

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
July 5, 2011

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

Absent: Jack D. Alpers

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

Also Present: Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel

### **ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no additions to the Agenda

### **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**

Simon Yak, who resides at 1863 Vintage and Giles New who resides at 10954 Eaton Road, Oakdale, California were present and requested that the discontinuation of water to the Eaton Lateral be placed on the Board's Agenda for the August 2, 2011 meeting. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the Water/Engineering Committee would be discussing this issue this afternoon and they were welcome to attend. He further stated that following the committee meeting, it would proceed to the full Board on August 2, 2011.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:08 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12**

**ITEM NO. 2**

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2011  
AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2011-23, 2011-24,  
2011-25, 2011-26, 2011-27, 2011-28, 2011-29, 2011-30, AND 2011-31**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2011 and Resolution Nos. 2011-23, 2011-24, 2011-25, 2011-26, 2011-27, 2011-28, 2011-29, 2011-30, and 2011-31.

**ITEM NO. 3**

**APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

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

**ITEM NO. 4**

**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF  
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

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

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Garr Pipeline	Remove and upgrade 15" in-line valve.	\$2,600	2011-022

**ITEM NO. 5**

**APPROVE RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS  
WITH STANISLAUS AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES FOR  
PLACEMENT OF DELINQUENT FIXED CHARGES ON THE 2011/2012 TAX ROLLS**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolutions and Contracts with Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties for placement of delinquent fixed charges on the 2011/2012 tax rolls.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**APPROVE PROPOSED CALIFORNIA SPECIAL  
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the proposed California Special District Association (CSDA) Bylaws Amendments.

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE THE BALLOT FOR ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES HEALTH BENEFIT AUTHORITY (ACWA HBA) BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported the ballot for Association of California Water Agencies Health Benefit Authority (ACWA HBA) Board of Director 's election.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR VARIOUS VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS (OVERHEAD TECHNOLOGIES, INC., MAXIM CRANE WORKS, L.P., PAPE MACHINERY, VALLEY AIR CONDITIONING – MAINTENANCE, NORTH COAST LABORATORIES, LTD., AND SAFETY KLEEN,)**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreements for Various Vendors and Contractors (Overhead Technologies, Inc., Maxim Crane Works, L.P., Pape Machinery, Valley Air Conditioning – Maintenance, North Coast Laboratories, Ltd., and Safety Kleen).

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 03 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2010-GSA-057 WITH FAR WEST LABORATORIES, INC., TO SHOW THE REVISION, ADDITION, AND DELETION OF TESTS/PROCEDURES AND PRICING ON THE EXHIBIT "B" RATE SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 03 to General Services Agreement 2010-GSA-057 with Far West Laboratories, Inc., to show the revision, addition, and deletion of tests/procedures and pricing on the Exhibit "B" Rate Schedule.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE AGREEMENT ON THE SCHULLER LATERAL (APN: 002-010-050 – GRACE)**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Agreement on the Schuller Lateral (APN: 002-010-050 – Grace).

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON THE**  
**SCHULLER LATERAL (APN: 020-010-050 - GRACE)**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Agreement on the Schuller Lateral (APN: 020-010-050 –Grace).

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE TEMPORARY PERMIT WITH**  
**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR GRAVEL INJECTION**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Temporary Permit with Bureau of Reclamation for use of OID rights-of-way for gravel injection

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

**Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 208 days without a lost time injury accident.

**Administration Activities**

1. OID has been keeping an eye on Stanislaus River Flows. The Bureau, under their Operating Permit, cannot store water after June 30<sup>th</sup>, but they have decided under “some authority” to do what they want. Hence flows will be 1,500 cfs over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and back to 2,000 cfs for the remainder of the year. OID has asked what the “authority” is and have not had a reply yet.
2. The GM will be out of the office this Thursday and Friday.
3. Met with Congressman Denham on the 28<sup>th</sup> and discussed ESA, Transfers and other issues.
4. Gordon Dickerson, an owner of Rubicon Systems, Inc. will be here Monday for a look at the installations on the Cometa and Claribel Canals.
5. Thursday the 14 is a Warren Act Contract meeting with the Bureau.

**Contract and Special Project Activities**

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – A Letter of Offer was sent to the Marie A. Atherton Trust on June 27, 2011 for their review. On June 29, 2011 a meeting was held with the Co-Beneficiaries to review the Letter of Offer and the Grants of Easements for the Service Road and Two Mile Bar Tunnel. Once the review was completed, the Letter of Offer and the Grant of Easements were signed by all parties and notarized. The documents were filed on Thursday, June 30, 2011.

There are two remaining easements required; one from the Corps of Engineers and one from the Hodgdon Enterprises. The Corps of Engineers have been sent a request to advise OID of the process to obtain the easements. Follow up is needed with the

Corps. Communication with the Hodgdon started and was put on hold until the Marie A. Atherton Trust was concluded. The discussions will begin during the week of July 5, 2011.

A Kick-off meeting for the access road to the downstream portal was held on June 29, 2011 with OID and Condor Earth Technologies. Surveying for the topo mapping will begin on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The design development will require 4 months to complete and is tentatively scheduled to be completed around November 1, 2011.

2. Cashman Dam Rehabilitation Project – Again, received Statements of outstanding balance due and another rejection letter is being sent.
3. Cross Valley Conveyance System – No Activity to report for this period.
4. Beardsley Recreational Improvements – No Activity to report this period other than the Tri-Dam GM is in discussions with the U.S. Forest Service to discuss the agreement.
5. Furtado Deep Well Project – The project was completed on June 24, 2011. The project close out is in process. The preliminary quantity totals indicated the project should under run the bid amount. However, the final accounting needs to be completed.
6. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
7. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

### **Construction Activities**

1. District crews are currently working on routine maintenance, repairing leaking pipelines and inline valves and completing JSF's generated by the Water Department Staff.
2. District equipment operators are currently working on gaining back drive able access along District facilities, cleaning Board approved drains per the Drain Cleaning Program and repairing canal banks as needed.
3. District Engineer John Davids and I met with Karen Eakin on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in regards to the Knights Ferry delivery system.
4. Assisting Engineering Department with the potential Wills Lateral Pipeline project.
5. C&M Worker Nathan Borelli announced his resignation from the District. Mr. Borelli has been with the District since April 2010.

### **Engineering Activities**

1. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – Extension to March 18, 2013 has been granted by Corp. Setting up meeting with CVFPB to resolve permit issues.
2. Montpelier Farming Corporation – DRAFT Easement Agreement complete. Met with County, Applicant and Fire Department on 6/17/11. To Water Committee today for review.
3. Rubicon (TCC) – Assisting Water Operations Department as necessary. Counterbalancing valves installed on new actuators by Rotork on 7/1/11.
4. SBX7-7 – Measurement Regulation approved by Commission on 6/15/11. Sent to Office of Administrative Law for review. Next phase of SBX7-7 will be the "Methodology for Quantifying of Water Use Efficiency". Preliminary meetings being set up now.
5. Long Term Irrigated Lands Program – Next Delta Coalition meeting is set for 7/11/11. TID has agreed to be the ID Representative for 2011 as it relates to the East Side Coalition and as such, OID will not attend Board meetings.
6. STRGBA – Next meeting set for 7/7/11.
7. Annexation Policy – Staff working on revisions to Annexation Policy.

8. Engineering Department Staff currently processing numerous CEQA Early Consultations.
9. Received proposed USBR Entry Permit on 6/27/11. JBD reviewed and provided comments to USBR on 6/29/11. Following modification and signature the doc will go before the Board for approval.
10. Boundary Outflow numbers for April and May have been processed and delivered to Mr. Thorburn for his review.
11. Reviewing multiple applications for the Assistant Engineer position. Posting expired 6/30/11. JBD currently proceeding with establishment of selection criteria.
12. Reviewing Knights Ferry billing with GM and Accounting.
13. Union Slough Enhancement Project – Design and environmental permitting progressing. Staff has reviewed the preliminary design and provided comments to CH. Staff currently reviewing MND, Wetland Delineation, Cultural Report, etc. and providing comments to CH. MND to be sent out to Clearing House on 7/5/11.
14. Engineering/Support Service met with Ms. Boatright on 6/20 to discuss the Wills Lateral Extension Project. Alternative Tech Memo to be reviewed by Water Committee today.
15. Environmental Tech Memo on Frymire Lateral Improvements prepared by CH and reviewed by Staff. Document to be finalized and filed.
16. Engineering/Support Services met with Mrs. Eakin on 6/28/11 to discuss potential pipeline alignments.
17. Yates Request for Deferred Conditions, Ferriera Request for Deferred Conditions, and Townhill Pipeline Encroachment Project to be heard before the Water Committee today.

### **Water Operations Activities**

#### **Ag Water**

1. Continued Fringe Parcel monitoring, review and field investigation.
2. Cometa Lateral working well in full TCC operation. Claribel Lateral remains in TCC Mode to Drop 6 (upstream of Claribel Road).
3. The first of the new hydraulic actuators has been installed at the RVL Reservoir. Remote operation of the first hydraulic actuator has been transferred to the new TCC SCADA system.
4. Conducting various landowner meetings and field review as necessary.
5. Completing Job Setup Forms and coordinating various repairs with Support Services Department as necessary.
6. Pesticide Department conducting Magnacide treatments as necessary and concentrating on post emergent and squirrel control throughout the District.
7. Preparing for annual Aquatic Pesticide sampling events for the 2011 Annual Report.
8. The second 10 day rotation this irrigation season started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

#### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41: Still waiting on a response from the City of Oakdale on the DRAFT set of construction plans. In the meantime, Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Pumping Stations: Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection and servicing of the domestic water pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.

3. OID's Rural Water System No. 1: Monthly meter readings were collected on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The readings have been forwarded on to the CFO for processing and billing.
4. On-Call Activities:
  - Nothing to report.
5. Domestic Water Systems:
  - Perchlorate Water Quality Sampling results have been received and reviewed. No problems to report.
  - Lead & Copper Water Quality Sampling results have been received and reviewed. No problems to report.
6. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
  - Continued to conduct weekly inspection and servicing of the pumping stations. Nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the following item:
    - Raney Drain Pump – It was discovered on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> that the motor had burned out. The motor was rewound and placed back into service by Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Staff continues performance testing on all the irrigation pumping stations. Information collected during the testing procedure includes flow rates, power consumption, overall site efficiency, and water table measurements. This information is then used to select which pumps will be repaired or replaced during the non-irrigation season.
7. Furtado Deep Well Project: Staff has finished monitoring and inspecting the installation of the new deep well. The project was completed on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. Safety & Training Activities: As of Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, the WUD has gone 3923 days without a lost time injury.

**B. WATER COUNSEL'S REPORT ON STATUS OF WATER ISSUES**

Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel, was present and discussed water issues with the Board of Directors:

**C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Meetings to report.

**D. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Webb

Director Webb had no comments.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Clark

Director Clark had no comments.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos asked if the District was aware of a leak at the corner of Warnerville and Stearns Roads. District Engineer John Davids stated that there are plans on the shelf to rectify this problem, but at the present time it is not a scheduled project.

At the hour of 9:30 a.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 14**

- A. **Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
**Negotiating Parties:** OID and Trinitas, LLC  
**Property:** Water  
**Agency Negotiators:** General Manager  
**Under Negotiations:** Price and Terms
- B. **Government Code §54956.9** - Existing Litigation  
1. *Eakin, et al. v. Oakdale Irrigation District*
- C. **Government Code §54956.9(b)** - Anticipated Litigation  
One (1) Case

At the hour of 11:33 a.m. the Board adjourned to open session.

Director Clark ran the meeting for the discussion on Closed Session Item B on *Eakin v. Oakdale Irrigation District*.

Coming out of Closed Session President Al Bairos, Jr. stated that there was no reportable action.

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 15**

The Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:33 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 19, 2011 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, July 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Tri-Dam Project, 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, CA.

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Al Bairos, Jr., President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary