

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
December 19, 2006

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: Steven A. Webb, President
Jack D. Alpers, Vice President
Frank B. Clark
Tony Taro
Al Bairos, Jr.

Staff Present: Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager/Secretary
Gary Jernigan, Support Services Manager
Kevin King, Water Operations Manager
John Davids, Assistant, Engineer/Support Services Manager
Bob Nielsen, Water Utilities Supervisor

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of Agenda Items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to move Action Item Nos. 13 and 11, to follow the Consent Calendar, respectively.

At the hour of 9:02 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Joe Reyes who resides at 5732 Patterson Road was present to discuss the Washburn Pipeline and Improvement District 38. Mr. Reyes stated that he felt that the proposed repairs would not be sufficient for everybody and would not benefit him at all. He has some proposed repairs that he feels would better benefit everyone in the Improvement District. Director Webb stated that he should contact all owners of Improvement District 38 to discuss his proposed improvements.

Lorens Foard requested that he be allowed to make a statement before taking any action on Action Item No. 11.

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

Director Bairos requested that Item Nos. 3 and 6 be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Director Clark requested that Item No. 6 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 4, 5, 7

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2006

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 4, 2006.

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE THE TREASURER AND CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE
MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2006

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2006.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS AND/OR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2007

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the renewal of memberships and/or contributions to various organizations for 2007.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS 3, 6, 13, 11, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

Director Bairos had a question regarding reimbursement for mileage and meals to employees. General Manager, Steve Knell, stated that there is a policy that sets forth the reimbursement amounts.

The Statement of Obligations was signed by all Directors authorizing the obligations; however there was not an official motion to approve made.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE INCREASE IN HOURLY
RATES FOR DISTRICT'S GENERAL COUNSEL

Director Clark asked what the District is currently paying its general counsel per hour. He stated that he cannot address an increase in the hourly rate until he knows what they are currently being paid per hour.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Taro, and unanimously supported to move this item to the next Board Meeting in order to provide the Board with the current hourly rate and a breakdown as to how much the District has paid over the past four years to the District's General Counsel.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION
ON REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO SUBDIVISION
PARCEL MAP POLICY (APN: 010-048-033 – TRUHETT)

In correspondence dated August 2, 2005, Oakdale Irrigation District responded to an Early Consultation from Stanislaus County as it pertains to the creation of four (4) new parcels from the current parcel as listed above, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Truhett.

On July 13, 2006, OID received a letter from Oly Truhett (copy attached) in which she asked for four (4) variances to OID's initial conditions of approval as so stated in our August 2, 2005 correspondence.

At the July 18, 2006 Board Meeting the matter was referred to the Water Committee for review.

On August 7, 2006 the Water Committee met to discuss Ms. Truhett's request as noted in her July 13, 2006 correspondence and directed staff to write a letter to the Truhetts requesting that they apply to OID for the abandonment of the Merrihew Stub Pipeline and the Merrihew Drain as a condition of the project. A letter was then sent out and the Truhetts responded with the above noted request. As a courtesy to other effected

landowners, OID sent out a notice stating that due to development in the area and a written request from the landowners, the Board of Directors would consider abandonment of both the Merrihew Drain and the Merrihew Stub Pipeline.

These letters resulted in a "local back lash" of sorts and the Board elected to retain ownership of the Merrihew Stub Pipeline as shown on the attached project site map and to take no action on the Merrihew Drain, as it was found to not be a district facility.

Following the Boards recent decision, a December 11, 2006 letter was sent to Stanislaus County notifying them of OID's new conditions of approval. Please refer to the attached documentation for clarification purposes. As a result of the Boards decision and our recent correspondence to Stanislaus County the Truhetts are once again asking for a variance to OID's Subdivision Parcel Map Policy and the remaining conditions of approval as set-forth in our August 2, 2006 correspondence.

Those items for which a variance has been requested are listed below with no specific merit given to the order in which they appear. Please note that any and all conditions pertaining to the Merrihew Drain have been removed from OID's conditions of approval.

1. The District requires written, recorded easements for all of its facilities within the development area with the recorded instrument number noted on Parcel and Final (Subdivision) Maps. The Merrihew Stub Pipeline will require a thirty (30) foot wide easement centered on the pipeline.
2. The District requires that its easements, rights-of-way, and fee title property be fenced to District standards. This cost shall be borne by the Developers. Fencing shall be completed prior to approval of the Final Map. No gates nor cross fencing shall be installed or permitted within these areas without prior written authorization from the District. No new driveways will be allowed across the Merrihew Stub Pipeline without an Encroachment Agreement from the Board of Directors.
3. The District will not serve irrigation water to created parcels that are less than 10 acres in size unless approved by the Board of Directors.
4. The District requires full unencumbered access, as determined solely by the District, to both sides of its facilities and will rehabilitate, at its cost, those facilities within its control that do not meet that standard. This work shall be performed by the District after receipt of recorded easements and prior to signing the Final Map.
5. No Drainage from residential and rural subdivisions, industrial developments and commercial developments shall be allowed into District facilities. All costs incurred by the District to mitigate or resolve drainage issues shall be at the cost of the Developer, including consultant and/or attorney fees.

In response to the Truhett's request for a variance, staff has prepared the following recommendations presented in the same numerical sequence as those conditions listed above.

1. Deny request for variance and require the Truhetts to comply with Item 1 as listed above.
2. Deny request for variance and require the Truhetts to comply with Item 2 as listed above.
3. Continued irrigation service to the four (4) newly created parcels may be made available under one (1) of three (3) options:

Option 1: An independent delivery system to each parcel. Each parcel to be served by a single pipeline with its beginning at a cluster well or sump provided at the historical point of delivery. The existing parcel has several points of delivery, per the Subdivision Parcel Map Policy, OID will remove and cap all but one (1) existing point of delivery at a location to be determined by the landowner and at the sole cost of the landowner. The District has standard plans available for this purpose.

Option 2: A single pipeline that serves multiple properties with its beginning at one (1) of the historical points of delivery. The District has standard plans available for this purpose. This option is only available for developments operating in an Improvement District (Water Code §23600) arrangement with the OID.

Option 3: For agricultural lands which continue to be farmed, the District shall make available a consensual lien process to defer the cost of new delivery installations until such time as the parcels are sold.

Regardless of the option chosen by Truhetts, and as noted above, OID will remove all but one (1) existing point of delivery and this point shall act as the new point of delivery for all four (4) newly created parcels. The historical water delivery volume for the developed property will not increase as a result of the development and the point of delivery shall be measurable. The District also recommends the use of private irrigation easements to facilitate the conveyance of irrigation water across parcels. The Subdivision Parcel Map Policy shall be referenced for further guidance and clarification.

4. Deny request for variance and require the Truhetts to comply with Item 4 as listed above.
5. Deny request for variance and require the Truhetts to comply with Item 5 as listed above.

The Truhetts were present at the hearing and requested that they not be required to do any improvements on the lots until the first parcel is sold.

Director Clark requested that the District prepare a document that states what improvements will be required upon the sale of the first lot. General Manager, Steve Knell,

stated that the District will prepare a letter of agreement to be signed by the parties and recorded against the real property.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve a variance to the 10 acre parcel requirement of the District and to establish a letter of agreement between the Truhetts and the District regarding the remaining conditions pertaining to each parcel.

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON
REQUEST TO CLEAN STRECKER DRAIN AND DEBOSE DRAIN

Mr. Larry Foard made a verbal request to Director Taro to include this item on the agenda. Mr. Foard who is not the tenant or lessee or property owner of record is requesting that the OID clean both the Strecker Drain and the De Bose Drain lying on this particular parcel.

In correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. Ray (the owners of record) dated December 5, 2006, OID noted both that the Strecker Drain and the De Bose Drain have never been adopted by the Board of Directors as an OID facility and that OID does not have any legal interest (through recorded easements or through prescription) on any portion of the Strecker Drain or the De Bose Drain through the parcel in question. Please refer to the attached documentation.

Mr. Foard's request serves no district need or purpose and it is staff's recommendation that he contract out for these services. If the Board wishes to provide a one-time cleaning of this drain, and Mr. Foard reimburses the district for its costs that would be a recommended alternative. Staff would recommend an up front deposit of the estimated cost before work begins.

Mr. Foard was afforded the opportunity to comment on this request. Mr. Foard stated that he did not want this item on the action calendar, but wanted it to be a discussion item to discuss the status of all drains, not just these two specific drains.

Director Alpers stated that there is no written request and pursuant to policy, until the District receives a letter, the Board cannot take any action on this request. Director Clark concurred with Director Alpers' statement. Mr. Foard was instructed to meet with Gary Jernigan and send a letter to the District requesting that this matter be placed on the Board's Agenda as a discussion item.

ITEM NO. 8
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CERTIFY THE VOTE
OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 52 MEMBERSHIP TO PROCEED
WITH THE CONCEPT OF MERGING ID 52 WITH OID'S RURAL WATER SYSTEM

To certify the vote of the improvement district membership regarding the approval or disapproval of the concept of merging ID 52's water system with OID's Rural Water System and authorizing OID to start collecting funding information and to proceed with the

engineering and collection of bids for the replacement of the ID 52 water distribution system.

Water Operations Supervisor, Bob Nielsen, reported that Improvement District No. 52 voted to proceed with merging of ID 52's water system with OID's Rural Water System and authorized OID to start collecting funding information and to proceed with the engineering and collection of bids for the replacement of ID 52 water distribution system by the following vote:

Disagree	2
Agree	16

All absentee votes will be considered yes votes.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to certify the vote of ID 52 to proceed with the concept of merging of ID 52's water system with OID's Rural Water System.

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST
FOR ISSUANCE OF PAUL OIL CARDS TO PROVIDE FUEL
TO FUEL TRUCK AND OPERATOR TRUCKS WITH FUEL TANKS

The District has received the new fuel/lube truck. This truck has a 300 gallon fuel tank which will require an extended amount of time to re-fill each afternoon or morning from the District's facility in the yard. The present fuel truck with a 150 gallon tank creates time delays now. The larger capacity tank will cause additional and substantial delays. To eliminate these delays, Staff recommends the Mechanics be issued CFN cards to be used at the Paul Oil Terminal for fueling. This would allow faster fueling of the trucks as well as the fuel storage tanks. Also, to expedite the crew's departure by minimizing the time delays at the fuel pumps, Staff recommends the operators be issued a CFN card as well. Operators are required to have emergency fuel stored in the tanks on their vehicles. Again, issuing CFN cards to operators, would allow the vehicles to fuel quicker and more than one vehicle at a time. Another consideration is the fuel from the terminal is cheaper due to the fact delivery charges are not added into the fuel cost. There will be no delivery charges for fuel purchased at the pump.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the request for issuance of Paul Oil cards, with all restrictions in place, to provide fuel to the fuel truck and to the operator trucks with fuel tanks.

ITEM NO. 10
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION
ON REQUEST TO COST SHARE FENCING
ON STOWELL LATERAL (APN: 014-010-004 – [POSTMA])

Postma Dairy has requested that Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) discuss cost-share options for fencing a portion of the Stowell Lateral through the aforementioned property. A verbal proposal was made to the District to fence the Stowell Lateral by Postma to protect

the recently completed bank rehabilitation. Postma has cattle on both sides of the lateral thus requiring fencing on each side where fencing did not exist before the bank rehabilitation. Cattle damage to District facilities continues to be one of the foremost problems facing the District and the only way to completely eliminate the issues associated with cattle damage is to fence District facilities.

Staff assembled a scope of the work which includes 4,650 feet of six (6) strand barbed wire fence, 24 braces, 15 gates and approximately 190 feet of pipe fence for an estimated cost of \$50,000. The Tracking Number assigned to this work indicated a fencing cost of \$60,000. Postma is requesting payment of \$24,637.70 for the new fence.

Mr. Postma, having already installed the fencing to District Standards and in the proper location on the right of way, is offering to gift this facility to the District at a cost of 50% of the District's estimate. District staff will further review the property in question and prepare a written agreement between OID and Postma Dairy as to OID's financial involvement and future maintenance obligation. Before payment, quantity verification will be confirmed.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the request to cost share fencing on Stowell Lateral (APN: 014-010-004 – Postma).

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON
ON REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO SUBDIVISION
PARCEL MAP POLICY (APN: 207-029-012 – FROST)

Oakdale Irrigation Districts (OID) Engineering Department first responded to Mr. and Mrs. Frost's proposed parcel split in correspondence dated October 26, 2005 which outlined OID's conditions of approval for the project. A copy of this correspondence has been attached for your review.

Since that time, Mr. and Mrs. Frost have worked with OID in preparing new easements for both the Miller Drain and the Lone Tree Creek in addition to an Encroachment Agreement on the Miller Drain. In the last few weeks, OID was contacted by the Frost's as it pertains to installation of a new turnout off of an existing control structure on the Chappel Pipeline. The proposed new pipeline is necessary in providing the newly created eastern most parcel with irrigation water. The Frost's are proposing to cut a hole in the east side of the existing box, install a new C-10 canal gate and a new PVC pipeline to serve the parcel in question. Please see attached documentation for clarification purposes.

In correspondence dated December 1, 2006, staff responded to the Frost's proposed turnout installation and notified them that their proposed installation was in violation of the Subdivision Parcel Map Policy and subsequently the conditions of approval as set-forth in our October 26, 2005 letter to San Joaquin County. On Monday, December 11, 2006 OID received yet another letter from Mr. and Mrs. Frost asking for a variance to the Subdivision Parcel Map Policy and the right to install a new turnout on the east side of the existing structure as shown in the attached documentation.

Please note that the Subdivision Parcel Map Policy clearly states the following:

“No additional irrigation delivery connections will be provided as a result of development unless approved by the Board of Directors. New Points of delivery as approved by the Board shall be at the expense of the Developer and shall be subject to a new service connection charge and water rate to be determined by the Board of Directors. For agricultural lands that continue to be farmed, the District shall make available a consensual lien process to defer the cost of new delivery installations until such time as the parcels are sold.”

Staff’s recommendation was to deny the Frost’s request and uphold OID’s initial conditions of approval as set-forth in its October 26, 2005 correspondence to San Joaquin County. The intent of the Subdivision Parcel Map Policy is to not burden OID with increased maintenance costs or operational costs as a result of development. Granting the Frost’s request for a variance to the Subdivision Parcel Map Policy will increase both the future maintenance cost and the future operational cost for OID.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost were present at the hearing.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Clark to deny the request for a variance to the Subdivision Policy, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors, Alpers, Clark, Webb, Bairos
Noes: Director Taro

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION
ON THE ABANDONMENT AND
DESTRUCTION OF THE TOWN "E" DEEP WELL

The Town “E” Deep Well Pump was declared inactive by OID’s Board of Directors on October 1, 1996. The declaration was based on a negative cost benefit analysis which showed that the operational costs of the Town “E” Deep Well were significantly greater than the operational benefit derived.

One of the primary concerns identified in the 2005 Integrated Regional Groundwater Management Plan, is the groundwater contamination risk posed by unused wells which have not been properly destroyed. Section 21 of DWR Bulletin 74-81 and revisions contained in Part II of Bulletin 74-90 allow classification of unused wells into types, abandoned and inactive. An abandoned well is defined as one which has not been used for a period of one year, and whose owner has declared the well will not be used again. If the well has not been used during the past year but the owner demonstrates his/her intention to use the well again for supplying water, the well is considered inactive. Four criteria must be met in order for the well to maintain the inactive rather than abandoned classification. These criteria are:

- The well has no defects

- The well is securely covered
- The well is clearly marked
- The surrounding area is kept clear of brush and debris

Failure to meet these criteria could result in the well being classified as abandoned under current regulations. All abandoned wells, exploration or test holes, and monitoring wells must be destroyed as stated in Section 22 of Bulletin 74-81 and revisions contained in Bulletin 74-90. While the Town "E" Deep Well is clearly marked it does not meet the other three provisions required in order to maintain inactive status.

Therefore, two options have been identified. Either OID repairs the Town "E" Deep Well and begin using it to supply irrigation water or classify it as abandoned and proceed with destruction. Based on elements of the Water Resources Plan as well as the location of the Town "E" Deep Well, staff recommends abandonment and destruction.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the abandonment and destruction of the Town "E" Deep Well.

DISCUSSION ITEM NOS. 15, 16

ITEM NO. 15 DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2006

Director Alpers stated that when you look at the numbers shown in the comparison of Coral and P.G.&E. revenues for the year there is a \$300,000 math mistake; so we are actually doing better than what is indicated. Director Alpers feels that this is important and will contact Mr. Felte regarding this error.

ITEM NO. 16 DISCUSSION ON NEED OF JANUARY 2, 2007 MEETING AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS

President Steve Webb stated that he felt that it would be better to have the Board Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday in January rather than the first and third Tuesday. General Manager, Steve Knell, was directed to notify the necessary parties of the change in the Board Meeting dates.

ITEM NO. 17 COMMUNICATIONS

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 211 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. The Riverbank detachment of island parcels was approved by LAFCO on December 6th meeting. Joe Fos did an outstanding job on this long overdue project.

2. The PEIR for the WRP will shortly be going to the printers for publication. Release and availability of the Administrative Draft will be out in early January.
3. The ACWA Conference was in Anaheim from December 5th-8th. Directors Webb and Bairos were in attendance as well as the CFO and GM. Meetings with BOR, USFW Service, MWD and the San Luis Delta Water Agency were attended by staff.
4. A presentation on the OID's WRP was made to the Modesto Rotary Club on November 27th.
5. A Labor Contract was voted on and ratified by union members on December 12th.

Accounting Activities

1. CFO attended ACWA's Fall Conference.
2. Continued to meet with Union bargaining committee.
3. Busy time of year with heavy receivables and responding to customer inquiries.

C&M Operations Activities

1. The Grider Pipeline Replacement Project installation complete final acceptance in progress.
2. South Main Canal lining replacement upstream of Tunnel #9 was completed.
3. South Main Canal lining on JGL property started and is in progress now.
4. River Road Lateral road crossing at Pioneer Road was completed.
5. The Campbell Pipeline Replacement Project started and scheduled to be completed December 29, 2006
6. Preston Pipelines completed the North Dudley Pipeline replacement project.
7. Crouch Pipeline structure at Sawyer road demolished and replacement has been completed.
8. Concrete Control Structure for the Union Pipeline on Stoddard Road was demolished and re-construction completed.
9. Pipeline leads identified during the Water Season continued to be repaired.
10. Three Turnouts on the Eaton Lateral replaced and/or repaired.
11. Thirty-five (35) Job Set-up Forms completed
12. Demolition work on the Claribel/Stowell Bifurcation project commenced.
13. Winter Work Identification and Scope Development program issued and updated on a weekly basis.
14. Ditch cleaning program continues as well as tree trimming and bank clearing.

Engineering Activities

1. Design continued on the Lambuth Pipeline, Union Pipeline Replacement, North Main Sonora Road Crossing, Union Drain Crow Road Crossing and the Merrihew Pipeline Replacements.
2. Continued design on the Claribel/Stowell Bifurcation Project.
3. Monitoring RTC for the Campbell Pipeline Replacement project.
4. Providing Support to Condor on the Cape Horn Tunnel Rehabilitation Assessment.
5. Response to Suspense Forms.
6. Providing support to the Water Operations Department.
7. Completing engineering drawings for the Pioneer, Bentley, Crow and Sonora road crossings.
8. Support to Construction & Maintenance department.

A. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Alpers stated that there was a Water Committee Meeting on December 12, 2006, wherein there were six different items discussed. One was the Postma matter which the Committee agreed to support and the Board did support. The second one was landowner on the MID Main who was willing to fence a ditch if we clean it. The Committee decided that the District did not want to deal with it because it is not a District facility. Steve Fields had a request for fencing on the CalTrans property and the Committee said no, unless CalTrans requests so in writing. Saletta had a request for cost share. They have a ditch that runs parallel with and inside the District's easement that has been there for years. The Committee suggested talking about a cost share arrangement to pipe the ditch or to relocate the old turnout downstream. The Truhett parcel split was on the Committee's Agenda and we discussed this at today's meeting. The Committee talked about the Knights Ferry water situation and the supplying of water during the winter, but now that the District has been threatened with a lawsuit it should be discussed in closed session.

B. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Clark

Director Clark asked for a status on the Twer matter. General Manager, Steve Knell, stated that John Davids had provided three options and the District's General Counsel is reviewing the options. Once this has been completed they will be presented to Mr. Twer. The matter will be brought back to the Board at the second meeting in January 2007.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers had no comments.

Director Webb

Director Webb commented on the ACWA Conference in Anaheim. At one session there was a plan whereby they would block all of the exits out of the Delta with either a barge that they sink or some way to keep the fresh water from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and the Sacramento Rivers going straight towards the pumps. There was another gentlemen there who had another idea; he was going to close down the channels coming through the Sacramento River, divert the water through the Sacramento big ship channel, run it down the river to Rio Vista and he thinks that he has a place where he can gravity flow this water out of the river right back into the canals and we will not have to use those pumps any more. He claims that it will solve everybody's water problem and we won't have to put any water in for water quality in the Delta.

Of course they stated the Peripheral Canal is alive and well and during their comment period it went along pretty well until they started talking about size or oversize or how big it is going to be. It was right back to the same old argument if they want to make one they want to oversize it in case some day they need a little extra room and that is where the arguments begin.

Director Webb also stated that he was disappointed to read in the newspaper that at the County wide water meetings that have been taking place, the County's solution to the water shortage was to take over control over everybody's water.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos stated that he attended the ACWA Conference and received his ethics training.

Director Bairos stated that the one thing that he learned at the meeting is that they have the money, votes, and politicians down south, and we need to be very careful on how we sell water and that we protect our rights as best as we can because they want our water.

Director Taro

Director Taro asked if the District was still hauling water to Knights Ferry. General Manager, Steve Knell, responded yes.

At the hour of 10:43 a.m. a motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Taro, and unanimously supported to go into Closed Session.

ITEM NO. 18
CLOSED SESSION

A. *Government Code §54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator*
Agency Negotiators: Katherine Boyd and Kathy Cook
Agency Representative: General Manager
Unrepresented Employees: Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3

B. *Government Code §54956.9(b) – Anticipated Litigation*
One (1) Case

At the hour of 12:35 p.m. a motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to return to the regular meeting.

General Manager, Steve Knell stated that there was no reportable action following Closed Session.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 19

At the hour of 12:35 p.m. a motion was made by Director Clark, and seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to adjourn to the next **Board of Director's Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Oakdale Irrigation District Office, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA 95361.

The next **regular Joint Board Meeting for the Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **Thursday, December 21, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Board Room of the Oakdale Irrigation District 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, California.

Jack D. Alpers, Vice President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary