

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
June 6, 2007

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District met in Special Session at the hour of 3:00 p.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Steve Webb, President
Jack D. Alpers, Vice President
Frank B. Clark
Al Bairos
Absent: Tony Taro
Staff Present: Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager/Secretary

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 3:01 p.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 2

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON MAKING WATER AVAILABLE TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (BOR) TO MEET AN EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL NEED IN THE DELTA

OID was contacted Friday evening by Mike Heaton, BOR Water Operations, on an emergency need to acquire water to address an environmental need in the Delta. As you are aware, this need is in response to the State of California cutting off the pumps to the Central Valley Project Canal for the next 10 days in order to protect delta smelt. This action will be denying Diablo Grande in Patterson and the west side irrigation districts water. Pumping into the California Aqueduct has also been reduced. The condition in the Delta is serious as it relates to fresh water flows.

South San Joaquin Irrigation District stepped in Friday and made 10,000 acre feet available for the coming week. We hear Merced Irrigation will now step in to meet some of the BOR's needs and other eastside districts are assessing their participation level. OID received its full entitlement of water this year and OID's current water use is in-line with historic usage. OID generally has 20-30,000 of unused water it does not use each year. OID has no carryover provisions for unused water and water not used in an irrigation year is lost. The BOR has a set a purchase price of \$150 per acre foot for this emergency water.

Due to the lack of snow pack this year, revenues from Tri Dam will likely be down 50-60% over previous years and the added revenues would allow OID to meet its budget projections without going to its reserves.

Staff feels comfortable making 10,000 acre feet available now with the option to make 5,000 plus acre feet available at the end of August should OID's water needs permit.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract to make 10,000 acre feet available to the Board of Reclamation to meet an emergency environmental need in the Delta.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 3

At the hour of 3:07 P.m. a motion was made by Director Bairos, and seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to adjourn to the next **regular Board of Director's Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, June 19, 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, June 21, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Board Room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, California.

Jack Alpers, Vice President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary