

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
January 19, 2016

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: Steve Webb, President
Herman Doornenbal, Vice President
Gary Osmundson
Gail Altieri
Linda Santos

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer

Also Present: Jim Oliveira, General Counsel

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of agenda items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

General Manager Steve Knell requested that Discussion Item No. 18 be moved to follow the Consent Calendar.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:03 a.m.

Director Santos requested that Item Nos. 5, 7, and 12 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

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

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2016 AND RESOLUTION NOS.
2016-01, 2016-02, 2016-03, 2016-04, 2016-05, 2016-06, 2016-07, AND 2016-08

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016 and Resolution Nos. 2016-01, 2016-02, 2016-03, 2016-04, 2016-05, 2016-06, 2016-07, and 2016-08.

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

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

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE THE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2015.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2016-GSA-001 WITH
W. C. MALONEY, INC. FOR CONCRETE AND ASPHALT CUTTING
SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve General Services Agreement 2016-GSA-001 with W. C. Maloney, Inc. for concrete and asphalt cutting services and authorize the General Manager to execute.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT
ON THE RIVER ROAD LATERAL (APN: 006-086-021 – DIAZ)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve Agricultural Discharge Permit on the River Road Lateral (APN: 006-086-021 – Diaz).

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE GULLEY
PIPELINE AND RIVER ROAD LATERAL (APN: 006-086-021 – DIAZ)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Gulley Pipeline and River Road Lateral (APN: 006-086-021 – Diaz).

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT
ON THE RIVERBANK PIPELINE (APN: 062-025-026 – DENIZ)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Riverbank Pipeline (APN: 062-025-026 – Deniz).

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON
THE RIVERBANK PIPELINE (APN: 062-025-026 – DENIZ)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Riverbank Pipeline (APN: 062-025-026 – Deniz).

The above Consent Items passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

DISCUSSION CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 18

ITEM NO. 18
DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT'S
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

Cori Farwell, Senior Fixed Income Funds Manager, with HighMark updated the Board on the District's investment portfolio for year-end 2015.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS NOS. 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

Director Santos asked why the District is spending approximately \$90,000 on repairing the Oakdale Deep Well when there is no guarantee that it will be fixed and when it was rented by only one person. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that it services several constituents when it is operational and that it was rented by one constituent during the non-irrigation season for frost protection.

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

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
West Thalheim Lateral	Installation of a new 12" x 5.5' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 002-058-010)	\$2,000	2016-008
Eaton Lateral	Modification of the existing headgate structure to allow for the installation of a 24" x 8' Rubicon slipmeter, and miscellaneous appurtenances. (APN: 002-067-004)	\$16,300	2016-009
Austin Pipeline	Replacement of 20' of 15" PVC Pipe, install 15" in-line valve, air vent assembly, and misc. appurtenances. (APN: 062-009-037)	\$13,400	2016-010
Claribel Lateral	Remove and replace 1-15" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 064-032-067)	\$1,900	2016-011
Claribel Lateral	Remove and replace 1-18" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 064-031-018)	\$2,400	2016-012
Oakdale Deep Well	Install Swage Patch and Chemical Rehab to improve capacity and efficiency.	\$90,000	2016-013
Tulloch Lateral	Remove and upgrade existing structure with a 5' x 7' MBI turnout structure, 12" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate, stilling well and 20' of 12" PVC. (APN: 002-016-028)	\$10,800	2016-014
Townhill Pipeline	Remove and upgrade 36" x 36" Fresno 101C undershot gate (APN: 062-028-014)	\$8,800	2016-015
Lesnini Lateral	Install a 5' x 7' MBI turnout structure, 15" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate, concrete sill wall, stilling well and 20' x 15" PVC. (APN: 002-066-016)	\$13,100	2016-016
<u>Cancelled & Resigned to 2016</u>			
Eaton Lateral	Modification of the existing headgate structure to allow for the installation of a 24" x 8' Rubicon slipmeter, and miscellaneous appurtenances. (APN: 002-067-004)	\$16,300	2015-033

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Austin Pipeline	Replacement of 20' of 15" PVC pipe, install 15" in-line valve, air vent assembly, and misc. appurtenances. (APN: 062-009-037)	\$13,400	2015-030
Claribel Lateral	Remove and replace 1-15" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 064-032-067)	\$1,900	2015-036
Claribel Lateral	Remove and replace 1-18" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 064-031-018)	\$2,400	2015-037
Oakdale Deep Well	Install Swage Patch and Chemical Rehab to increase capacity and efficiency.	\$90,000	2015-046
Tulloch Lateral	Remove and upgrade existing structure with a 5' x 7' MBI turnout structure, 12" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate, stilling well and 20' of 12" PVC. (APN: 002-016-028)	\$10,800	2015-051
Townhill Pipeline	Remove and upgrade 36" x 36" Fresno 101C undershot gate. (APN: 062-028-014)	\$8,800	2015-053

The above item passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes: None
Absent: None

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 05 TO PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-016 WITH
O'LAUGHLIN & PARIS, LLP FOR REVISED HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

Director Santos stated that she was concerned that the District was being asked to increase the hourly rates during a time when the District is having financial constraints because of the drought and a reduction in hydro production. She asked if it would be better to wait until later to increase the hourly rates. Director Doornenbal stated that he feels that the O'Laughlin Firm is one of the best water attorney firms and that he has been told that their hourly rates are very reasonable. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the firm is raising their rates across the board which includes all of the agencies that comprise the SJTA and they have all approved the rate increase.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 05 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-016 with O'Laughlin & Paris, LLP for revised hourly rate schedule.

The above item passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes: None
Absent: None

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE EXCHANGE OF SERVICES FOR A GRANT OF EASEMENT ON THE PALMER LATERAL BETWEEN THE GARY B. OSMUNDSON AND AMY A. OSMUNDSON REVOCABLE TRUST AND THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW BACK-UP STRUCTURE ON THE LAUGHLIN DRAIN (APN: 015-003-015/016 – SHARON NARAGHI/ GARY B. AND AMY A. OSMUNDSON REVOCABLE TRUST)

Director Santos stated if you subtract the cost of construction from the easement acquisition amount there is a credit and she asked if the construction is going to be a wash or if there was going to be a credit. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that there will be no credit once the construction work has been done.

Director Osmundson recused himself from this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment to the Exchange of Services for a Grant of Easement on the Palmer Lateral between the Gary B. Osmundson and Amy A. Osmundson Revocable Trust and the Oakdale Irrigation District to include the installation of a new back-up structure on the Laughlin Drain (APN: 015-003-016/016 – Sharon Naraghi/Gary B. Osmundson and Amy A. Osmundson Revocable Trust).

The above item passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2016

The Board approved the Agency Goals and Objectives for 2016 at the January 5, 2016 Board Meeting. Since that time, additional goals were requested by Director Santos. These goals have been added to the Agency Goals and Objectives approved by the Board on January 5, 2016 and are being brought to the full Board for approval. The additional goals are noted in bold type below.

Board of Directors

- **Board and Committee Agenda packets available on the website for access by the public.**
- **Video recording of all meetings, streaming on internet and televised.**
- **Evaluate holding one Board meeting in the evening quarterly throughout the year.**
- **Hold bi-annual public meetings in the evening at the Gene Bianchi Community Center to address water and planning issues at OID.**

Administrative and Legal

- State Water Resources Control Board's release of its Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan
 - Release in January 2015
 - Comments and responses to document - January to March
 - Hearings on adoption June/July
- Settlement discussions on the Stanislaus River with potential due date of December 2016
- Operations Plan to State Water Resources Control Board by February 15, 2016
 - Storage component in NM to be addressed
 - Monthly updates and adjustments to Ops Plan anticipated through October 2016
 - Water Release negotiations anticipated for;
 - April/May pulse flows and
 - October fall attraction flows.
 - All negotiations may include sales of released water
 - ESA and R&B Uses may come into play
- Labor contract negotiations begin in September for Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
- Re-districting of OID voting districts – currently ongoing.
- Meet budget goals for 2016 as identified in the finalized budget.

Finance

- Develop the 2016 Budget
- Annual Independent Audit begins in February
- 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report preparation
- Continuation and refinement of water billing software
- 2017 Budget preparations begin in September

Water Operations and Engineering

- Finalization and adoption of the updated Ag Water Management Plan
- Implement and refine volumetric measurement at the farm gate.
 - Educate and train DSOs in this new phase of water accounting.
- Finalize the 2015 Water Balance
- Geo-tech evaluation of South Main Tunnel hazards not yet addressed and develop an action plan for repairs
- Implement and Manage the On Farm Conservation Program
- SGMA development and GSA formation that protects OID interests in the County and OID's service area.

Maintenance, Construction, Contracts and Safety

- Continuation of Target Zero Safety Program
- Continuation of annual renewal of General Services Agreements (GSA's) and associated Work Releases for GSA's and Professional Services Agreements (PSA's)
- Continue to modernize and rebuild District infrastructure as permitted by budget and maintain existing facilities in a serviceable and functional condition.

If there is no further input to activities the Board wishes staff to address, staff would recommend approval of these goals and objectives as the focal point for accomplishment and/or addressment in 2016.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to amend the Agency Goals and Objectives for 2016 approved by the Board on January 5, 2016 to include the following:

Board of Directors

- Board and Committee Agenda packets available on the website for access by the public.
- Video recording of all meetings, streaming on internet and televised.
- Evaluate holding one Board meeting in the evening quarterly throughout the year.
- Hold bi-annual public meetings in the evening at the Gene Bianchi Community Center to address water and planning issues at OID.

The above item passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A
DIRECTOR TO THE STANISLAUS COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Per OID Policy;

The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board, shall appoint the members of all standing committees, subject to Board approval, and shall have such other powers to perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time-to-time by the Board.

Special committees may be appointed by the Chairman/President of the Board with approval of the Board for such special tasks as circumstances warrant. A special or ad hoc committee shall limit its activities to the accomplishment of the task for which it is appointed and shall have no power to act except such as specifically conferred by action of the Board.

At the Board Meeting on January 5, 2016, Committee appointments were made by President Webb, with one exception to the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee. This appointment was pulled to allow time for President Webb to get clarification from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. President Webb was contacted by Supervisor O'Brien regarding an appointment to this committee and this is brought back to the full Board for approval.

Water Advisory Committee (WAC)

Member: Director Doornenbal
Alternate Member: Steve Webb

A motion was made by Director Webb to approve the appointment of Director Doornenbal to the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Director Altieri passed out a copy of an email and a letter that she received from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. She stated that she was appointed to represent the Oakdale Irrigation District by the Board of Supervisors on January 5, 2016 and she objected to the appointment of Director Doornenbal.

Members of the public, Robert Frobose and Travis Dovala commented on this agenda item.

Director Webb withdrew his motion and stated that he would get some additional clarification and report back to the Board.

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2015 APPLICANTS
FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDS OUTSIDE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
AND THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016 APPLICANTS OF LANDS
OUTSIDE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND THE
ASSOCIATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

A Draft Negative Declaration (DND) and Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the 2015 Applicants for Irrigation of Lands Outside District Boundaries (project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project proposes to make water available to landowners of property located outside the OID boundaries in years when surplus water is determined to be available. The availability of water for lands outside the OID boundaries will be determined by the OID Board of Directors on an annual basis. The landowners will therefore be required to submit an application each year they wish to receive irrigation water. While two parcels have existing points of water delivery (turnouts), the remaining applicants will pay OID to modify existing or construct new turnouts for delivery of irrigation water to their parcels in accordance with the agreement establishing the terms and conditions for irrigation of lands outside OID boundaries.

Based on the information evaluated in the IS, Staff prepared a DND. The documents were posted at the Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder Office and circulated to trustee, responsible and other agencies for CEQA review via the State Clearinghouse and direct mailing for 30 days. A Public Hearing was noticed in the Modesto Bee on December 28, 2015 and held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. The comment period began on December 11, 2015 and ended on January 11, 2016.

No comments were made at the public hearing and the written comments received along with OID responses to those comments are attached as Exhibit A. The comment letters and DND/IS Referral Distribution List are attached as Exhibit B. After consideration of all the

comments and information provided, OID has prepared a Statement of Findings. The Statement of Findings, Exhibits A and B, and the DND/IS, incorporated by reference are included as part of the Final ND. The Final ND is available at the OID office to all interested parties for review.

In light of the fact that there are no significant or adverse impacts to the environment as a result of the project, Staff recommends approval of the project and the adoption of the attached Resolution.

Should the Board concur with Staff's opinion after its review of the evidence in the record, Staff requests that the Board approve the project and adopt the attached Resolution.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to adopt the Resolution Adopting the 2015 Applicants for Irrigation of Lands Outside District Boundaries Negative Declaration and Associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings.

The above item passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
LANDOWNER'S REQUEST TO ELIMINATE DUAL RURAL WATER
SERVICE CONNECTION FEES (APN: 010-069-024 – CAROLYN M. VOLLRATH)

Upon purchasing two adjoining lots (APN: 010-069-021 & 023) in the Hillsborough Estates No. 1 Subdivision located in OID's Rural Water System No. 1, the Landowner, Carolyn W. Vollrath, had Stanislaus County reclassify these properties into a single lot (APN: 010-069-024).

Each of the two original lots was supplied with a 1" water service connection. The landowner is currently using only one service connection to supply her needs and has no need for the second service connection. As such, she is requesting OID no longer charge her the "Immediate Availability Fee" for the redundant service connection which is no longer needed or required.

The Board is being asked to:

1. Approve the landowner's request.
2. Authorize OID's Water Utilities Department to take the necessary steps to amend OID's water supply permit issued by the State of California to account for these changes.
3. Direct OID's Finance Department to modify the billing statements to reflect these changes.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the landowner's request to eliminate dual Rural Water System service connection fees (APN: 010-069-024 – Carolyn M. Vollrath).

The above item passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

ITEM NO. 17
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S BOARD GUIDELINES

This was presented to the Board of Directors as a discussion item at their November 17, 2015 Board Meeting and is now brought to the Board for adoption.

Staff prepared the attached Board Guidelines to provide the Directors with information that will assist them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities as elected public officials of the Oakdale Irrigation District and to assist the public in understanding what those responsibilities are and how the District's Board of Directors conducts its business.

These guidelines will replace the Board of Directors General which was last revised in March of 2006.

This document has been reviewed and commented on by Attorney Rob Greenfield, Counsel to Casualty Operations at ACWA-JPIA. ACWA-JPIA is OID's property claims insurer.

A member of public, Robert Frobose, commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Adopting the Oakdale Irrigation District's Board Guidelines.

The above item passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 19**

ITEM NO. 19

**DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR ON THE
TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016**

This item is here for general discussion on items that appear on the Tri-Dam Agenda when it is made available.

General Manager Steve Knell stated that Water Counsel Tim O'Laughlin will be present and will discuss the future water challenges with the Boards.

**COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 4**

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 350 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. The On-Farm Conservation Funding Pilot Program CEQA document went out last Friday for a 30 day review and comment period.
2. Met January 8th with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss 2016 Operations.
3. A Board Workshop on Roles and Responsibilities of Directors was held January 11th.
4. Met with Jerry Johns, DWR Director, on the 12th to resolve "white paper" issues for the On-Farm Pilot Program.
5. Finance Committee meeting on the 14th to go over 2016 Budget.
6. Meeting with SSJID on SB 88 water reporting issues.
7. January 22nd to meet with CCWD on water basin cooperation and opportunities.
8. January 27th meeting of SJTA/FNA/SJRECA on common interests and actions to the SED and WaterFix.
9. City of Oakdale's Mayor will be talking on the State of the City on the 27th. See Lori for tickets.
10. Tentative Stanislaus Settlement Discussions set for the 29th.

Legal Activities

1. ID 52 Lawsuit: Appellants response briefs due to court on January 22nd.
2. Demurrers in the SJTA and SWB curtailment matter scheduled to be heard on February 19, 2016.
3. The OID and SSJID, acting as intervenors in the CalSpa suit against the State Water Resources Control Board Bureau, have filed responses to the CalSpa complaint. No change since November 30th report.
4. OID is in a test claims case on the State of California's issuance of unfunded mandates, i.e. SBx7-7. Opposition briefs due on January 21, 2016. The hearing will be held on February 5th in Sacramento. No changes since November 30th report.

Construction Activities

1. C&M crews and equipment operators continue to work on maintenance and capital projects on OID facilities. Progression on projects has slowed down recently due to the reoccurring rain events hindering access.
2. Assisting Water Ops./Eng. Dept. with various tasks and field review of potential projects.
3. Conducting Safety Coordinator tasks pertaining to all hands training, Safety Committee meetings and review of weekly tailgate safety meetings. Completed the CERS submittal for 2016 which is the electronic reporting of hazardous chemicals on our site.
4. Conducting Contract Administration tasks pertaining to contracts that need to be renewed and work releases that need to be completed with the assistance of Lori.
5. Conducting multiple landowner meetings for present and future Capital Projects.
6. Met with Steve Fields on 1/12 to discuss a second potential project for rehabilitating the canal banks on the North Main Canal.
7. The School Farm Sub-Committee is scheduled to meet on 1/27 to further discuss the development of the 13 acre orchard.
8. Completed and submitted the 2015 Aquatics Pesticide Application Plan (APAP) to the State Water Resources Control Board. The APAP is a submitted to show that the OID complied with the regulations for the application of aquatic pesticides.
9. Posted in-house for one C&M Leadman position due to a vacancy. Applications have been received and the written test occurred on 1/15. Interviews will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Water Operations Activities

1. Land use Conversion – Continued to work with landowners, tenants, irrigation design companies and Support Services/Water Operations concerning ongoing and future land use conversion projects. Initiation of new development projects continues to extend farther into the end of off season than it has in the past.
2. Continued to process several Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
3. Several responses were received to the letters noting OID's requirements for continued irrigation on recently completed lot line adjustments and parcel split projects. Field review of the applicable conditions in each individual circumstance is now being completed with the assistance of Water Operations Dept. staff.
4. A public presentation of the draft 2015 AWMP was provided at the January 5th board meeting. The draft plan will now be made available for public review and comment with a public hearing and potential adoption anticipated in February.
5. The ACOE finalized the categorical exemption document and prepared easement documents for the proposed tunnel as well as the 2 Mile Bar access road. The easement documents were reviewed by staff and are being reviewed by legal counsel.
6. A set of draft Cree Pipeline project plans were assembled and the second round of landowner meetings were held on January 14th. The new easement plat and legal description will be drafted by G&K and the draft plans and cost estimate will be finalized by in-house staff. Upon execution of the easement documentation, the project will be scheduled for construction.
7. The City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 is being reviewed by legal counsel.

Ag Water

1. SCADA personnel completed standard winter maintenance checklist items at all remotely monitored and/or automated SCADA sites. Additional maintenance tasks (i.e. sikaflex replacement, FlumeGate cable replacement, etc.) will now be performed as necessary at various sites.
2. SCADA integration and commissioning of new remotely monitored and/or automated SCADA sites was initiated at sites in which the construction and gate/meter installation has been completed.
3. Storm water and winter water operations continued.
4. Field review of existing encroachments, measurement at existing delivery points, and historic and proposed irrigation practices was conducted for numerous newly created parcels that have applied for new connections.
5. Staff attended the SJ Groundwater Basin Authority and Workgroup meetings on January 13th. Discussions regarding GSA formation were largely unproductive. While several GSA applications have been filed (including SEWD and SSJID) in the SJ GW sub-basin, SJ County has filed an application as well to put a halt on approval of all those within and that overlap the County's boundaries until further discussions take place.
6. Staff attended the TAC meeting on January 14th. The County's consultant presented the plan for their PEIR and proposed GW model that would cover and extend just beyond the County limits.
7. Staff attended the STRGBA meeting on January 14th. The potential and associated process for GSA formation as a group in the Modesto sub-basin was discussed. Approval of the proposal being drafted would be required from the governing Board of each agency within STRGBA.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41:
 - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
 - WUD continues to conduct weekly inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
 - a. Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Monday, January 4th. No problems were found. All water systems operating without restrictions.
4. Merger of Improvement Districts No. 45 and No. 49:
 - a. Staff started working with the Stanislaus County DER to amend ID 45's permit to include ID 49.
5. On-Call Activities:
 - Nothing to Report.
6. Knights Ferry Pumping Station:
 - Continued to monitor river pump operations.
7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - WUD continues to perform the routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations in use as winter drain pumps. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:

- The Thompson Pond Reclamation Pump was temporarily reactivated for use as a storm drain pump on Tuesday, January 5th.
- The Lambuth Reclamation Pump was temporarily reactivated for use as a storm drain pump on Wednesday, January 6th.
- Started spring servicing of irrigation pumping stations in preparation for the start of the 2016 Irrigation Season.

Finance Activities

1. The District received the ACWA JPIA's President's Special Recognition Award certificate for achieving a ratio of Paid Claims and Case Reserves to Deposit Premiums in its Liability Program for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.
2. As directed by Resolution No. 96-01 and pursuant to California Government Code Section 53065.5, the written statements of Disclosures of Reimbursement of Amounts to employees and directors paid by the District during 2015 of at least \$100 for an individual charge for service or product received are available for public review at the office of the District's Chief Financial Officer, Kathy Cook
3. Preparing closing entries for 2015 year-end, in addition to routine accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billings, account reconciliations, etc.)
4. Met with Finance Committee on Thursday, January 14th to review the 2016 Proposed Budget.
5. Richardson and Company, LLP is scheduled to be on-site on March 28th for the 2015 audit. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for a pre-audit discussion.
6. Routine accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billing, reconciliations, etc.)
7. Preparation of PR 4th QTR reporting and W2s.
8. Preparation of 1099 reporting.
9. Will be attending our labor attorney's 2016 Employment Law Year in Review on January 21st.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, January 14, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

- 2016 Draft Budget

Director Osmundson stated that the Finance Committee met and reviewed the draft budget and the Committee will meet again on January 27, 2016.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Osmundson

Director Osmundson had no comments

Director Altieri

Director Altieri had no comments.

Director Santos

Director Santos stated that she received a phone call regarding the new billing. She stated that the statement had a due date of January 21, 2016 and the web site had a due date of January 20, 2016. Chief Financial Officer Kathy Cook stated that the billing had a typographical error and the website would be corrected to reflect a due date of January 21, 2016.

Director Webb

Director Webb stated that he was glad to see the rain that we were getting.

At the hour of 10:33 a.m. the Meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 21

- A. Government Code §54956.9 – Initiation of Litigation**
Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 45956.9
One (1) Case

At the hour of 10:59 a.m. the Board returned to open session.

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

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 22

At the hour of 10:59 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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 **January 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary