

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
November 4, 2014

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. The following Directors were present:

Directors: Steve Webb, President
Herman Doornenbal, Vice President
Frank Clark
Al Bairos, Jr.

Absent: Jack D. Alpers

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

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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Ken Krause asked how Director Alpers was doing. Director Webb responded that he is continuing to improve and should return soon.

Tom Orvis with the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau was present and stated that the third iteration of the groundwater ordinance is moving on to the Board of Supervisors and will be reviewed on November 25, 2014.

There being no further public comment, public comment closed at 9:06 a.m.

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

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2014 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2014-73

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2014 and Resolution No. 2014-73.

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

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

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE OID IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion as made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District Improvement District Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the Month ending September 30, 2014.

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITOL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the assignment of Capitol Work Order numbers set forth below:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
South Lateral	Split approximately 300 LF of canal bank.	\$22,600	2014-070
Lane Pipeline	Remove and upgrade center out gate with a 24" Fresno 101C slide gate and necessary appurtenances.	3,300	2014-074

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
East Pump Pipeline	Remove and upgrade turnout including a precast MBI structure with a 24" Fresno 101C slide gate, 20 LF of 24" 100 PSI PIP PVC, stilling well, trash rack and necessary appurtenances.	\$17,500	2014-075
Chappel Drain Pipeline	Remove and upgrade pipeline crossing including a precast MBI structure with 24" starter coupler, 40 LF of 24" 100 PSI PIP PVC, trash rack, borrow material, rip rap and necessary appurtenances.	\$13,400	2014-076
Burnett Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout including a precast MBI structure with 18" starter coupler, 18" Fresno 101C slide gate, 20 LF of 18" 100 PSI PIP PVC, stilling well and necessary appurtenances.	\$13,000	2014-077
River Road Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout including a precast MBI structure with 21" starter coupler, 21" Fresno 101C slide gate, 20 LF of 21" 100 PSI PIP PVC, stilling well and necessary appurtenances.	\$14,200	2014-078
Palmer Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout including a precast MBI structure with 18" starter coupler, 18" Fresno 101C slide gate, 20 LF of 18" 100 PSI PIP PVC, stilling well, concrete connection collar and necessary appurtenances.	\$14,500	2014-079
Fairbanks Lateral	Split approximately 600 LF of canal bank.	\$19,300	2014-080

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE
SOUTH MAIN (APN: 011-001-036 – TRINITAS FUND II, LLC)

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the South Main (APN: 011-001-036 – Trinitas Fund II, LLC).

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE FENCE AGREEMENT ON THE QUISTINI LATERAL
(APN: 002-015-011 – DANI G. McAFEE AND ODESSA HAYNES)

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Fence Agreement on the Quistini Lateral (APN: 002-015-011 – Dani G. McAfee and Odessa Haynes).

Director Webb requested that Item No. 14 be heard first under Action Items. A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to move Item No. 14 to be heard first under Action Items.

ACTION ITEMS
NOS. 14, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPLACEMENT
OF A PRIVATE IRRIGATION PIPELINE CROSSING
ON THE PAULSELL LATERAL (APN: 011-005-035 – GROHL)

The Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) Paulsell Lateral crosses the parcel noted above. Mr. Grohl recently notified OID that a private pipeline crossing was damaged approximately 20 years ago by OID maintenance workers. Mr. Grohl's request for OID to replace the crossing now that the associated deep well is going to be rehabilitated was brought to the Water Committee for consideration given current staff was unaware of what occurred at that time. Please see the attached Technical Memorandum for more detailed background information.

Per the recommendation of the October 7th, 2014 Water Committee, OID Staff has prepared an Opinion of Probable Cost for the pipeline crossing replacement. The Board may wish contribute partial, full or no funding toward the project. OID Staff is now seeking direction from the full Board of Directors on how they wish to proceed.

Ron Grohl was present and commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb and unanimously supported to approve the replacement of the private irrigation pipeline crossing on the Paulsell Lateral (APN: 011-005-035 – Grohl) by the District up to the sum of \$6,000.

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION
FOR RULES RELATED TO IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE POLICY

The State of California Water Code, Section 22283, provides that the District prescribe reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of Section 22280 et seq. These rules and regulations may be changed from time to time by the Board.

Director Bairos requested that the second paragraph of Item No. 10 under Policy and Procedure be amended to read as follows:

When a fee is assessed for the unauthorized diverting of water or tampering with OID water conveyance facilities a written notice shall be mailed to the offender by certified mail. If the fee is not paid after fifteen days from receipt of the written notification, the offender's gate will be locked until paid. The requirement to pay the fine will not be waived during any assertion of innocence or error by the offender, however, the Board has full discretion to hear any matter brought before it on the matter and refund all or a portion of the fine based on individual circumstances.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution for Rules Related to Irrigation Water Service Policy after the above change has been made to the policy.

ITEM NO. 10
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A
RESOLUTION FOR SETTING AGRICULTURAL WATER USER RATES FOR 2015

On July 15, 2014, the Board was informed that projected and anticipated revenues no longer meet the year-to-year expenses of the OID. OID will be drawing on reserves to backfill a \$5-\$6 million shortfall this year, and with no changes in hydrology, this deficit will grow next year to potentially \$8-\$9 million.

At the same time, OID has committed in its Ag Water Management Plan to adopt a volumetric measurement and billing structure in order to meet the requirements of Senate Bill x7-7 (SBx7-7). SBx7-7, titled the Urban and Agricultural Water Conservation Act, was enacted in November 2009. This bill adds a number of new water conservation mandates on irrigation districts that need to be incorporated into the District's budgeting process. These new costs needed to be passed onto the water rate payers of OID.

On August 19, 2014, the Board approved the Agricultural Water User Rate Study, prepared by CH2M Hill, and directed staff to mail out Proposition (Prop) 218 User Notices.

On October 21, 2014, in accordance with the Prop 218 hearing, the Board considered oral and written testimony presented regarding said increase in rates. The Board found that the written protests received and not withdrawn were less than the 50% of the affected parcels and therefore did not meet the majority protest vote requirement. Subsequently the Board accepted and approved the increase in water user rates.

At the recommendation of Staff, and as stated on the attached resolution, the *Fixed Charge* would be the only rate on the Schedule of Agricultural Water User Rates that would be implemented for the 2015 water year. During the course of the 2015 irrigation season the District would provide mock volumetric billing to its constituents so that they can review their water use. With that knowledge, landowners can decide if they wish to make facility or land improvements, to become more efficient, and to reduce their usage and consequently their water billing.

The *Volumetric Charge* and *Annual Inflation Increase* would not be implemented for 2015. The *Volumetric Charge*, in whole or in part, would need to be implemented in 2016 to meet the requirement of SBx7-7.

The *Drought Surcharge* would not be implemented until such time as the District declares a drought.

Members of the public, Linda Lee Whipple and Gage Stueve were present and commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to adopt the Resolution Setting Agricultural Water User Rates for 2015.

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON
RESOLUTION SETTING AG WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES
AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2015

Staff sent letters to all landowners of each agricultural water system improvement districts during the month of September. The attached resolution provides for setting 2015 ID Operation and Maintenance (O&M) rates. It is anticipated that these O & M rates are sufficient to cover the current year's anticipated expenditures, as well as next year's anticipated expenditures.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Setting Ag Water System Improvement District Operation and Maintenance Charges and Other Related Charges for the Year 2015.

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON A
RESOLUTION SETTING DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES
AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2015

Staff met with 5 of the 6 of the domestic water improvement district (ID) committees during the month of October. Improvement District No. 22 committee members did not attend their scheduled meeting. The lack of participation from ID committees continues to be an issue of concern by staff.

The attached resolution provides for setting 2015 Domestic Water ID Operation and Maintenance (O&M) rates. It is anticipated that these O & M rates are sufficient to cover the current year's anticipated expenditures, as well as the next year's anticipated expenditures.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Setting Domestic Water Improvement District Operation and Maintenance Charges and Other Related Charges for the Year 2015.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON A
RESOLUTION SETTING DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT RESERVE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015

As approved by the landowners of ID 45, 46, 49, and 51, staff is submitting the attached resolution for 2015 Capital Reserve Fund contributions.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Setting Domestic Water Improvement District Reserve Fund Contributions for the Year 2015.

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON SBx7-7
COMPLIANCE AND ON-FARM CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM

The draft program was brought before the Water Committee on October 29, 2014 and reviewed and discussed. The program is similar to one adopted by the Board in October 2013 after months of discussion and review but never implemented. Since 2013 the water world has changed significantly and the challenges to irrigation districts and its farmers has also changed. The original 2013 program has been modified to focus on these new challenges and to mitigate as best it can the resulting impacts due to implementation of SBx7-7, increased water rates, the drought and the ever increasing demand to improve our water management capabilities.

This following draft program is being brought to the full Board for further discussion and direction.

Oakdale Irrigation District
PURPOSE AND GOALS
SBx7-7 Compliance and On-Farm Conservation Funding Program
November 4, 2014
(DRAFT)

Purpose of the Program

The State of California recently passed legislation titled SBx7-7. The purpose of the legislation is three-fold;

1. to require irrigation districts to accurately measure water to each farm gate,
2. to require irrigation districts to charge volumetrically for each acre foot delivered and,
3. to require irrigation districts to implement a wide array of conservation programs and measures that improve on-farm water use efficiency by its water users.

This State imposed program is mandatory. This State imposed program provides no State funding for compliance. These unfunded costs to OID will add \$3 million dollars to the OID budget PER YEAR and OID and its water users are stuck with figuring out how to pay this bill.

The OID, along with other irrigation districts in the State, are involved in a test claims case against the State on this unfunded mandate. There has been no final decision on the case. Unfortunately the implementation deadlines for OID with regard to SBx7-7 begin next year and it is not certain the litigation will be completed.

In an effort to meet the financial challenges brought on by SBx7-7, OID recently approved a water rate increase to cover the cost of implementing the law.

Many of our farm parcels are ill-equipped to pay for the financial burden these changes will bring to their farming operations. Many of those same parcels cannot afford the high cost of implementing expensive conservation measures to assist in reducing higher costs through on-farm efficiency improvements. It is for that reason that the OID Board of Directors is exploring a 4-year program to assist its landowners in those efforts.

This would be a VOLUNTARY program and open to all lands, regardless of size.

Goal of the Program

The goal of the program is to provide an opportunity and a funding source for landowners to make necessary conservation improvements to their irrigated lands. Eligible projects under the Program would include installing: volumetric meters and gates, replacing open ditches to pipelines, replacing old and leaking pipelines with new plastic pipelines, tailwater return systems, land renovations that include ripping, laser leveling and reseeding costs and land conversions to low water use crops.

The program has significant potential benefits;

1. OID and its landowners comply with the law,
2. Improved on-farm efficiencies will reduce water use to irrigated lands,
3. Reduced water use on-farm saves money
4. Conserved water will improve OID's water reliability in dry year,
5. Community benefits with regard to economic stimulus.

OID and its landowners comply with the law

In OID's State approved Agricultural Water Management Plan OID outlined its compliance schedule for SBx7-7. That included to have implemented a program of volumetric measurement and billing at each farm gate in 2015.

OID estimates that 30% of its farm gates are not in full compliance. The funds to pay for those measuring devices would be available under this program. Additionally, a significant head start could be made towards the on-farm conservation practices required in SBx7-7.

Improved on-farm efficiencies will reduce water use to irrigated lands

OID's annual water balance indicates 50,000 acre feet leaves OID annually in the form of on-farm runoff. This water leaves the OID without benefit.

OID estimates that a portion of the water conserved through this program could be returned to OID. Potentially 1-2 acre feet could be saved from each acre of land that participates in this program. Under OID's volumetric billing rates, when fully implemented, a parcel that improves their efficiency could see substantial savings through reduced water use:

Reduced water use on-farm saves money

Pasture at 50% irrigation efficiency using 7.5 acre feet of water will pay \$70.96 per acre if no land improvements are made.

Pasture at 70% irrigation efficiency using 5.4 acre feet of water after having implemented conservation improvements, would be paying \$52.03 per acre.

Dollar Savings = \$18.93 per acre per year.

A 10 acre parcel would save just under \$200 per year in future water costs.

A 100 acre parcel would save just under \$2,000 per year in future water costs.

This does not include the one-time capital cost.

The conserved water will further improve OID's water reliability in dry years

The main reason OID was successful in meeting its constituents water demands in this, the deepest dry period since 1977, is because OID has been using less and less water to meet crop water demands in its service area. The more water OID conserves the more drought resilient it becomes. A program such as this can further advance that resiliency.

Community benefits with regard to economic stimulus

The Community can expect a stimulus to the local economy from this program. That stimulus will extend to ag product sales of pipe, fittings, valves, pumps, electrical supplies, etc. as well as contractors who will level, subsoil and reseed rejuvenated fields, and to all the suppliers of seed, chemicals, and fertilizers as rejuvenated fields are put back into service at higher forage and production levels.

**PROPOSED PROGRAM
SBX7-7 COMPLIANCE AND ON-FARM CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM
November 4, 2014
(DRAFT)**

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to all parcel sizes.
- Enrollment acreage limited to _____ acres per year.
- Program enrollment period from March 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015.
- Participant lands must have irrigated 3 out of the last 4 years.
- Participant lands will be limited to the following water allocations by crop for funding calculation purposes:
 - 5.0 acre feet/acre for pastureland
 - 4.0 acre feet/acre for rice land
 - 2.5 acre feet/acre for corn/oats
 - Crop allocations not listed shall be determined by the formula:
 - Crop ET (Mar. thru Sept.)/0.70 and the result multiplied by 0.90 and rounded to the nearest ½ foot increment.
- Participant lands on private pipelines must have ability for positive shut-off to field.

- Ease of verification.
- Participant lands shall not employ any groundwater, surface water or drain water substitution during enrollment in the program.

Approved Water Conservation Practices

- Pipelines that replace open ditches. Includes all appurtenances.
- Pipelines that replace old pipelines. Includes all appurtenances.
- Laser land leveling with sub-soiling and reseeding.
- Tail-water Recovery or Pump-back systems. Includes pump and electrical.
- Land conversions from high water use crops to lower water use crops.
- 50% of Conservation Practice monies to small parcel pay be applied to actual costs of lowering, replacement or deepening of domestic wells.

Terms

- This program would be available for each of the next 4 years.
- Each parcel will only be allowed to participate once (1) in that time period.
- Water made available by participant lands would be marketed at _____ per acre foot in each of the 4-years of the Program.
- Funding Levels will be determined by multiplying the market rate of conserved water per acre foot rate times the crop allocation provided earlier.
- Funding from program will be allowed to spent in the following areas;
 - 20% cash incentive to landowner/participant
 - 75% installation of approved conservation practices
 - 5% OID administration costs
- All participant lands must have a measurable gate or meter at their point of delivery, compliant with SBx7-7 requirements, or that will be one of your conservation projects under the program.
- Contractors/landowners working within OID easements must be pre-approved by OID.
 - Participant land must be compliant with OID easement criteria at the end of the project.
- NRCS standards and specifications will apply to all work.
- Participant land must be registered with the Irrigated Lands Coalition.
- Tenants are responsible for obtaining all landowner approvals for program participation.
- Any irrigation water, regardless of source, on the participant property during the Program Year of enrollment will result in lands ineligibility for any payment.
- OID to pay on submitted invoices after field verification that the work has been completed and compliant with NRCS standards.
- OID will make water available the entire month of October to assist in establishment of re-vegetated fields.

Tentative Schedule

December 1, 2014 Solicitation period begins

January 1, 2015 Solicitation period ends

- February 1, 2015 OID to issue contracts to those landowners and/or tenants who met the eligibility criteria. Contracts must be completed, signed and received back at OID within 3 weeks of postmark issuance date. If issued contracts are not executed by the deadline, additional contracts may be issued until the acreage amount is obtained.
- March 1, 2014 OID to begin installing locks on all turnouts of participating lands.

Contact Information

Information or questions related to the SBx7-7 Compliance and On-Farm Conservation Program should be directed to Eric Thorburn, OID Water Operations Manager, (209) 840-5525.

Members of the public, Tim Dovala and Tom Orvis commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to direct staff to further refine the SBx7-7 Compliance Program and bring back to the Board on November 18, 2014 for further review and/or adoption.

ITEM NO. 16 **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 550 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. 2015 Budget preparation.
2. Labor negotiations continue with Operating Engineers Local No. 3. Next meeting November 5th.
3. Committee meetings included both the Finance and Water Committees.
4. Meeting with Wells Fargo representative Michael Engelbrecht.
5. Tri Dam Advisory Committee on Monday November 3rd.
6. County Ag Advisory Committee on Monday November 3rd on SWRCB's 40% UIF standard.
7. Three tunnel tours scheduled for November.
8. Salmon Festival scheduled for November 8th at the Army Corp Park in Knights Ferry.
9. MJC Water Rally on November 12th. GM is sitting on a panel with other irrigation districts and a County representative.
10. Water Counsel and GMs from SSJID and OID to meet with Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner in San Diego on November 13th.
11. SJ River Commissioners meeting on November 17th at TID.

12. November 21st is an All-Employees meeting to provide Harassment training and OID direction next year. At the same time, employees will hear from Voya and CalPers on retirement planning.

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. Two –Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – The status remains the same as last report which is as follows. Staff received and email on October 8, 2014 stating the Corps Planning Team requested a date from the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) as to when they would complete their evaluation. The FWS would not provide any date due to redefining priorities and lack of resources. Also, the Corps Planning Team followed up with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) as to the status of their evaluation. SHPO has not responded to the Corps Planning Group as to when they could expect their evaluation. The Corps did state once they receive the concurrence letters from the two agencies there would be a quick turnaround to signed NEPA document and send to the Real Estate Department. The Real Estate Department has everything they need to complete the outgrant,
2. Paulsell Valley Rehabilitation Project – GM met with the Landowners concerning water availability and quantities. They also would like to share the cost with the District for the feasibility study to be conducted by CH2MHill. Discussions are ongoing as to the direction the Landowners would like to pursue.
3. Trinitas Paulsell Valley Option – After the August 29th meeting and the Board providing the Direction to draft an agreement for the Paulsell Lateral Expansion, an agreement was drafted and sent to the District’s counsel. It was determined a potential conflict of interest existed with the District’s counsel and the Agreement was forwarded to the Water Counsel for review. The review process is underway.
4. Rubicon Expansion (TCC) Project – Davids Engineering continues to review various grant options. Davids Engineering Staff member conducted a site review with District’s Staff of the Cometa Lateral TCC modernization recently completed. Also, the review team reviewed Phase I of the upcoming TCC Expansion Project which consisted of the Tulloch Lateral from the Headgate to the terminus, the Hirschfeld Lateral from the Headgate to Victory Road, and portions of the Kearney Lateral from the Headgate to the terminus. In addition, the Oakdale Waste Water Recycling project was reviewed. The review consisted of the location of the collection and pumping system, and the possible routing to the future regulating reservoir. District Staff is collecting drawings and information on the previous project to use in the Grant Application for the TCC Expansion Project. Rubicon Expansion project is still being reviewed as the best way to package for a grant application.
5. Fuel Tank Replacement Project – Banks & Associates completed the vapor test which was witnessed by the county and accepted. The project is completed.
6. RFP for the Domestic Water Systems transfer of ownership and operations is being drafted. Cal Water has shown an interest in providing a response once the RFP is issued.
7. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work releases, Request for Proposals and Change Orders for contracts are ongoing.

Construction Activities

1. Received two applications for the C&M worker position that was posted in-house.
2. Preparing and conducting employee evaluations.
3. Reviewing and processing JSF's generated by District staff.
4. Assisting Water Ops./Engineering Dept. with various assigned tasks including field and plan review of capital projects.
5. C&M Manager took the Qualified Applicators License on 10/18 in Sacramento and was informed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation that I have passed the exam. The exam was composed of 340 questions covering three categories; Right of Way, Laws and Regulations and Aquatics.
6. Morrison Pipeline Project; C&M crews have installed the pipeline through Eakins parcel and continue to install pipe through the Oak Grove Cemetery. This section is 20' in depth and should be completed by the end of the week.
7. Southwest Pipeline Replacement Project; C&M crews are nearing the completion of the removal of the existing CIP pipeline and structure and when completed will start to install 1700 LF of new 27" PVC pipeline.
8. Union Pipeline Replacement Project; C&M crews have removed the exiting CIP pipeline and have installed 450 LF of new 30" PVC Pipeline. Job site cleanup is in progress.
9. West Thalheim Pipeline Replacement Project; C&M crews have completed the removal of the existing 30" CIP pipeline and have started to install 880 LF of new 30" PVC pipeline and construction of the first of three Type One Turnout structures.
10. Town Main Pipeline; C&M crews have completed the removal of the existing leaking CIP pipeline located at 5th and C St and have installed a portion of the new PVC pipeline. The project is on hold until PG&E relocates a guide wire.
11. North Side Regulating Reservoir; PG&E has installed the power poles, overhead and underground wire. The site is anticipated to be energized on October 31st pending inclement weather.
12. The remainder of OID forces are working on maintenance tasks and other capital projects including turnout replacements, gate replacements and other misc. projects.

Water Operations Activities

Engineering

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.
2. At the request of the Kimberly Nilsson, formerly Kimberly Riggs, OID staff is proceeding with processing an Encroachment Agreement for the existing improvements within the Townhill PL ROW. The draft Record of Survey is still being reviewed by the County.
3. Attended the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on Thursday, October 23rd. Additional comments on the GW Ordinance were discussed and are anticipated to be an action item at the next WAC meeting on October 28th.
4. Continued to process Request for Work Approvals, plans and cost estimates as needed for 2014-15 winter construction and maintenance projects.

Ag Water

1. Continued to research and respond to numerous miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
2. SCADA winter maintenance was initiated at all remotely monitored and automated sites.

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:
 - Staff 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:
 - On Monday, October 27th, Staff met with representatives from the Stanislaus County DER to discuss the merger of IDs 45 & 49.
4. Rural Water System No. 1:
 - Staff continues replacing water meters as part of the WUD's annual meter replacement program.
5. Knights Ferry Community Services District:
 - The KFWTP switched over to the river pumps on Tuesday, October 28th.
6. On-Call Activities:
 - Nothing to Report.
7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continued to conduct routine inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations in use as winter storm water pumps. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
 - Rice Drain Pump - Removed graffiti from pump house walls.
 - Claus Drain Pumps – Removed graffiti from pump house walls.
 - Hirschfeld Deep Well Pump was reactivated for rental use from October 15th to October 20th.
 - Furtado Deep Well Pump was reactivated for rental use from October 16th to October 20th.
 - Cavill #2 Reclamation Pump motor was pulled for repairs on October 23rd.
 - Cleveland Drain Pump and motor were pulled for repairs on October 23rd.
 - Moulton Drain Pump and motor were pulled for repairs on October 23rd.
 - Bentley Deep Well Pump was reactivated for rental use on October 28th.
 - Campbell Deep Well Pump was reactivated for rental use on October 28th.
 - Valley Home Deep Well Pump was reactivated for rental use on October 28th.

Financing Activities

1. Continue to meet with OE3 on reviewing revised PR&Rs.
2. Assist GM in Union negotiations.
3. Implementation of new billing software.
4. 2015 Budget preparation.
5. Meeting with Wells Fargo representative Michael Engelbrecht in November.
6. Routine accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billing, reconciliations, etc.)

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee Meeting, October 29, 2014

- Review of 2015 Budget

Water/Engineering Committee Meeting, October 29, 2014

- SBx7-7 Compliance and On-Farm Conservation Funding Program

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

There were no Directors' comments and/or suggestions.

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

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM NO. 17

A. *Government Code §54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator*

Agency Negotiator: General Manager

Unrepresented Employee Organization: Operations Employees

B. *Government Code §54956.9*

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of §54956.9

One (1) Case

C. *Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator*

Negotiating Parties: OID, Stockton East Water District, Westlands
Water District, and Federal and State Water
Contractors

Property: Water

Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Counsel

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

At the hour of 11:20 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

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

OTHER ACTION

ITEM NO. 18

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:20 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 2014 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, November 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary