

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
April 3, 2012

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: Frank Clark, President
Steve Webb, Vice President
Al Bairos, Jr.
Jack D. Alpers
Herman Doornenbal

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary
Gary Jernigan, Contract/Special Projects Manager
John Davids, District Engineer
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of Agenda Items.

General Manager Steve Knell requested that Action Item No. 12 be heard on the action calendar last to allow Ms. Wohler time to attend the meeting.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:01 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:01 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2012
AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2012-14, 2012-15, 2012-16, AND 2012-17

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2012 and Resolution Nos. 2012-14, 2012-15, 2012-16, and 2012-17.

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

Director Alpers asked about the checks that were issued to Frank Bavaro, Matt Caton, Jerry DaSilva, Joe DaSilva, etc. Chief Financial Officer Kathy Cook stated that these checks were pump rental deposit refunds.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the following assignment of Capital Work Order Numbers:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
<u>NEW WORK ORDERS – 2012</u>			
Riverbank Lateral	Remove and upgrade slide gate with 16" Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$2,300	2012-021
<u>RE-ISSUED WORK ORDERS – 2012</u>			
Garr Pipeline	Remove & upgrade 15" gate.	\$8,300	2012-020
<u>CANCELLED WORK ORDERS - 2011</u>			
Garr Pipeline	Remove & upgrade 15" gate.	\$8,300	2011-028

ITEM NO. 5

APPROVE GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS (RAY'S RADIO SHOP, INC., HAIDLEN FORD, COAST TO COAST AIR, INC., CASEY MOVING SYSTEMS/RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND CALIFORNIA CONCRETE PUMPING DBA ASSOCIATED CONCRETE PUMPING

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Service Agreements with Various Vendors and Contractors (Ray's Radio Shop, Inc., Haidlen Ford, Coast to Coast Air, Inc., Casey Moving systems/Records Management and California Concrete Pumping dba Associated Concrete Pumping.

ITEM NO. 6

APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 027, AMENDMENT NO. 01 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-001 WITH PROVOST AND PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP TO PERFORM THE DETAIL ENGINEERING FOR THE DILBERTO DROP REHABILITATION PROJECT

Director Alpers asked if there was some reason why the District was not performing the engineering work in house and if it was time to hire an additional engineer. General Manager Steve Knell stated that structural and design work takes time and the District Engineer John Davids involvement in water rights issues, measureable deliveries and stakeholders meetings in Sacramento consume a lot of his time.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 027, Amendment No. 01 to the Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-001 with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group to Perform the Detail Engineering for the Dilberto Drop Rehabilitation Project.

ITEM NO. 7

APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 028 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-001 WITH PROVOST AND PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP FOR THE NORTH SIDE REGULATING RESERVOIR DEEP WELL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Director Alpers' question was answered in Item No. 6.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 028 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-001 with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for the North Side Regulating Reservoir Deep Well Engineering and Construction Management Services.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001, AMENDMENT NO. 03
TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-002
WITH CH2M HILL FOR ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
PERMITTING FOR THE TWO-MILE BAR TUNNEL PROJECT

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 001, Amendment No. 03 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-002 with CH2M Hill for Additional Environmental Permitting for the Two-Mile Bar Tunnel Project.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE ACCESS, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
FOR UNION SLOUGH WETLANDS AND WATER QUALITY
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (APNS: 015-081-001/002/046 – V. A. RODDEN)

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Access, Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Union Slough Wetlands and Water Quality Enhancement Project (APNS: 015-081-001/002/046 – V. A. Rodden).

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE BUDGETED PURCHASE OF LEICA SURVEY EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the budgeted purchase of Leica Survey Equipment.

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON THE
HIRSCHFELD LATERAL (APN: 207-290-28 – MARY
KATE WEEDA, TRUSTEE OF THE ARIE WEEDA QDOT TRUST)

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Agreement on the Hirschfeld Lateral (APN: 207-290-28 – Mary Kate Weeda, Trustee of the Arie Weeda QDOT Trust).

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS NOS. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 12

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND STANISLAUS
DEVELOPMENT LLC PARTNERS WILL SERVE LETTER AND
APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE RURAL WATER IMMEDIATE
AVAILABILITY CHARGES AND SUBJECT PENALTIES

Stanislaus Development LLC (SDLLC) is requesting that OID amend its Will Serve Letter regarding the terms and conditions of the \$5,000 per lot buy-in fee and the monthly per lot Immediate Availability Charge (IAC).

Sequence of events:

1. *November 15, 2005*, the District adopted a Will Serve letter that states that the SDLLC shall pay a fee of \$5,000 per lot for a total cost of \$350,000. These fees will be due and payable to OID at the change of ownership of each lot and/or when the meter is installed. The fee must be paid prior to water service being provided to the lot. SDLLC agrees to pay OID any outstanding fees for all unsold/undeveloped lots remaining after four (4) years from date of acceptance by OID of the subject water system.
2. *February 11, 2008*, the District sent correspondence to SDLLC stating that each lot will be charged a monthly IAC of \$14.40; and the \$5,000 buy-in fee on each lot will be due and payable to OID at the change of ownership and/or when a meter is installed. In addition, that any outstanding buy-in fees will be due and payable to OID by March 1, 2012.
3. *January 27, 2010*, SDLLC sent correspondence requesting:
 - a. an amendment to the Will Serve Letter to state that the \$5,000 per lot buy-in fee is due and payable at the time of the sale of the property and/or when the meter is installed. This request was approved on February 2, 2010, and
 - b. a waiver of the monthly IAC and all applicable late payment penalties on each lot not yet sold and that the IAC be reinstated as each lot is sold and/or meter is set; or reinstated in February 2012 when all of the outstanding buy-in fees are due. The Board approved to waive the IAC charges and subject penalties for twelve months, February 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011, for all non-metered lots; however, any current charges on the account would remain due and payable.
4. *April 6, 2010*, SDLLC requested that all of the past dues penalties applied prior to February 1, 2010 be waived. The Board approved the waiver of the penalties if all of the IAC charges applied prior to February 1, 2010 were paid in full by February 1, 2011.
5. *February 1, 2011*, SDLLC paid all past due IAC charges. The District began applying the IAC charges effective February 1, 2011. Since this time SDLLC has not made payments on their remaining 52 lots (refer to attached account information).
6. *February 8, 2012*, SDLLC sent correspondence requesting:
 - a. that the \$5,000 water connection fee is postponed until each lot is sold, and
 - b. that the IAC charges are forgone on all undeveloped lots until they are sold.

The Domestic Water Committee met with Stanislaus Development partners on March 20, 2012. The following items are being brought forth for the Board's consideration:

1. Remove all late fees on all Stanislaus Development parcels that do not have a service connection for the period February 2011 through March 2012. – *Fiscal impact: \$4,368 loss in income*
2. Set up a one year payment plan with Stanislaus Development to pay for the past due Immediate Availability Charges for the period February 2011 – March 2012. – *Amount past due: \$11,203.20 (12 monthly installments of \$934)*
3. Waive the per parcel Immediate Availability Charge (\$14.40 per month) for all Stanislaus Development parcels that do not have a service connection for a one-year period starting April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2013. – *Fiscal impact: \$11,577 loss in income*
4. Amend Stanislaus Development's Will Serve letter to extend the date that the Developer shall pay OID for any outstanding buy-in fees for all unsold/undeveloped lots to April 1, 2013. – *Deferred income: \$335,000.*
5. Items 1 – 3 above shall apply to all Rural Water System parcels that do not have a service connection. *Fiscal impact included in above items.*
6. Item 4 above shall apply to all Rural Water System parcels that have any outstanding buy-in fees for all unsold/undeveloped lots. – *Fiscal impact included in above item.*

Staff recommendation:

1. Deny request based on the fiscal impact to the District and potential foreclosure on these properties.
2. If request is approved, all charges should remain on these accounts to provide foreclosure protection over the next 12-months.
3. If request is approved and Stanislaus Development becomes non-compliant with Item No. 2 above then all conditions set forth will be null and void.

Richard Barzan, Manager of Stanislaus Development, LLC was present and discussed their request; John Shatswell was also present.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported as follows:

1. To remove all late fees on all Stanislaus Development parcels that do not have a service connection for the period February 2011 through March 2012;
2. To set up a one year payment plan with Stanislaus Development to pay for the past due Immediate Availability Charges for the period February 2011 – March 2012 in the sum of \$11,203.20, in 12 monthly installments of \$934.00;

3. To waive the per parcel Immediate Availability Charge (\$14.40 per month) for all Stanislaus Development parcels that do not have a service connection for a one-year period starting April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2013;
4. To amend Stanislaus Development's Will Serve letter to extend the date that the Developer shall pay OID for any outstanding buy-in fees for all unsold/undeveloped lots to April 1, 2013;
5. That all charges remain on Stanislaus Development's account to provide foreclosure protection over the next twelve months and if Stanislaus Development becomes non-compliant with Item No. 2 above, then all conditions set forth above become null and void;
6. That items 1-3 above shall apply to all Rural Water System parcels that do not have a service connection; and
7. That item 4 above shall apply to all Rural Water System parcels that have any outstanding buy-in fees for all unsold/undeveloped lots.

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CERTIFY THE VOTE
OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 41 MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZING
THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO PURSUE A COURSE OF ACTION

The Improvement District No. 41 (ID 41) Well #3 was removed from active service in 2009 due to extreme sand and turbidity issues. Since that time, ID 41 has been operating on only one (1) well. An additional water source must be secured in order to meet the system demands and the statewide domestic system requirements. Upon review, ID 41's options have been narrowed down to the following:

Option 1 - Install a new deep well pumping station, or

Option 2 - Purchase water from the City of Oakdale (City)

Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) staff has been working with the City to review ID 41's option of connecting to the City's domestic system as well as the associated terms and conditions for doing so. After meeting with the committee representatives, an ID 41 membership meeting was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 to present and discuss an analysis study that provided a comparison of each option. At the end of the meeting the ID 41 membership instructed OID to proceed with a vote to select a course of action.

Ballot packets were mailed out to the membership on Monday, March 26th. This action item has been placed on the agenda to officially certify the vote of the ID 41 membership in order to provide direction for OID moving forward. Please refer to the attached Ballot and ID Membership Notice for clarification.

Water Operations Supervisor for Water Utilities Bob Nielsen was present and stated that Improvement District No. 41 authorized the District to pursue a course of action to start

negotiations with the City of Oakdale regarding the terms and conditions for the purchase of potable water from the City to supply the needs of Improvement District No. 41 and authorized the District to temporarily suspend any further research into acquiring a new well site by the following vote:

Noes: 2 (by mail)
Ayes: 17 (by mail)
Passed by a total vote of 36.
(All non-votes (19) are considered as a yes vote.)

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to certify the vote of Improvement District No. 41 to start negotiations with the City of Oakdale regarding the terms and conditions for the purchase of potable water from the City to supply the needs of Improvement District No. 41 and authorize the District to temporarily suspend any further research into acquiring a new well site.

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD BID
FOR PURCHASE OF THREE (3) ½ TON, 4-WHEEL DRIVE,
REGULAR SIZE CAB, 2-DOOR PICK-UPS FROM Haidlen Ford

Staff solicited bids from two (2) vendors. The two (2) vendors Haidlen Ford and Steve's Chevrolet both provided quotes. Of the two (2) quotes, Haidlen Ford provided the lowest responsive bid of \$22,875.58 for each vehicle for a total bid of \$68,626.74.

Staff recommends the purchase of the three (3) ½ ton, gasoline pickups from Haidlen Ford for \$68,626.74.

The amount budgeted for the purchase of the three (3) ½ ton pickups was \$85,500.00.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to award the bid for the purchase of three (3) ½ ton, 4-wheel drive regular size cab, 2-door pick-ups from Haidlen Ford in the total sum of \$68,626.74.

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECONSIDER
AND AMEND THE BOARD'S MARCH 20, 2012 ACTION
REGARDING RENEWAL OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Based on new information, staff is requesting the Board reconsider its March 20, 2012 action to renew health insurance coverage and amend that action to include an additional option for all bargaining groups, should they so accept.

At the March 20, 2012 meeting the Board approved renewal of health care coverage for all bargaining groups by offering a Core Plan (Kaiser Deductible HMO) at no cost to employees and a Buy-Up Plan (Kaiser HC HMO). The combined offering of the Core Plan and the Buy-Up Plan maintained the Board's direction to not exceed the 2008 Health Care Cap inclusive of the 17.1% of increases that had been approved since 2008.

Staff, at the time, was awaiting quotes from TSM on “gap-insurance” to see if that option, if made available to employees at their cost, had merit. While gap-insurance has merit, the additive cost to the Buy-Up Plan’s monthly premium almost matched exactly the cost of the Kaiser Traditional Plan. The Kaiser Traditional Plan was made available last year but the excessive cost in sharing the buy-up expenses with employees greatly exceeded the health insurance cap set by the Board, hence it was not offered this year. It would appear with this NEW information that another option can be provided for selection by each bargaining group, that being:

Option 1 (as approved at the March 20, 2012 meeting). A health care coverage plan that includes a Core Plan at no cost to employees and a Buy-Up Plan that has better coverage but at a higher cost to employees. The amount of buy-up cost is limited to keeping OID under its budgeted insurance cap. Gap insurance would be made available for both plans. Note: Since the last Board meeting, TSM has negotiated a reduction in the Office Visit cost under the Kaiser HC HMO Plan downward from \$40 per visit to \$30 per visit. No other changes in plans have occurred.

Option 2: This Option is essentially Option 1 with the addition of Buy-Up Plan No. 2 (Kaiser HMO Traditional). This Buy-Up Plan will only be available to those individual Bargaining Groups who agree that the total buy-up cost for this offering is 100% at the cost of the employee. Gap Insurance would also be made available for these 3 plans.

All health care plan costs reflect a 1% reduction in the brokerage fee charged by TSM.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to amend the Board’s March 20, 2012 action to provide Option 2 as set forth above to the employees.

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON CANCELLATION
OF LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES (APN: 062-024-026 – WOHLER)

Ms. Wohler is requesting that the first installment late penalties applied to her account (APN 062-024-025) be cancelled.

The District received Ms. Wohler’s first installment payment on February 17, 2012 after she had received a past due notice. As stated in her February 17, 2012 correspondence, she did not receive her November 2011 statement. She is requesting that her first installment penalties be cancelled as she has never missed a payment since becoming an OID customer in 1999 and always pays for all charges for the entire year at once.

Ms. Wohler’s November 2011 Statement was sent to the correct mailing address and was not returned back to the District as non-deliverable. Ms. Wohler has been an OID customer for thirteen years and is aware that the annual statements are sent out in November of each year and the first installment is due on December 20th of each year.

In accordance with Board Policy and California Water Code section 26000, the Board shall order the Treasurer, to cancel or modify an assessment when it finds that any property has been either:

- (a) Assessed in any year more than once.
- (b) Assessed by reason of a clerical error for more than its cash value.
- (c) Computed for assessment on an excessive acreage.
- (d) Assessed while not in district.

Any other cancellation or modification to charges not mentioned in Section 26000 or in this resolution shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

This matter was heard last to allow Ms. Wohler time to arrive. At 9:30 a.m. she was not present.

A motion was made by Director Alpers and seconded by Director Doornenbal to deny the request of Ms. Wohler in the sum of \$7.53 and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors, Webb, Alpers, Bairos, Doornenbal
Noes: Director Clark

Ms. Wohler arrived at 9:35 a.m. and Director Clark advised her of the Board's decision.

ITEM NO. 17 **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 109 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. Continue to meet with OE3 bargaining group on renewal of labor contract.
2. Participated in the SOS (Save Our Schools) Fun Run on Saturday the 24th. OID was a major sponsor of the event.
3. Conference call with BOR on Water Conservation Account Status.
4. Attended Stanislaus River Stakeholder meeting the evening of the 28th. The topic was the 303(d) listing of impaired water bodies, of which the San Joaquin River and the lower Stanislaus River were discussed. Local public interest in attendance. Presentation was not well done or informative and more discussions occurred on OID's questions and perspectives on this errant listing of these water bodies.
5. Attended a SJ River Settlement meeting of NGO's, GO's and ID's at MID on the 29th. The organizations in attendance agreed to move forward with an eye on reaching "some kind" of settlement on the flow objective for our basins on the SJ River.
6. Will be leaving for Austin, Texas after April 3rd Board meeting to present 3 papers on OID projects and activities at the USCID Conference.

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – Agreement has been reached with the Hodgdon for the Two-Mile Bar Tunnel and Service Road easements. The letter requires the legal description for the Service Road easement. The survey has been completed. The plat and legal description is being process now and should be available on or before March 30, 2012.

The Corps of Engineers, Sacramento Section, has responded confirming the District does not need a Jurisdictional Determination. The District was instructed to provide a formal request for the tunnel easement and the use of the Two-Mile Bar access road. A letter requesting the easement and the use of the Two-Mile Bar access road was sent to Theresa Hersey of the Corps of Engineers. However, Theresa Hersey is on medical leave and will be unavailable. The Corps will advise who OID should contact. Their response has been slow.

2. Land Purchase for Office Relocation – The two (2) remaining Purchase Agreements for land parcels located on Kaufman and Greger Roads have been signed by the land owners. Escrow accounts are being set up to conclude the purchases once the exceptions are cleared from the Title Report.
3. South Main Rehabilitation from the 2nd Concrete Flue to, and including, the Willms Siphon, the initial field investigation by the engineers and surveyors was completed. The topo was completed and sent to Condor for their continuation of the design work. The remaining field work will be completed once water is in the canal. The design work is on hold until the final field investigation can be completed in June or July when the South Main is at or near capacity.
4. Two-Mile Bar Tunnel Design continuation started on February 2, 2012. The drilling company is preparing a execution plan based upon the bid documents prepared by Condor Earth Technologies. The Work is tentatively scheduled for May, 2012 start.
5. North Side Regulating Reservoir Deep Well – Bid Package being assembled for distribution. Bid package is on schedule for release in April for bidding.
6. MID Water Conveyance System – A feasibility study and estimate for three options has been completed. A Technical Memo is in preparation for future project development.
7. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
8. Continued with the District Standard Specifications Manual. Will follow the Construction Standards Institute (CSI) format.
9. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

Construction Activities

1. C&M crews are currently working on minor leaks and repairs after the completion of the first rotation.
2. District equipment operators are working on grading roads/canal banks (weather permitting), year four of the drain cleaning program and gaining back drive able access.
3. Purchased a used flatbed truck for magnacide applications and Rubicon maintenance previously approved by the BOD. Purchase price was below the approved \$20K, actual price was \$15,241.88 including tax and licensing.
4. Support Services Dept. employees started working an Alternate Work Schedule on March 26th. The schedule is a four day/ten hour week working Monday thru Thursday.
5. Conducted research and subsequent purchase of a used vehicle for the GM from Steves Chevrolet.

6. West Pump Pipeline Project – Obtaining material quotes for the project and working with G&K in regards to landowner meetings and review of the project in the field.
7. Conducted two webinar classes from ACWA/JPIA to further my training in the Professional Development Program.

Engineering Activities

1. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – Construction start date set for June 15th. Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan completed and sent to NMFS for review with respect to on island fueling. No response as of 3/27/12. Ongoing meetings and coordination with respect to the start of construction.
2. Engineering and Water Ops provide GM and Staff from Alta Irrigation District with a tour of our Rubicon infrastructure on 3/27/12.
3. SBX7-7 – Next A1 ASC meeting set for last full week in April. A2 (Measurement Regulation) still out for comment.
4. Long Term Irrigated Lands Program – Ongoing participation in both the Delta and East San Joaquin Coalitions.
5. STRGBA – USGS Groundwater Model progressing. Next STRGBA meeting to be held 4/12/12 at MID. Working with MID on expansion of monitoring wells within Modesto Subbasin. Draft map showing proposed well locations sent to MID for comment. No response as of 3/27/12.
6. Knights Ferry/Boatright – Progressing as directed.
7. Union Slough Water Quality Enhancement Project – Legal review of O&M Agreement complete. On consent agenda for approval at today's meeting.
8. Willms – DRAFT Easement Agreement sent to Ms. Savery on 2/8/12. Haven't heard from the Willms or Ms. Savery since delivery. Have sent two follow-up emails with respect to status and have heard nothing as of 3/13/12. Meeting set with Willms, County, Supervisor O'Brien and OID on 4/16/12 in Modesto.
9. Cost Estimates and Requests for Work – Assisting Support Services as necessary.
10. Trieste – Final design drawings complete. DRAFT Agreement revised and sent to City for acceptance and approval at the 4/2 Council meeting. Remaining monies and agreement to be delivered to OID.
11. Trinitas – Working with Trinitas on standard "Environmental Summary" doc for CEQA.
12. Hinds Lateral Relocation – Alignment meeting with Mr. Brichetto and Jason Jones held 2/28/12. Met with Joe Martin on 3/15/12. Ongoing Water Operations review with respect to headgate location and Mr. Brichetto's irrigation schedule.
13. Rate Study – Engineering kicking project back off with assistance from Accounting.
14. Summer Intern – Reviewing resumes for summer intern. Should make decision in next couple weeks.

Water Operations Activities

Ag Water

1. Met with Mr. Amerine to discuss the recent debris issues experienced on the Gray Pipeline and proposed revised operating procedures to flush debris before the following rotation. Staff will continue to monitor and address the issue as feasible.
2. Adjusted the water level sensor settings at the flume downstream of RVL Reservoir to address a datum drift that occurred during the offseason.

3. Continued DSO training on the TCC system for the new DSOs operating in the applicable divisions. TCC continues to operate on all of the Claribel and Cometa Laterals with no major issues.
4. Continued to assist DSOs with electronic input of flows and durations into the rotation sheets and addressed various unique circumstances within each Division.
5. Continued to work with DSOs to get feedback and address any misc. issues found with the new tablets for remote SCADA monitoring and control in the field by Division 3 and Division 10 DSOs.
6. Continued to fine tune the operational settings and monitor the performance of the new SCADA sites.
7. The second rotation of the 2012 water season began March 27th. This eighteen (18) day rotation will be followed by a fourteen (14) day rotation beginning on April 14th.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41:
 - Ballot packets were mailed out to the membership on Monday, March 26th. The membership will vote to officially determine whether they would like to merge with the City of Oakdale or stay a standalone system. In the meantime, Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Pumping Stations: :
 - Exercised pumping station gate valves.
3. Sierra Sunset Pumping Station in RWS #1:
 - The new pump has been installed, water quality testing was completed with no issues and the pump was placed back into service on March 30th.
4. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Finished semi-annual installation of new filter elements on all water distribution system air/vacuum relief valves.
5. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continued with the annual performance and flow testing of the pumping stations.
6. Furtado Deep Well Project:
 - The installation of the VFD is currently underway.
 - The site remains operational.

Finance Activities

1. Preparing for 2011 audit. Audit field work will began the week on March 26, 2011.
2. Preparation for 2012 health insurance renewals. Meet with all the bargaining groups to review the 2012 health insurance options. Employee one on one Open Enrollment meetings will be held April 4, 5, and 6 with TSM Insurance Brokers.
3. Prepared numerous Out-of-District and Fringe Parcel Out-of-District agreements and invoices.
4. Continue to meet with General Manager and bargaining groups on renewal of labor contracts.
5. Assisting the Engineering Department on Rate Study information.
6. Route accounting function (AP, AR, PR, billing, account reconciliations, etc.)

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Clark and Director Webb discussed the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting that was held on Monday, April 2, 2012.

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal stated that he liked the photograph of the General Manager Steve Knell that is going to be on the front of Irrigation Leader Magazine.

Al Bairos, Jr.

Director Bairos had no comments.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers asked if there had been any discussion on the drainage fees that Modesto Irrigation District charges the City of Modesto. General Manager Steve Knell replied no.

Director Webb

Director Webb commented on the fact that the new pick-ups that are going to be purchased will have the new sales tax on them. He further commented on the fact that people who live in the 95361 zip code, but outside the City limits are also obligated to pay the new sales tax, but were not allowed to vote on the initiative.

At the hour of 10:12 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

ITEM NO. 18
CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Government Code §54957.6** – Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Unrepresented Employee Organization: Operations Employees, Exempt Management, Exempt Supervisory, and Confidential Employees

- B. **Government Code §54957.6** - Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Board of Directors
Unrepresented Employee Organization: IBEW and All Employees of the Tri-Dam Project

- C. **Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Negotiating Parties: OID and Brunk
Property: APNS: 002-020-006
Under Negotiations: Price and terms

At the hour of 10:45 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Clark stated that there was no reportable action.

ITEM NO. 19
OTHER ACTION

At the hour of 10:45 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Joint Board Meeting for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Frank Clark, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary