

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
April 4, 2023

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. Upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Staff Present: Scot A. Moody, General Manager/Secretary  
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer  
Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Administrator  
Emily Sheldon, Associate Engineer

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel  
Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel

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

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:03 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was one public comment from a member of the public.

Public Comment closed at 9:07 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR** **ITEM NOS. 2 - 8**

- 2 Approve Oakdale Irrigation District’s Statement of Obligations
- 3 Approve OID Improvement Districts’ Statement of Obligations
- 4 Approve the Treasurer’s Report as of February 28, 2023
- 5 Approve the Draft Financial Statements for the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2022
- 6 Approve the Financial Statements for the One Month Ending January 31, 2023
- 7 Adopt Resolution to Abandon a Portion of the Union Lateral and Formally Adopt the New Alignment of OID’s Union Lateral and Higgins Pipeline as District Facilities (APNs: 010-016-012, 010-017-003, and 010-073-020)
- 8 Adopt Resolution to Quitclaim Two Existing Union Lateral Easements (APNs: 010-017-003 and

010-073-020)

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the above-noted Consent Calendar items:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

#### **ITEM NO. 1**

- 1 Approve the Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023

Director Orvis requested an editorial change to Item No. 1

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve Consent Item No. 1 with the editorial change noted per President Orvis:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

#### **ACTION CALENDAR** **ITEM NOS. 9 - 12**

##### Item No. 9

Review and take possible action to Adopt Resolution Approving A Temporary Water Transfer Agreement by and between Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, to adopt a resolution approving a temporary water transfer agreement by and between Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

##### Item No. 10

Review and take possible action to Adopt Resolution Approving A Notice of Exemption Under CEQA for A Temporary Water Transfer Agreement by and between Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to adopt a resolution approving a notice of exemption under CEQA for a temporary water transfer agreement by and between Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Item No. 11

Review and take possible action to Approve the 2023 OID Agricultural Scholarships

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the 2023 OID agricultural scholarships:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Item No. 12

Review and take possible action to Approve Oppose Position on Legislative Bills AB460, AB676, AB1337, SB389, and Authorize the Board President to Take Positions on Future Legislative Bills if Time Does Not Permit for Presentation to the Full Board of Directors

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve oppose position on legislative bills AB460, AB676, AB1337, and SB389, and authorize the Board President to take positions on future legislative bills if time does not permit for presentation to the full Board of Directors:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 13 - 14**

Item No. 13

Discussion on Postponement of Notice of Determination for A Negative Declaration under CEQA for the Transfer of Water by Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District to Stockton East Water District

General Manager, Scot Moody gave an update on the status of the CEQA document for the transfer of water by Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District to Stockton East Water District.

Item No. 14

Discussion Regarding OID Having an Online Presence in Addition to the OID Website

General Manager, Scot Moody and the Board of Directors discussed the potential of an online presence for the District. Proposals will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NOS. 15 - 18**

Item No. 15

Directors' Comments/Suggestions

**Director Tobias:**

Director Tobias wished everyone a happy Easter. He added that he is thankful to have water starting, and will be interested to see how the snow melt will impact the season.

**Director Doornenbal:**

Director Doornenbal wished staff good luck as the 2023 water season begins. He added he is thankful for all the water, and thankful that there is room in New Melones.

**Director Santos:**

Director Santos reminded everyone that it is rodeo week. She added that she has had a lot of interaction with politicians regarding water in the area. Director Santos closed by wishing everyone a good water season.

**Director DeBoer:**

Director DeBoer stated that it is an interesting year for farmers, as the majority of crops in this area are almonds, and the trees are sparse around this area. Director DeBoer closed by adding that the District is in a good financial position, and he is looking forward to a good year.

**Director Orvis:**

Director Orvis gave an update that he attended the Stanislaus County Ag Advisory meeting with General Manager, Scot Moody and it was a good discussion. Director Orvis encouraged irrigators to take the stormwater that we had recently and fill ponds. He thanked the staff and wished everyone good luck for the water season. Director Orvis closed by reminding everyone that the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Members is at the Stanislaus County Fair Grounds on April 13, 2023.

Item No. 16

Committee Reports

- Public Relations Committee – March 7, 2023  
Director Santos mentioned that the committee reviewed the scholarship applicants.
- Finance Committee – March 21, 2023

Director Tobias noted that Chief Financial Officer, Sharon Cisneros discussed the 2022 year-end financials, investment results for 2022, and prospective 2023 investments.

- **Water/Engineering Committee – March 21, 2023**  
Director Tobias stated that the committee discussed questions regarding the 10-year out-of-district program, and Water Operations Manager/District Engineer, Eric Thorburn and Associate Engineer, Emily Sheldon were able to assist with the discussions.

Item No. 17

General Managers Report

General Manager, Scot Moody, gave an update on the status of the irrigation season and appraised the Board on the status of the 10-Year Out-of-District program.

Item No. 18

Water Counsel Report

There was no water counsel report.

At 10:29 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 10:30 a.m. public comment closed, the Board took a recess and reconvened to closed session at 10:45 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 19**

19 Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Potential Exposure to Litigation – 3 cases

At the hour of 11:39 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions:

**OTHER ACTION**

At the hour of 11:40 a.m., the meeting was adjourned. The next Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 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, April 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** in Manteca, CA.

Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

Scot A. Moody  
General Manager/Secretary