

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
March 1, 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**

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**

Tom Orvis from the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau was present and discussed three events taking place during the month of March:

1. March 10, 2016 – the Farm Bureau Northeast Annual Dinner will take place. The speaker for this event will be Andrea Fuller from FISHBIO;
2. March 17, 2016 – the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce Ag Luncheon will take place at the Gene Bianchi Community Center. The speaker for this event will be Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson; and
3. March 22, 2016 at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, the CHP will be conducting a hazmat certification class.

Robert Frobose commented on a statement made during Directors' comments at the last Board Meeting regarding transparency. He stated that he and Louis Brichetto went to lunch and Directors Santos and Altieri sat down at a table next to their table. The comment about not being open and transparent was uncalled for and an apology should be made. He also commented that the Board should push to have these Board meetings televised.

Dan Frias who resides at 16861 Frymire Road asked for copies of the job descriptions for the staff members and Directors in the Board Meeting. General Manager Steve Knell requested that he complete and submit a Request for Information to the District.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:09 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ITEM NO. 2**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE**  
**UPDATED AG WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

There being no public comment; public comment closed at 9:10 a.m.

Director Santos requested that Item Nos. 11 and 12 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; Director Altieri requested that Item No. 3 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 3, 11, 12**

**ITEM NO. 3**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AND**  
**RESOLUTIONS NOS. 2016-18, 2016-19 2016-20, AND 2016-21**

Director Altieri requested that the Minutes be corrected under her Director's Comment to reflect that she read about the sink hole at the Knights Ferry Cemetery in the Oakdale Leader; she was not contacted by Mary Shearer.

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2016 and Resolution Nos. 2016-18-, 2016-19, 2016-20, and 2016-21, once the above correction has been made to the Minutes.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 03 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-002 WITH CH2M TO INCREASE RATES**

Director Santos asked when the last increase was requested by CH2M. Support Services Manager Jason Jones stated that CH2M requested an increase in 2015. Director Santos asked if this was customary to request an increase each year. She asked if the District's in-house engineers were qualified to do this work. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the in-house engineers were qualified to do the work; however, due to time constraints we contract work out. Director Santos asked if the District has looked at other engineering firms' rates for comparison. Director Webb asked that staff look into other engineering firms and bring the item back to the next Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously approved to open this item up for public comment.

A member of the public Robert Frobose commented on this item.

A motion as made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously approved to close public comment

A Motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously approved to have staff see what other engineering firms are charging and bring it back to the next Board Meeting.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 055 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**2009-PSA-015 WITH GIULIANI & KULL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO**  
**PREPARE A PLAT AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR A THIRTY FOOT EASEMENT**  
**FOR THE CAMPBELL LATERAL THROUGH APNS: 002-016-051/052**

Director Santos stated that this item was not what she thought and should not have been pulled.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-015 with Giuliani & Kull, Inc. for professional services to prepare a plat and legal description for a thirty foot easement for the Campbell Lateral through APNS: 002-016-051/052.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14,**  
**15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22**

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**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. 5**  
**APPROVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

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

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF**  
**CAPITOL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

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

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Cree Pipeline	Installation of approximately 625' LF of 15" 100 PSI PIP PVC pipe and misc. appurtenances. (APN: 010-005-018, 010-048-018/019/020)	\$126,400	2016-019
Hirschfeld Lateral	Remove and replace 1-16" x 8' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 207-290-31)	\$2,400	2016-020
Fairbanks Pipeline	Remove and replace 1-16" x 13' Fresno 101C slide gate and 1-16" x 15' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 207-270-06)	\$5,200	2016-021
South Lateral	Installation of a Sontek flow meter including integration into OID's SCADA system. (APN: 015-001-026)	\$25,000	2016-022
Crane Drain	Remove and replace 1-24" x 9' Fresno 2010C slide gate. (APN: 062-025-025)	\$4,200	2016-023
Tulloch Pipeline	Installation of 2-Mace Agriflow XCi meters, remove and replace existing pipeline and misc. appurtenances.	\$183,500	2016-024

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE DENIAL OF REQUEST**  
**TO WAIVE LATE CHARGES (RICHARD PASLAY)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to deny the request to waive late charges (Richard Paslay).

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE BOARD ATTENDANCE AT THE ACWA SPRING**  
**CONFERENCE MAY 3-6, 2016 IN MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Board's attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference May 3-6, 2016 in Monterey, California.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE SIGNATURE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON**  
**THE ACWA/JPIA COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATE**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the signature by the Board of Directors on the ACWA/JPIA Commitment to Excellence Certificate.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 03 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**2013-GSA-003 WITH 7-11 MATERIALS, INC. FOR REVISED RATE SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment No. 03 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-003 with 7-11 Materials, Inc. for revised rate schedule.

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED OAKDALE**  
**IRRIGATION DISTRICT SURFACE WATER SHORTAGE POLICY**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Updated Surface Water Shortage Policy.

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE NEW CONNECTION FEES**  
**AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS (APN: 002-043-041 – CRAWFORD)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request to waive new connection fees and associated requirements (APN: 002-043-041 – Crawford).

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE NEW CONNECTION FEES**  
**AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS (APN: 014-021-011 – SILVEIRA)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request to waive new connection fees and associated requirements (APN: 014-021-011 – Silveira).

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE NEW CONNECTION FEES**  
**AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS (APN: 014-022-009 – SILVEIRA)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request to waive new connection fees and associated requirements (APN: 014-022-009 – Silveira).

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE NEW CONNECTION FEES**  
**AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS (APN: 014-030-014 – POSTMA)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request to waive new connection fees and associated requirements (APN: 014-030-014 – Postma).

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE NEW CONNECTION FEES**  
**AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS (APN: 014-008-034 – POSTMA)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request to waive new connection fees and associated requirements (APN: 014-008-034 – Postma).

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE NEW CONNECTION**  
**FEES AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE**  
**2016 WATER YEAR (APN: 002-061-009/010 – RUVALCABA)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request to waive new connection fees and associated requirements for the 2016 water year (APN: 002-061-009/010 – Ruvalcaba).

**ITEM NO. 20**  
**APPROVE REQUEST FOR RENEW IRRIGATION SERVICE**  
**TO A SUBSTANDARD PARCEL (APN: 063-025-045 – HEDRICK)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request for new irrigation service to a substandard parcel (APN: 063-025-045 – Hedrick).

**ITEM NO. 21**  
**APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT ON THE CREE PIPELINE**  
**(APN: 010-048-018 – BARBARA L. DAVIS BOYD AND DAVID R. BOYD)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Cree Pipeline (APN: 010-048-018 – Barbara L. Davis Boyd and David R. Boyd).

**ITEM NO. 22**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE CREE PIPELINE**  
**(APN: 010-048-018 – BARBARA L. DAVIS BOYD AND DAVID R. BOYD)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Cree Pipeline (APN: 010-048-018 – Barbara L. Davis Boyd and David R. Boyd).

The above Consent Items passed unanimously by the following votes:

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

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEMS NOS. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28**

**ITEM NO. 23**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2016 DRAFT BUDGET**

The proposed draft budget for 2016 is based off the 5-year budget projections discussed at the February 2, 2016 board meeting.

The 5-year budget projection was based on the implementation of the Water Resource Plan that was developed to meet the District's Mission Statement goals:

- Long-term protection of Water Rights
  - Curtailments, CCWD, BOR/88 Agr, Public Trust, SWB Regs., ESA
- Address Federal, State, Local Water Challenges
  - D-1641, WQCP (40% unimpaired flows), WaterFix, SGMA, droughts

- Rebuild/modernization of an out-of-date system
  - \$3 million in life cycle replacements and \$3 million in modernization
- Develop affordable ways to finance improvements
  - \$168 million of costs to achieve goals by 2030
  - 67 TAF of Conservation: 50 TAF in water transfers, 17 TAF to SOI

The focus of the 5-year budget was:

- To build-up funds to construct a new 5,300' tunnel on the South Main Canal to address high hazard sections due to fall-hazards and creep failure.
- To build-up funds to pay-off debt early.

The focus of the proposed 2016 budget is:

1. Protection of the District's Water Rights
2. Meet Capital Improvement Project needs:
  - a. Life-cycle replacement
  - b. Modernization
  - c. Mission critical water resource plan projects
3. Maintain and retain a high quality workforce
4. Manage finances to protect reserves and assets
  - a. All budget expenditures are "value added"

On February 23, 2016, the Finance Committee and Staff met for a final review of the proposed 2016 draft budget. Both the Finance Committee and Staff recommend the attached proposed budget.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the 2016 Budget and was voted, as follows:

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

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

**ITEM NO. 24**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT**  
**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE VOLUMETRIC CHARGE FOR 2016**

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.

The Fixed Charge was the only rate implemented in 2015. During the 2015 irrigation season, the Volumetric Charge was not implemented. However, during the course of the irrigation season, the District provided mock volumetric billing to its landowners so that they

could review their water use. With this knowledge, landowners were able to make decisions on facility or land improvement, to become more efficient, and to reduce their usage and consequently their water billing. It is evident that with this knowledge and dealing with a fourth year of drought OID landowners improved overall on conservation.

On November 17, 2015, the Board adopted the Fixed Charge for 2016, however, requested that the volumetric charge be brought back for adoption after the review of the 2016 budget. The proposed 2016 draft budget includes full implementation of the *Volumetric Charge (inclusive of a 3% annual inflation increase)*.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to open this item up for public comment.

Members of the public Robert Frobose, Louis Brichetto, Brian Lemons, John Brichetto, Ken Krause, and Jake Verburg commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Santos and seconded by Director Altieri to pull this item from the Agenda and refer it back to the Finance Committee.

The motion failed 2-3 by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director Osmundson to adopt the Resolution Setting the Fixed Volumetric Charge for 2016 as presented, and was voted as follows:

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

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

**ITEM NO. 25**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF**  
**SURPLUS WATER FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT LANDS AND SET THE WATER RATE**

As provided by policy, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) typically makes a determination on the availability of "surplus" surface irrigation water for annual Out-of-District Service Agreements at the first board meeting in March.

As reported at the last Board meeting, comment letters to OID's CEQA document for the provision of surplus water to out of district lands from the Bureau of Reclamation, the California

Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board (attached) has highlighted a legal limitation to the continued use of OID's pre and post-1914 water rights in such a manner.

As supported by Water Counsel's memo;

- OID can provide water to out of district lands using its pre-1914 water right without going to the State Water Board. In most "normal" years surplus pre-1914 water may be available until June 1. Please see Water Counsel's caveat on whether or not such physical availability will result in actual availability.
- To deliver post-1914 water to out of district lands, OID would have to prepare an EIR to document and substantiate such action and take that to the State Water Board (Water Code §§1701, 1725). That effort will take time and money to complete and cannot be completed this year. To pursue such an effort will require more research and preparation to make an informed decision.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to open this item up for public comment.

A Member of the public Robert Frobose commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the availability of Pre-1914 water surplus to the District's needs to those lands that have measurable gates compliant with the law (SBx7-7) and that such deliveries shall cease prior to OID/SSJID diversions drawing upon their Post 1914 appropriative water rights for out-of-district applicants and to set the water rate at \$100 per acre foot for water delivered.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

#### **ITEM NO. 26**

#### **REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO DETERMINE THE START OF THE 2016 WATER SEASON**

As per the February 1<sup>st</sup> snow survey, precipitation to date was 117% of average, the accumulated inflow to New Melones however is just on par with the 15 year average. See the attached February 24<sup>th</sup> Daily CVP Water Supply Report for clarification.

DWR's February 1<sup>st</sup> 80% probability range for the projected "unimpaired inflow" to New Melones Reservoir was 820k to 1760k acre feet (reference B120 report from DWR). With only approximately ½" of precipitation in February and the near-term forecasts lacking significant precipitation, the start of the irrigation season is approaching.

An early start would add to the District's annual water budget, given the prediction for exceeding 600k acre feet of inflow there is expected to be sufficient water to meet existing customer demands. Staff's recommendation is to start the season without implementation of water shortage procedures and without designating an allocation to the farm gate; however, there is potential for a politically induced drought given the current storage in New Melones and a potential requirement to meet an end of September storage target. Staff will continue to monitor conditions and risks to OID's available water supply as the year progresses.

Staff is requesting authorization for the General Manager to have the discretion to determine the start the 2016 water season, if conditions warrant such between today and the next Board meeting.

DSO orientation is tentatively proposed to be conducted on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This would allow staff to be prepared to start the irrigation season as early as March 9<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously approved to open this item up for public comment.

A member of the public Robert Frobose commented on this item.

A motion as made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously approved to close public comment

A motion as made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to determine the start of the 2016 irrigation season.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. 27**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION**  
**ADOPTING THE 2015 UPDATED AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Oakdale Irrigation District's (OID) updated draft 2015 Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP or Plan) has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7). This AWMP updates OID's 2012 AWMP. The draft Plan was posted on the Oakdale Irrigation District website and/or available for purchase at the OID office starting on February 3, 2016. In an effort to gain public feedback and pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code and Section 10821 of the California Water Code, notice to the public was provided in the newspaper on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 10, 2016 and notification letters were sent to Cities and Counties within OID's

water service area. Comments were invited to be made through the OID website, sent to the OID office or at the Public Hearing during this March 1, 2016 meeting. No comments were received prior to this meeting. Staff is now requesting that the Board take action to approve the resolution adopting the updated AWMP as currently drafted.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously approved to open this item up for public comment.

A member of the public Carla Shearer commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously approved to close public comment

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2015 Updated Agricultural Water Management Plan.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. 28**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT**  
**NO. 001 TO WORK RELEASE NO. 004 TO PROFESSIONAL**  
**SERVICES AGREEMENT 2011-PSA-008 WITH DAVIDS ENGINEERING, INC.**  
**FOR PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL CONTENT FOR THE WATER USE**  
**EFFICIENCY GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE RUBICON TCC PROJECT**

In 2014 staff investigated the Grant application process, acquired costs from three separate consultants and moved forward with Board approval for Work Release (WR) No. 004 with Davids Engineering Inc. to review project descriptions, develop a scope of work, determine which program best suited the projects and perform necessary preliminary engineering for two projects. One of the projects was the continuation of the Total Channel Control (TCC) Project and the second was the City of Oakdale Waste Water Recycling Project. With the release of the final guidelines and solicitation package for Proposition 1 (Prop 1) Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants on January 27, 2016, staff recommends moving forward with Phase Three – Completion of the Application Process for the TCC Project. Unfortunately, Phase Three for the City of Oakdale Waste Water Recycling Project is not an applicable project in this grant funding package, but staff will continue to seek future grant opportunities for that project as well.

Phase Three of WR No. 004 for the TCC Project will consist of the preparation of a grant proposal for the current Prop 1 DWR Water Use Efficiency (WUE) grant opportunity. Grant proposals are due on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Awards of funding will occur on July 2016 with an expected start work date of February 2017 given the grant application process is expected

to take six months before the environmental review is completed and the grant agreement is ready for signature. The funding cap per project is \$3,000,000 with a cost share of 50% of the total project cost. Projects may occur over multiple years, but must be completed within three years from the date of execution. Performance reports will be required during and post-project implementation. The District must provide evidence of compliance with current regulations and legislation to be eligible including, but not limited to the following:

- Senate Bill X7-7 (Water Conservation)
- Assembly Bill 1420 (Water Conservation Measures)
- Senate Bill X7-6 (Groundwater Monitoring)
- Assembly Bill 1404 (Surface Water Diversion Reporting)

Staff recommends the Board authorize to the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 001 to Work Release No. 004 to Professional Services Agreement 2011-PSA-008 with Davids Engineering, Inc.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously approved to open this item up to the public for comment.

There was no public comment.

A motion as made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously approved to close public comment

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment No. 001 to Work Release No. 004 to Professional Services Agreement 2011-PSA-008 with Davids Engineering, Inc. for Preparation of Technical Content for the Water Use Efficiency Grant Proposal for the Rubicon TCC Project.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS** **ITEM NO. 29**

### **A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

#### **Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 395 days without a lost time injury accident. Staff is working on putting together a Safety Acknowledgement BBQ for this milestone of consecutive days without a lost time injury.

### **Administration Activities**

1. Staff met with DWR regarding development of methodologies to monitor crop ETaw for the On-Farm Conservation Program.
2. GM spoke at the Escalon Farm Center meeting of the Farm Bureau on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Attended SJTA Commissioner's meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Finance Committee meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
5. Meeting with Bureau of Reclamation regarding 2016 Operations Plan on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
6. Meeting with south of Delta water users on the 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potentials of settlement on the San Joaquin River to the Bay Delta WQCP.
7. Water Committee meeting to discuss re-districting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. ACWA Water Management Committee meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
9. Bay-Delta WQCP meeting of north and south of delta water users on March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss progress in global settlement to the Bay Delta WQCP.

### **Legal Activities**

1. ID 52: ID52 Plaintiffs sued OID over ownership issue of facilities used to serve their parcels. Plaintiffs lost in Superior Court. OID has filed suit to recoup its attorney's fees. Briefs by both parties have been filed with Court of Appeals. Waiting for hearing date to be set by the court.
2. Curtailment Case involving the SJTA and State Water Board: OID and SSJID water rights curtailed in 2015. SJTA, of which both district are members, file for writ of mandate on the action. Trial date has not yet been set. February 19, 2016.
3. SJTA has filed as an interested party in the BBID/WSID Curtailment Case. Testimony and preliminary motions were all submitted in the past week.
4. OID is one of a number of agencies filing a test claims case against the State of California's issuance of unfunded mandates, i.e. SBx7-7. The matter was heard on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The judge's ruling came in last week against the agencies. The group is evaluating next steps. CSDA is one of the agencies supporting the groups' action.

### **Construction Activities**

1. C&M crews and equipment operators continue to work on maintenance and capital projects on OID facilities. Crews are nearing completion of multiple capital projects and maintenance tasks in preparation for the upcoming water season.
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. Currently reviewing all required refresher training material for 2016. The new Safety Committee met on 2/24.
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. Robin Flint from ACWA/JPIA conducted the annual JPIA liability, property and workers compensation risk assessment on 2/17. During our meeting we completed the Commitment to Excellence Program, this program has five loss reduction focus areas; Vehicle Operations, Construction, Infrastructure, Employment Practices and Ergonomics/Falls. The program was established with the goal to reduce the frequency and severity of liability, workers compensation and property claims.

7. C&M Leadman Posting In-house – Matt Wann was the selected candidate for the vacant leadman position and has accepted the position. Congratulations to Matt.
8. Assisted the Water Operations Manager with interviews on 2/25 for the vacant DSO/C&M Worker position.
9. Attended the School Farm Subcommittee meeting on 2/24, continued discussion on the planting of 13 acres of the farm site.

## **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. Initiation of new development projects has continued 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. Staff continued to prepare and process several deferred conditions of approval agreements, encroachment agreements and easements in accordance to OID's requirements for continued irrigation on recently completed lot line adjustments and parcel split projects.
4. The ACOE draft easement documents for the proposed tunnel as well as the 2-Mile Bar access road continue to be reviewed by ACOE staff.
5. Cree Pipeline easement documents and plans were completed. The project will now be scheduled for construction.
6. The City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 was reviewed by legal counsel and comments were returned to the City for their review. Staff will now work with the City to get final costs together to proceed with preparation of the 218 process that will be required as part of the proposed new rate structure.

### **Aq Water**

1. Additional maintenance tasks (i.e. sikaflex replacement, FlumeGate cable replacement, etc.) by SCADA personnel continued as necessary at various remotely monitored and/or automated SCADA sites.
2. Modifications to the STORM volumetric tracking and billing software user interface continued.
3. SCADA integration and commissioning of new SCADA sites continued where construction and gate/meter installation has been completed.
4. Storm water and winter water operations continued.
5. Preparations for the 2016 water season commenced (i.e. division assignments, schedule, orientation preparation, etc.)
6. Staff attended the SJ GBA Workgroup Technical Committee meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The draft GSP regulations were discussed with DWR staff as well as the "no regrets" data collection process.
7. DWR released draft GSP regulations on February 18<sup>th</sup> on DWR's website for public review and comment. Written comments will be accepted through March 31, 2016. A statewide webinar and three public meetings will also be held in March to further solicit public input.

8. Interviews to fill a vacant DSO position were held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. There were several ideal candidates. A final selection was made and an offer for employment is in the process.
9. Staff is in the process of acquiring quotes for destruction of the Oakdale Deep Well.

### **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:
  - Finished spring servicing of electrical equipment and control panels.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
  - a. The 2015 EAR Reports were submitted to the DPH on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. Improvement District No. 49:
  - a. Disinfection and water quality testing procedures to the ID 49 Well and water distribution system were started on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and completed on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. 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 was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
    - Lambuth Reclamation Pump remains in use as a winter drain pump as per Water Department instructions.
    - Thompson Pond Reclamation Pump remains in use as a winter drain pump as per Water Department instructions.
    - Root Reclamation Pump remains in use as a winter drain pump as per Water Department instructions.
  - Finished spring servicing of the irrigation pumping stations in preparation for the start of the 2016 Irrigation Season. Several minor problems were discovered and corrected.
  - Weimer Deep Well and S. Main #2 Deep Well Pumps were activated for rental use on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Valley Home Deep Well and Campbell Deep Well Pumps were activated for rental use on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Angel Reclamation Pump repairs to the PG&E meter can were performed on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Cavill #2 Reclamation Pump repairs to the MCP were performed and PG&E transformer problems were corrected on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Finance Activities**

1. 2015 year-end closing and pre-audit preparation consuming much of the Finance department time.
2. Assisting in the City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 review. Will assist in the preparation of the 218 process that will be required as part of the proposed new rate structure.
3. Working of the reporting of the Affordable Care Act 2015 reporting. Furnishing 2015 Form 1095-B and Form 1095-C, Employer-Provided Health Insurance deadline Feb. 1 – March 31, 2106.

4. Prepared and submitted SDRMA's annual questionnaire for the 2016-2017 workers' compensation insurance.
5. Finance Committee to report on meeting held on 2/23/2016 to discuss the proposed 2016 draft budget.
6. Richardson and Company will begin their audit on March 21, 2016.
7. Once again, SDRMA approved longevity distributions to recognize and reward member for their loyalty and commitment to SDRMA's workers' compensation program. OID will receive a longevity distribution credit on its 2016-2017 renewal contribution invoice of \$4,243.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee Meeting, February 23, 2016

- Draft 2016 Budget

This was previously discussed in Action Item No. 23.

**C. DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments

Director Osmundson

Director Osmundson had no comments.

Director Altieri

Director Altieri asked if there was a deadline date to submit a Solicitation of Interest form to the District for the On-Farm Conservation Funding Program. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that the District will be bringing all applications and the draft contract to the Board on March 16, 2016 for approval so he would recommend that applications be received no later than March 15, 2016.

Director Altieri also wanted to make a statement regarding a comment made at the prior Board Meeting: "I want to address a comment that was made by the Board President questioning who Director Santos and I go to lunch with. That kind of conduct by the Board President with acquiescence from the General Manager and the attorney advisor is unacceptable and reprehensible. I don't ask nor would I ever ask Director Webb who he goes out to eat and drink with. At our ethics training with Rob Greenfield we were advised about Board's working with each other and establishing comradery. Board Member Webb's comments run totally contrary to establishing Board rapport. I am formally, therefore, requesting an apology from President Webb and ask him to cease and desist any further behavior of that nature. I would like this comment to be in the Board Minutes."

Director Santos

Director Santos had no comments.

Director Webb

I hope the water year goes as good as last year. He has some great concerns going into this water season. It is going to be a challenge for us to keep our water and we all need to work as hard as we can to make sure we have a good water year.

At the hour of 11:15 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. 30**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Government Code §54956.9 – Significant Exposure**  
Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 45956.9  
Three (3) Cases

At the hour of 11:55 a.m. the Board returned to open session.

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

**ITEM NO. 31**  
**OTHER ACTION**

At the hour of 11:55 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15, 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 **March 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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Steve Webb, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary