ranch LP v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al  
Superior Court of Stanislaus County  
Case No. CV-24-006033
15. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
- a. Property: Water  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager, Water Counsel  
Negotiating Parties: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, California Department of Water Resources  
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Conditions
  - b. Property: APN 010-040-010  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager, Water Resources Manager/ District Engineer  
Negotiating Parties: Trustee of the David F. Brown Exemption Trust  
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Conditions
16. PERSONNEL MATTER  
Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)
17. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – General Manager  
Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)

The Board reconvened to open session at 1:09 p.m. Coming out of closed session, President Orvis reported the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Director J. DeBoer, seconded by Director Tobias, and passed unanimously by roll call vote to authorize the general manager to execute a waiver of a potential conflict and consent for Berliner Cohen firm to represent Tri-Dam Project and Authority.

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and passed unanimously by roll call vote to authorize the General Manager to execute a Letter of Intent to purchase a portion of APN 010-040-010 for the future expansion of the Robert Van Lier Regulating Reservoir.

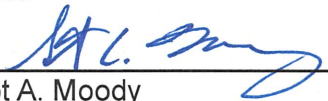
The Board went back to reconsider Item Nos. 7 and 8.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 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 Project** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Strawberry Tri-Dam Headquarters located at 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, CA.

Attest:

  
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Scot A. Moody  
General Manager/Secretary

  
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Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors