

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
December 3, 2013

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: Frank B. Clark, President
Jack D. Alpers
Herman Doornenbal
Al Bairos, Jr.

Absent: Steve Webb, Vice President

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

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of Agenda items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Tom Orvis who resides as 1245 Poplar Street, Oakdale was present and stated that at the last meeting the Chairman of the Board of Directors asked for a moratorium on drilling wells in Stanislaus County and East Stanislaus County which would result in essentially shutting off the underground aquifer to the growers that do not have access to surface water. He stated that the Water/Engineering Committee is considering a long term water transfer this afternoon and maybe the District should consider the possibility of a water transfer within the District that would benefit the groundwater basin here rather than transferring the water outside of the District.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:02 a.m.

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

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2013 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2013-99

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2013 and Resolution No. 2013-99.

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2013

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2013.

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

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

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Albers No. 1 Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout structure including precast structure, 21" Fresno 101C slide gate, 21" 100 PSI PVC & appurtenances.	\$18,100	2013-041
Mootz Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout structure including precast structure, 15" Fresno 101C slide gate, 15" 100 PSI PVC & appurtenances.	14,200	2013-042
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ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE RENEWAL OF FLEXIBLE SPENDING
ACCOUNT AND COBRA ADMINISTRATION WITH
REDWOOD HEALTH SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the renewal of Flexible Spending Account and COBRA Administration with Redwood Health Services effective January 1, 2014.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE EXTENSION OF COMPLIANCE
DEADLINE OF SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE
AGREEMENT (APN: 002-063-027 – MANGANTE)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the extension of compliance deadline of Settlement and Release Agreement (APN: 002-063-027 – Mangante).

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE FENCE AGREEMENT ON THE
BURNETT LATERAL (APN: 002-051-015 – LOPEZ)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Fence Agreement on the Burnett Lateral (APN: 002-051-015 – Lopez).

DISCUSSION

ITEM NO. 9
DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION BY THE
CITY OF OAKDALE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

City Recreation Department staff will provide an overview of the benefits derived from the OID funding to their water safety, water conservation and summer swim programs.

Brian Whitemyer, City Manager for the City of Oakdale was present and thanked the Board for its generosity over the past several years in its support of the Royce Memorial Pool. He presented the City's request for a continuation in the partnership with the City to fund the pool and respectfully requested a contribution of \$99,000.

This item will be brought back to the Board at the Board Meeting on December 17, 2013 with the 2014 Budget.

ITEM NO. 10 **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 196 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. OID attended the Knight's Ferry CSD meeting on November 4th.
2. OJUSD Ag Advisory Council meeting on December 12th.
3. Tunnel tours being provided November 14th, 16th and 23rd.
4. Demko conference call on Spring Run issues.
5. Numerous settlement conference calls and BDCP associated activities being participated in during November and December.
6. No one will be attending ACWA this year in Los Angeles.

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. Two-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – The Corps returned to work and picked up on the NEPA document. Once they started, more information was requested and sent to them. Due to the Government Shutdown, the Corps of Engineers did not post the NEPA document for public opinion as planned in October but stated it would be posted in November.
2. Two-Mile Bar Tunnel Final Design – The design process has been completed and the drawings have been completed and issued for construction. The Cost Estimate has been reviewed and completed, and issued. The GBR is still in the final review process and will be issued to OID for their review in early December. Staff will meet with Condor to review the status of all the documents during the week of December 9, 2013. Final contract documents and specifications will be ready at that time. The total cost with contingency, construction management, and other potential costs has been determined to be approximately \$15.0 million.
3. Beardsley Reservoir Recreational Improvements – The Substantial Completion of the Beardsley Day Use Area and Boat Ramp was achieved on November 14, 2013. The crack repair and slurry seal will be completed as soon as the weather permits which will be next year. Ford Construction has submitted claims for additional earthwork at the Beardsley Campground, the Black Oak Flat Campground and the Beardsley Day Use Area in the amount of approximately \$243,900. On July 25, 2013, Ford Construction provided the final "As-Built" topo for comparison for the Beardsley Campground. The documentation was forwarded to the Engineer for review and a response. The Engineer has acknowledged an error in the Engineer's take off which was included in the bid documents. Staff reviewed the Engineer's comments and requested additional information. Once all the information has been received, a response will be prepared and submitted to Ford Construction. The Project's position has been there is no basis for a claim however; the position may change due to the errors in the bid document and a delay to the contractor due to SHPO investigation which would apply to the Beardsley Campground only. Staff will prepare a response for review.
4. Willms Ranch Access Easement – Still no action occurred this period, Willms are waiting on court decisions before moving forward and stated they would advise us when a decision is forthcoming.

5. Upon return to the Oakdale office, the project development for the office relocation has started again. Architects are being identified to solicit proposals from for the site development office floor plan. In conjunction, a few of the complexes constructed by other Districts are being contacted for site visits.
6. District Standard Specifications – No activity this period.
7. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

Construction Activities

1. Conducted written testing for the vacant position of Welder/Fleet Equipment Mechanic on Thursday, November 21st.
2. Assisted Water Ops. Manager with a tour of OID facilities pertaining to Rubicon products for the Project Manager for the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project in Sacaton, Arizona on Thursday, November 21st.
3. Assisted the General Manager with a Tunnel Tour on Saturday, November 23, 2013.
4. North Main – Fields Ranch: Agreement has been reviewed by OID and provided to Fields Ranch for review and signature. Pending any issues the Agreement will be presented to the BOD on December 3, 2013 for approval.
5. Moll Pipeline Project: OID forces have removed the existing steel and concrete pipeline, have installed the new PVC pipeline and are currently working on the connections to the existing facility.
6. Morrison Lateral Extension Project: OID crews have completed the formwork to the inside of the inlet structure and control structure, rebar has been installed on the wall sections of both structures and crews are currently working on forming the outsides of both structures.
7. Clark Pipeline Project: Crews have completed the project and are currently waiting on the arrival of the misc. metal for the structure (handrails, ladder and grating).
8. Edwards Pipeline Spill Project: Crews have completed the project and are currently waiting on the arrival of the misc. metal for the structure (handrails, ladder and grating).
9. Cavill/Southwest Drain Measurement Project: OID forces have completed the formwork for the new headwall, placed concrete for the new headwall, stripped all forms and are currently working on backfilling the excavation.
10. VAMP Measurement Project: OID forces have completed the demo portion of the project and removed the existing measurement gate. Crews have placed concrete into the floor section of the project and are currently working on forming the headwall and diversion wall.
11. The remainder of OID forces are working on routine maintenance tasks, turnout inspections/replacements and other various tasks on OID facilities.
12. Fairbanks Pipeline Replacement Project: Met with the landowners, GM and Water Ops. Manager on November 14th. Conducted a field review of the potential new alignment of the facility on November 19th.

Engineering Activities

1. Land use Conversion – Continuing to work with landowners, tenants, irrigation design companies and Support Services/Water Operations concerning ongoing and future land use conversion projects. Standard land use conversion letters going out on an as needed basis.

2. Continued to process several Encroachment, Ag. Discharge and Fencing Agreements for Board approval.
3. Attended the Groundwater Ordinance/Water Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting on November 22nd. The Water Resource Manager position was interviews will begin on December 18th. The formation of a Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee will be brought before the Board of Supervisors for approval on December 17th. The next GW Ordinance meeting is scheduled for January 10th.
4. Engineering staff continued review of the turnout affiliation spreadsheets completed by the DSOs during the water season.
5. Continued to process several Requests for Work Approvals, plans and cost estimates for proposed 2014 winter construction and maintenance projects.

Water Operations Activities

Aq Water

1. Continued to research and respond to irrigation inquiries regarding new connection/reconnection possibilities and past irrigation practices.
2. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
3. Completed documentation and coordinated repairs to OID facilities with the C&M Department as necessary.
4. IT/SCADA Coordinator setup the new server and software to initiate data entry, retrieval and organization for implementation of the STORM software over the winter months.
5. IT/SCADA Coordinator continued winter SCADA maintenance work with his crew members.
6. Continued winter water and storm water operations.
7. Processed various deep well rental and conveyance channel agreements.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41:
 - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
 - Continued to monitor a small leak on the water storage tank at the Well No. 1 Station. The tank remains in service and under observation.
2. Improvement District No. 49 – Water Storage Tank:
 - Continued to monitor leaks on the water storage tank at Pumping Station No. 1. The tank remains in service and under observation.
 - The new gate valve required for the replacement of water storage tank was installed on the main water line on Thursday, November 21st.
3. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection, servicing and security checks on the pumping stations.
4. Knights Ferry River Pumps:
 - Monitored operations.
5. On-Call Activities:
 - Thursday, November 14th, WUD personnel responded to a no water call in RWS #1. The gardener had shut off main water valve.
 - Saturday, November 16th, WUD staff responded to several reports of a broken water line in ID 46. A vehicle had run over a backflow assembly.

6. Irrigation Pumping Stations:

- Furtado Deep Well Pump – The VFD was removed and was sent in for evaluation. Options for repair/replacement and remedies for the ongoing power supply issues are being investigated. The site can still be operated by using MCP.
- WUD staff has started to conduct routine inspection, servicing and security checks of the irrigation pumping stations used as winter drain pumps.
- Huffman Deep Well Pump – Remains in use by C&M, reactivated on Wednesday, October 31st.
- Oakdale Deep Well Pump – Was secured from rental use on Monday, November 18th.
- Allen Deep Well Pump – Was secured from rental use on Monday, November 18th.
- ID 29 Deep Well Pump – Reactivated for landowner use between Thursday, November 14th and Monday, November 18th.
- Howard Deep Well Pump – Reactivated for rental use by landowner on Monday, November 18th.

Financing Activities

1. Continue monitoring easement acquisitions on Bell and Valencia properties remain pending subrogation information from lending institutes.
2. Easement acquisition on the Eakin property remains pending signage.
3. Easement acquisition of the Oak Grove Cemetery property is complete and Easement Agreement is being recorded.
4. Reviewing comments on Miscellaneous Rates and Fees Study with anticipation of submittal to Board on December 17, 2013.
5. Preparing for year-end closing.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee meetings.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

There were no Directors' comments and/or suggestions.

At the hour of 9:25 a.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 11

Closed Session to discuss the following:

- A. **Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator
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| Negotiating Parties: | OID and City and County of San Francisco |
| Property: | Water |
| Agency Negotiators: | General Manager and Counsel |
| Under Negotiations: | Price and Terms |

At the hour of 10:06 a.m. the Board adjourned to open session

Coming out of Closed Session President Frank Clark reported that there was no reportable action.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 12

The Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:06 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 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, December 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Frank Clark, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary