

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
July 2, 2002

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: Jack Alpers
Louis Brichetto
Frank Clark
Steve Webb

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager
Mike Evans, Watermaster
Bob Nielsen, Supervisor of Field Operations
Wayne Truhett, Supervisor of Facilities and Right-of-Way
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Larry Foard commented regarding the request of Mrs. Aguirre at the June 18, 2002 meeting and the work that he alleged OID was doing at the subdivision of Mr. George Rose in Valley Home. Director Webb, Director Alpers, and General Manager Steve Knell responded to his comments.

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of agenda items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

Director Alpers asked to have Item #14 Draft Report of Tri-Dam Project Recapture Options Study heard at this time as Mr. Kenneth J. Mellor, PE, Principal and Senior Director of Consulting at R.W. Beck was in attendance to present their findings to the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEM
ITEM #14
DRAFT REPORT OF
TRI-DAM PROJECT RECAPTURE OPTIONS STUDY

Mr. Kenneth Mellor, PE, Principal and Senior Director of Consulting at R.W. Beck presented the following regarding the Tri-Dam Project Recapture Options Study:

1. Options Development
2. Options Discussion
3. Contract Considerations
4. Risk Considerations
5. Contract Terms
6. Summary of Recommendations
 - ☞☞ Integrated Electric Service – not recommended
 - ☞☞ Contract with PG&E – Retain and evaluate against Options 3, 4, and 5.
 - ☞☞ Contract with Publicly-Owned Utilities – Retain option; meet with candidate utilities, issue an RFP and compare with Options 3, 4, and 5.
 - ☞☞ Contract with Other Entities – May be beneficial, but not recommended and is much higher risk
 - ☞☞ Selling into the Market – Not recommended that OID pursue this alone. Very high risk and the last option to recommend

It is recommended that the District consider joint efforts, including the Tri-Dam Project and SSJID to obtain a greater efficiency and leverage in selling the Tri-Dam Project power starting in 2005. Divided efforts at contracting and scheduling are likely to diminish Project value.

All of the above recommendations reflect the input from the OID Board of Directors, current OID staff, and the historic roles played by the Tri-Dam Project.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 1
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Steve Knell presented the following regarding the VAMP water sales:

- ☞☞ OID'S VAMP contribution was 3,800 acre-feet; for this OID received \$409,291.94;
- ☞☞ OID made available to the Bureau of Reclamation the "difference water" of 7,200 acre-feet as of July 1, 2002 at a cost of \$432,000;
- ☞☞ OID made available to the Bureau of Reclamation 15,000 acre-feet of water at New Melones Dam for an income of \$900,000
- ☞☞ Total water transferred and revenues expected under these transfers for 2002 will be approximately \$1,741,291.94.

Budget Process for Deep-Wells: Two deep wells will be included in our capital budget for next year. When the Board reviews the budget, it will be discussed at that time. The operations staff will make a recommendation as to the best possible locations for the deep wells.

May 1995 Integrated Water Resources Management Plan: A copy of this is available for anyone that would like a copy and was included in the informational binder prepared for all Directors last fall.

Status Strategic Planning RFP: The RFP was mailed last week to 13 companies. The RFP is due back by August 1, 2002.

ITEM NO. 1b
DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Clark:

- ☞☞VAMP: In the minutes of the last Board meeting were questions asked by Mr. Foard. The flow in the Stanislaus River on May 6 was 650 cfs below Goodwin Dam. Why does this water transfer from OID needed to be put through the Claribel? General Manager Steve Knell responded that on those years when the river is at its maximum capacity (1,500 cfs) this District needed a mechanism to transfer that water
- ☞☞Do we have storage rights at New Melones? General Manager Steve Knell responded that in most federal projects, the federal water is below everyone else's. Director Webb commented that according to a 1988 stipulation for a conservation account at New Melones, 100,000 acre feet for South San Joaquin and 100,000 acre feet for OID would be stored. There are only certain times according to the contract that you can take that water out.
- ☞☞Mead & Hunt regarding South Main Regulating Reservoir have we heard back from them? General Manager Steve Knell responded to his questions. Mr. John Repolgel from the USDA Phoenix Water Lab is assisting us.
- ☞☞Cell Phones: As a result of the Finance Department our cell phone usage has changed and we are now saving several thousand dollars each month.

Director Webb

- ☞☞Commented on the comments of Mr. Morisoli at the June 18 meeting regarding the 10-day rotation and the taking of soil samples. What was done to evaluate the penetration of water getting into the soil of a customer who had just completed their irrigation. This was merely a sensible way to find out if your irrigation is doing what you want it do or not. If the water is not getting into your soil then as a prudent farmer you need to see what you need to do so that you soil will accept the water.

Louis Brichetto

- Questioned issues regarding the amounts of water being received by several landowners on the McKeon property. Water Master Mike Evans is to look into this and report back to the Board and the General Manager.

Director Alpers

- Would like the Board meetings to begin at 8:30 A.M. rather than 9:00 A.M.
- Suggested meeting once per month rather than twice
- Blue Star Ranch on the VAMP – we haven't done what we were going to do and they haven't done what they were going to do but we need everyone to get together and I think that they will be in here in the next few weeks. Perhaps we can get the easements and some of these other things resolved.
- The Tri-Dam Committee will be meeting with Steve Felte and South San Joaquin Irrigation District on Monday.

General Manager Steve Knell asked that Items #8 and #10 be moved to the Action Calendar and Director Brichetto requested that Item #3 be moved to the action calendar.

**CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 2,4, 5, 6, 7, 9**

**ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2002**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2002.

**ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE RESOLUTION COMMENDING
FRANK VACCARO IN APPRECIATION OF
CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM
MARCH 12, 1979 TO AUGUST 9, 2002**

A motion was made Director Clark seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the resolution commending Frank Vaccaro in appreciation of continuous service from March 12, 1979 to August 9, 2002.

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF THE PUMPS AT THE
KNIGHTS FERRY PUMPING STATION

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto, and unanimously supported to approve the replacement of the pumps at the Knights Ferry Pumping Station.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE PURCHASE OF
GROUSER TRACKS FOR BOBCAT LOADER

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of Grouser Tracks for Bobcat Loader.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR DEDICATION OF THE
WHITE OAK SUBDIVISION

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution for dedication of the White Oak Subdivision.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
OPERATIONS AND DITCHTENDERS EMPLOYEES OF
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 1, 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution of Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding with the Operations and Ditchtenders Employees of Oakdale Irrigation District January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S
STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH
CURTIS & ARATA

After discussion a motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Employment Contract with Curtis & Arata with the following additions and/or changes:

1. Add the Indemnification and Insurance Section 11
2. Item #7 – Client File. Add the statement that client files will be returned if requested and at no charge to OID for said files.
3. Description of Services and Rate Schedule Section E. Costs and Expenses: Add the statement that any travel must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors.

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN
ALTERNATIVE WORKWEEK SCHEDULE WITH THE
OPERATIONS' PEST CONTROL/RELIEF DITCHTENDER EMPLOYEES

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution of Acceptance of an Alternative Workweek Schedule with the Operations' Pest Control/Relief Ditchtender Employees.

ITEM NO. 11
REQUEST OF IRIS AGUIRRE OF
9600 SAWYER ROAD FOR A
WATERMAN GATE INSTALLATION

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark that Mrs. Iris Aguirre pay for the requested gate and Oakdale Irrigation District install said gate and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Webb
Noes: Alpers, Brichetto, and Clark

Director Webb asked that the OID policy "Ownership, Operation and Maintenance of Irrigation Facilities" approved by the Board on April 1, 1997 be placed on the next Board of Directors' Meeting for review of said policy.

ITEM NO. 12
CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN
AMENDMENT TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE
CONTRACT BETWEEN CALPERS AND
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Correct an Error in the Contract between CALPERS and Oakdale Irrigation District.

DISCUSSION ITEM
ITEM NO. 13
APPROVAL OF MOU FOR
GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION

After discussion the Board asked General Manager Steve Knell to arrange for Mr. Walt Ward of Modesto Irrigation District to appear at the next Board meeting scheduled for July 16, 2002 for further discussion and additional information regarding the Groundwater Basin Association.

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM NO. 15

At the hour of 11:15 P.M. the Board convened into Closed Session to discuss the following:

- A. **GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957** – Six-month performance appraisal of the General Manager

The General Manager received a favorable performance appraisal from the Board of Directors.

At the hour of 11:45 P.M. the Board adjourned to the next **regular Board of Directors meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. at the** Oakdale Irrigation District Office, 1205 East "F" Street, Oakdale, Ca.

The next regular **Joint Board Meeting** for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **July 18, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. in Manteca.**

Attest:

Steve Knell
Secretary