

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
January 5, 2016

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: Steve Webb, President  
Herman Doornenbal, Vice President  
Gary Osmundson  
Gail Altieri  
Linda Santos

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

Also Present: Jim Oliveira, General Counsel

### **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**

Alan Graham from the Oakdale Lion's Club was present and stated that the District has sponsored the Don Osborne Memorial Run in the past and would appreciate it if the District would sponsor the run again this year. President Webb stated that the Planning and Public Relations Committee would review his request.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:04 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ITEM NO. 2**  
**PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT COMMENTS ON NOTICE**  
**OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION ON**  
**THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT 2015 APPLICANTS**  
**FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDS OUTSIDE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

**Public Hearing: January 5, 2016 at 9:00 AM**

Accept Comments Pertinent to the CEQA Initial Study and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 2015 Applicants for Irrigation of Lands Outside District Boundaries

**Project Description**

The Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) 2015 Applicants for Irrigation of Lands Outside District Boundaries (Project) proposes to make water available to landowners of property located outside the OID boundaries in years when surplus water is determined to be available. The availability of water for lands outside the OID boundaries will be determined by the OID Board of Directors on an annual basis. The landowners will therefore be required to submit an application each year they wish to receive irrigation water. While two parcels have existing points of water delivery (turnouts), the remaining applicants will pay OID to modify existing or construct new turnouts for delivery of irrigation water to their parcels in accordance with the agreement establishing the terms and conditions for irrigation of lands outside OID boundaries.

The Project is not anticipated to change the existing land use of any of the parcels; the Project proposes to make irrigation water available to the parcels during years when surplus water is available. Without the Project it is anticipated the parcels within the out of District water service area would continue to utilize groundwater for their needs.

**CEQA Status and Timeline**

At their October 20, 2015 Board Meeting, the OID Board of Directors approved a Resolution to Proceed with a CEQA Initial Study for the Project.

The complete CEQA Initial Study document is available for review at the OID office. Written or faxed comments should be addressed to Eric C. Thorburn, P.E., Water Operations Manager. The 30 day Project comment period ends on January 11th, 2016.

After the comment period has ended OID Staff will prepare a written response to comments received, which will be included in the Notice of Determination for the Board's consideration. Once approved by the Board, the Notice of Determination will be filed with the Stanislaus County Clerk's Office.

There being no public comment, the public hearing closed at 9:09 a.m.

Director Altieri requested that Item No. 4 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; Director Santos requested that Item Nos. 3, 8, and 10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT ITEMS**  
**ITEM NOS. 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19**

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, 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>
Palmer Lateral	Installation of a new drop structure, one 12" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate, and hand railing and grating. (APN: 014-047-008)	\$64,600	2016-001
Gray Pipeline	Installation of a new 12" x 7.5' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 010-009-031)	\$2,200	2016-002
Clark Pipeline	Installation of a new 30" x 14.5' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 207-200-15)	\$5,100	2016-003
Morrison Pipeline	Installation of a new 16" x 11' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 002-033-018)	\$2,600	2016-004
Lundgren Pipeline	Installation of approximately 520' LF of 27" 100 PSI PIP PVC pipe, and misc. appurtenances. (APN: 062-006-004)	\$81,600	2016-005
Spencer No. 2 Pipeline	Installation of a new 16" x 12.5' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 062-013-009)	\$2,600	2016-006
Kuhn Pipeline	Installation of approximately 2,800 LF of 24" 100 PSI PIP PVC pipe, one new concrete Control structure w/ 15" turnout, and relocation Of the existing 24" Rubicon Slip meter. (APN's: 014-004-012/13/14 & 014-016-021)	\$329,400	2016-007

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2015.

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT TO OAKDALE IRRIGATION**  
**DISTRICT'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART TO ELIMINATE ONE**  
**ASSISTANT ENGINEER AND ADD ONE ASSOCIATE ENGINEER**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment to the Oakdale Irrigation District's Organizational Chart to eliminate one Assistant Engineer and add one Associate Engineer.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 019 TO GENERAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2013-GSA-032 WITH NORTHERN STEEL, INC.**  
**FOR CUTTING, BENDING, AND PLACEMENT OF REBAR FOR ONE(1)**  
**STANDARD DROP STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE PALMER LATERAL**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 019 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-032 with Northern Steel, Inc. for cutting, bending, and placement of rebar for one (1) standard drop structure located on the Palmer Lateral.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE SNEDIGAR**  
**PIPELINE (APN: 062-022-001 – PACIFIC WEST COMMUNITIES, INC.)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Snedigar Pipeline (APN: 062-022-001 – Pacific West Communities, Inc.).

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT ON THE SNEDIGAR**  
**PIPELINE (APN: 062-022-001 – PACIFIC WEST COMMUNITIES, INC.)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Snedigar Pipeline (APN: 062-022-001 – Pacific West Communities, Inc.).

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE HOWARD**  
**PIPELINE AND THE ROOT DRAIN (APN: 006-002-011 – O'ROARK)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Howard Pipeline and Root Drain (APN: 006-002-011 – O'Roark).

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON**  
**THE ROOT DRAIN (APN: 006-002-063 – O’ROARK)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Root Drain (APN: 006-002-063 – O’Roark).

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT**  
**ON THE MOOTZ LATERAL (APN: 014-001-032 – SALAZAR)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Mootz Lateral (APN: 014-001-032 – Salazar).

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE**  
**MOOTZ LATERAL (APN: 014-001-032 – SALAZAR)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Mootz Lateral (APN: 014-001-032 – Salazar).

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF**  
**THE KEARNEY LATERAL (APN: 015-001-045 – RAMOS)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Abandonment of a Portion of the Kearney Lateral (APN: 015-001-045 – Ramos).

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**APPROVE QUIT CLAIM OF A PORTION OF THE**  
**KEARNEY LATERAL (APN: 015-001-045 – RAMOS)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Quit Claim of a portion of the Kearney Lateral (APN: 015-01-045 – Ramos).

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**APPROVE REQUEST FOR NEW IRRIGATION SERVICE**  
**TO SUBSTANDARD PARCELS SERVED BY LANGWORTH PIPELINE**  
**(APNS: 062-005-031/032 – DAVID E. BANDUCCI AND CHARLENE R. BANDUCCI)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the request for new irrigation service to substandard

parcels served by the Langworth Pipeline (APNS: 062-005-031/032 – David E. Banducci and Charlene R. Banducci).

The above Consent Items passed unanimously by the following votes:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEMS NOS. 3, 4, 8, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23**

**ITEM NO. 3**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES**  
**OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2015**  
**AND RESOLUTIONS NOS. 2015-106, 2015-107,**  
**2015-108, 2015-109, 2015-110, 2015-111, 2015-112 AND 2015-113**

Director Santos requested that a correction be made to Consent Item No. 3, to read as follows:

Director Santos stated that 27" PVC pipe comes with the gaskets in the bell end, why did the invoice seem to reflect we had ordered 1021 pipe gaskets at a cost of \$34,003.02. Support Services Manager Jason Jones clarified that the description is what created the confusion.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2015 once the above correction has been made and Resolution Nos. 2015-106, 2015-107, 2015-108, 2015-109, 2015-110, 2015-111, 2015-112, and 2015-113.

The above item passed unanimously by the following votes:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION**  
**DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

Director Altieri had a concern with the expense that the District is paying for the rental of excavators. Director Altieri stated that over the past two months the District has spent over \$50,000 for rentals and she asked why the District does not purchase an excavator. Support Services Manager Jason Jones stated that the District rents a total of four excavators two of which also include a trailer for transporting. He stated that the District does not use the excavators for seven months out the year during the irrigation season and therefore to purchase four excavators would not be cost effective to the District.

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

The above item passed unanimously by the following votes:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE ATTENDANCE BY DIRECTORS AT**  
**THE CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION INSTITUTE 2016 CONFERENCE**

Director Santos asked what the cost to the District is for a Director to attend the conference, what the cost is to the Director, and what the purpose of the Conference is. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the District pays for the conference cost and because it is in Sacramento there usually is not a hotel cost. There is no cost to the Director. He stated that the sessions for the conference change year to year and it is placed on the agenda to allow the Directors to attend if they wish to.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the attendance by the Directors at the California Irrigation Institute 2016 Conference.

The above items passed unanimously by the following votes:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 012 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**AGREEMENT 2009-GSA-002 WITH CH2M FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CEQA**  
**DOCUMENT FOR THE ON-FARM WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM**

Director Santos stated that she felt that the On-Farm Water Conservation Funding Program seemed to be a way for people who are transitioning their ground from open ground to trees to pay for it and a turnout. She stated that it is a giveaway for a very few people who are going to do this anyway even if we did not have the program in place. She also stated that the extra water is to be sold and the people that she has talked to about this have stated that it is a giveaway to a very few and the water is sent to other areas outside the valley.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson and was seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve Work Release No. 012 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-002 with CH2M for the preparation of a CEQA document for the On-Farm Water Conservation Funding Program, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Osmundson, Doornenbal, Webb  
Noes: Directors Santos, Altieri  
Absent: None

The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

**ITEM NO. 20**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE**  
**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES FOR 2016 AND 2017**

Per OID Policy;

*The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board, shall appoint the members of all standing committees, subject to Board approval, and shall have such other powers to perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time-to-time by the Board.*

*Special committees may be appointed by the Chairman/President of the Board with approval of the Board for such special tasks as circumstances warrant. A special or ad hoc committee shall limit its activities to the accomplishment of the task for which it is appointed and shall have no power to act except such as specifically conferred by action of the Board.*

The standing Committees at OID are set forth below. The President will make assignments as necessary to fill these committees and will announce the assignments at the Board Meeting and seek Board approval.

**Standing Committees**

Finance Committee  
Water/Engineering Committee  
Personnel Committee  
Planning / Public Relations Committee  
Tri-Dam Project/Authority Advisory Committee  
Domestic Water Committee  
San Joaquin Tributary Association.

The President will also make assignments to the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) and JPIA Committee.

**Water Advisory Committee (WAC)**

Member  
Alternate Member

**JPIA Board Of Directors - Alternate Representative**

Director  
Alternate Director

The President made the following assignments at the Board Meeting:

Finance Committee:	Directors Osmundson and Santos Alternate: Director Doornenbal
Water/Engineering Committee:	Directors Doornenbal and Santos Alternate: Director Webb
Personnel Committee:	Directors Osmundson and Altieri Alternate: Director Webb
Planning/Public Relations Committee:	Directors Webb and Altieri Alternate: Director Santos
Tri-Dam Advisory Committee:	Directors Webb and Doornenbal Alternate: Director Santos
Domestic Water Committee:	Directors Webb and Altieri Alternate: Director Doornenbal
San Joaquin Tributary Association:	Director Doornenbal Alternate: Director Webb
JPIA Board of Directors:	Director Webb Alternate: Director Santos
Stanislaus Water Advisory Committee:	Director Doornenbal Alternate: Director Altieri

Director Altieri stated that she was contacted directly by Supervisor O'Brien to sit on the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee and she objected to the appointment of Director Doornenbal. Director Webb stated that he would check with the Board of Supervisors to see if she was appointed as an individual or as a representative of the District.

Director Webb also made the following appointments to two Ad Hoc Committees:

City of Oakdale Ad Hoc Committee	Directors Webb and Altieri
Knights Ferry Ad Hoc Committee	Directors Santos and Altieri

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the appointment of the Directors to the designated committees with the exception of the Stanislaus Water Advisory Committee.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 21**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION**  
**TO STAFF REGARDING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' INTENT**  
**TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER**  
**RESOURCES FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER A SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER**  
**PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM ENTITLED "COUNTIES WITH STRESSED BASINS"**

Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, Terry Withrow, directed a letter to President Webb in late November requesting support in their efforts in the submission of an application to the Department of Water Resources for funding under a Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program entitled "Counties with Stressed Basins."

Supervisor Withrow's letter states;

Stanislaus County adopted a Groundwater Ordinance with well permitting requirements aligned with the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. To streamline the application and review process for new wells, to further support implementation of the permitting program, and to develop a foundation for the development of comprehensive groundwater management plans, Stanislaus County is proposing the preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to support this effort. This Programmatic EIR will be funded, in part, through the state grant program and by cost share among the county, cities, special water districts, and private agricultural and business industry interests. The Programmatic EIR provides multiple benefits for all parties as more fully set forth in the attached letter (please see the attachments for more details).

In an email sent in December (see attachments), Supervisor Withrow states he wishes to meet one-on-one with the agencies in the County on how the program's implementation will benefit the agencies. These meetings are to occur in January and February.

Many of staff's current questions may be answered in these meetings but for now, staff feels ill equipped to fully support a program that has unresolved concerns. For the Board's knowledge those concerns are outlined below;

- The maximum funding level of the grant under which Stanislaus County could receive funding is \$250,000. The minimum local cost share would be a minimum of 50% of that amount. The County intends to turn to the existing nine cities and irrigation districts within the County to secure this grant match. Similarly, in the following agenda report is another grant effort by the County to seek another grant for Regional Flood Control and Groundwater Recharge Master Planning. The County has not made it clear if cost share requests will be sought from the same agencies to fund this estimated \$350,000 planning effort.

Concern: The well permitting program the County wishes to advance under this grant application is a "County Program." Why isn't the County funding its own program on its own?

Concern: Irrigation districts and their agricultural constituents in the County are net positive contributors to the groundwater. The nine cities and those individual farms

and ranchettes who only pump groundwater are extractors from the aquifer. Why are irrigation districts being asked to contribute at all to this County program?

Concern: These grant programs involve setting up processes and procedures and implementation programs that will need full time staff commitments and resources to continue to operate after the grant funding ends. Where's that money coming from? If the County can't fund the beginnings of a sustainable groundwater effort at this point, it's doubtful they will have the financial resources to be a financial partner in a larger scaled program, which the SGMA process will require.

Concern: OID and SSJID just adopted a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan at Tri Dam. All for necessary repairs and long overdue facility upgrades and replacements. That cost is almost \$1 million a year to OID. OID is not in a position to now budget to meet the funding needs of a County program or multiple agency program that serves no direct benefit to OID.

Concern: The County has yet to begin discussing and planning for long term funding requirements that the SGMA will require. Getting to a sustainable groundwater condition (however that ends up being defined) is in the best interests of everyone who resides in Stanislaus County. The first burden to pay should come from those who contributed, or are contributing to the problem, and then to those who reside in the County and will benefit from a healthy groundwater aquifer.

This is brought to the Board for direction as to how the District would like to proceed and to authorize the General Manager to execute or not, a letter of support.

Tom Orvis of the Stanislaus Farm Bureau commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to submit a letter to the County supporting their application for grant funding without any committal to funding.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 22**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION**  
**TO STAFF REGARDING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' INTENT**  
**TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER**  
**RESOURCES FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE REGIONAL FLOOD**  
**CONTROL AND GROUNDWATER RECHARGE MASTER PLANNING EFFORT**

Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, Terry Withrow, directed a letter to OID's GM on December 15, 2015 requesting a letter of support for the County's efforts in

the submission of an application to the Department of Water Resources for funding under a Regional Flood Control and Groundwater Recharge Master Planning Program.

Supervisor Withrow's briefing sheet states that the County is requesting the funding assistance to prioritize and study locations within the County where storm water flows can be diverted and used to augment groundwater recharge, resulting in enhanced protection of areas of historical flooding and developing storm water as a resource to recharge groundwater supplies.

The documents sent to OID by the County do not specify whether the County will be seeking cost share assistance from the area's local agencies or not, as was the case in the previous Board Agenda Report.

Staff has no problem sending in a letter of support to the County on the securing of grant funds if this is solely a County program, funded by the County to meet a flood control need and ancillary benefit of meeting a groundwater recharge need. If however, funding is to be sought by the County from local agencies to help fund this effort, staff would reiterate its concerns as expressed in the previous agenda report. The County is seeking \$350,000 in its grant request to do a planning level study.

A member of the public John Brichetto commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to submit a letter to the County supporting their application for grant funding without any committal to funding.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 23**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO**  
**APPROVE AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2016**

Staff had developed a list of its goals and objectives for the 2016 year. It will be a full calendar with greater and more significant challenges than OID has had in the past. Staff has received no other input from Directors to the goals identified below:

Administrative and Legal

- State Water Resources Control Board's release of its Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan
  - Release in January 2015
  - Comments and responses to document - January to March
  - Hearings on adoption June/July
- Settlement discussions on the Stanislaus River with potential due date of December 2016

- Operations Plan to State Water Resources Control Board by February 15, 2016
  - Storage component in NM to be addressed
  - Monthly updates and adjustments to Ops Plan anticipated through October 2016
  - Water Release negotiations anticipated for;
    - April/May pulse flows and
    - October fall attraction flows.
    - All negotiations may include sales of released water
  - ESA and R&B Uses may come into play
- Labor contract negotiations begin in September for Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
- Re-districting of OID voting districts – currently ongoing.
- Meet budget goals for 2016 as identified in the finalized budget.

#### Finance

- Develop the 2016 Budget
- Annual Independent Audit begins in February
- 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report preparation
- Continuation and refinement of water billing software
- 2017 Budget preparations begin in September

#### Water Operations and Engineering

- Finalization and adoption of the updated Ag Water Management Plan
- Implement and refine volumetric measurement at the farm gate.
  - Educate and train DSOs in this new phase of water accounting.
- Finalize the 2015 Water Balance
- Geo-tech evaluation of South Main Tunnel hazards not yet addressed and develop an action plan for repairs
- Implement and Manage the On Farm Conservation Program
- SGMA development and GSA formation that protects OID interests in the County and OID's service area.

#### Maintenance, Construction, Contracts and Safety

- Continuation of Target Zero Safety Program
- Continuation of annual renewal of General Services Agreements (GSA's) and associated Work Releases for GSA's and Professional Services Agreements (PSA's)
- Continue to modernize and rebuild District infrastructure as permitted by budget and maintain existing facilities in a serviceable and functional condition.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the agency goals and objectives for 2016 as outlined above.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

**DISCUSSION**  
**ITEM NO. 24**  
**DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ON**  
**UPDATED AG WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn and Byron Clark from Davids Engineering gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the updated Ag Water Management Plan.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NO. 25**

**A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

**Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 325 days without a lost time injury accident.

**Administration Activities**

1. Scheduling commitments for moving the On-Farm Conservation Program forward.
2. ACWA notification that GM appointed as a member to the Water Management Committee representing Region 4. Term is 2-years.
3. 2016 budget finalization awaiting new Finance Committee appointees.
4. Met with Supervisor Withrow and CFW Director Bonham and other irrigation districts, NGOs, local legislators and staff regarding river settlement discussions for the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced, in compliance with the SED. SSJID and OID to talk on January 4<sup>th</sup> about Stanislaus options regarding settlement.
5. Field personnel ran through potential El Nino scenarios and talked about hot spots that may occur if and when significant rain events materialize this winter.
6. Water Counsel and GM met with legal counsel representing Greg Ellis on water rights claim in Knights Ferry area.
7. Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss our 2016 Operations Plan to be submitted to the SWRCB and to discuss our responses to the SED.
8. Board Workshop on Roles and Responsibilities of Directors scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>.
9. January 22<sup>nd</sup> to meet with CCWD on water basin cooperation and opportunities.

**Legal Activities**

1. ID 52 Lawsuit: Appellants response briefs due to court on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Demurrers in the SJTA and SWB curtailment matter scheduled to be heard on February 19, 2016.
3. The OID and SSJID, acting as intervenors in the CalSpa suit against the State Water Resources Control Board Bureau, have filed responses to the CalSpa complaint. No change since November 30<sup>th</sup> report.

4. General Counsel has responded to Brown Act violation allegation regarding water release OID and SSJID entered into with the State of California and the Federal Bureau water contractors. The period allowed for claimant to pursue matter legally has passed. Claimant allegations determined by OID to be unfounded and advised him of so. This matter is closed and no further updates to be issued.
5. OID is in a test claims case on the State of California's issuance of unfunded mandates, i.e. SBx7-7. Opposition briefs (one from the Commission and one from Finance and DWR) are due December 28th and our reply brief will be due on January 21, 2016. The hearing will be held on February 5th in Sacramento. No changes since November 30<sup>th</sup> report.

### **Construction Activities**

1. C&M crews and equipment operators continue to work on maintenance and capital projects on OID facilities. All projects are progressing well.
2. Assisting Water Ops./Eng. Dept. with various tasks and field review of potential projects.
3. Conducting Safety Coordinator tasks pertaining to all hands training, Safety Committee meetings and review of weekly tailgate safety meetings. Currently working on preparing the CERS submittal for 2016 which is the electronic reporting of hazardous chemicals on our site.
4. Conducting Contract Administration tasks pertaining to contracts that need to be renewed and work releases that need to be completed with the assistance of Lori.
5. Conducting multiple landowner meetings for present and future Capital Projects.
6. Field Supervisor Joe Kosakiewicz and I successfully completed the CPR/First Aid/AED train the trainer course.
7. Attended the School Farm Sub-Committee meeting on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss a plan for developing the lower 13 acres into an orchard.
8. Received the annual restricted use permits for Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties for the Pesticide Dept. for 2016.
9. Conducted standard year-end inventory count of all OID materials on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Water Operations Activities**

#### **Engineering**

1. Land use Conversion – Continued to work with landowners, tenants, irrigation design companies and Support Services/Water Operations concerning ongoing and future land use conversion projects. Initiation of new development projects seems to be extending farther into the end of year than it ever has in the past.
2. Continued to process several Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
3. Several responses were received to the letters noting OID's requirements for continued irrigation on recently completed lot line adjustments and parcel splits projects. Field review of the applicable conditions in each individual circumstance is now being completed with the assistance of Water Operations Dept. staff.
4. The draft 2015 AWMP was finalized and made available for public review and comment. A presentation of the updated plan will be provided at the January 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
5. The ACOE finalized the categorical exemption document and prepared easement documents for the proposed tunnel as well as the 2 Mile Bar access road. The easement documents were reviewed by staff and are now in the process of being reviewed by legal counsel.

6. Kuhn Pipeline project plans were finalized.
7. A set of draft plans for the Cree Pipeline project were assembled. The next round of landowner meetings are in the process of being scheduled.
8. The City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 is in the process of being reviewed by legal counsel.

### **Ag Water**

1. SCADA personnel continued winter maintenance on all remotely monitored and/or automated SCADA sites. Standard maintenance checklist items are nearly complete at all sites. Additional maintenance tasks such as Sikaflex replacement and FlumeGate cable replacements will now be performed as deemed necessary at various sites.
2. SCADA integration and commissioning of new remotely monitored and/or automated SCADA sites is anticipated to begin within the next few weeks.
3. Storm water and winter water operations continued.
4. Field review of existing encroachments, measurement at delivery points and historic and proposed irrigation practices was conducted for numerous newly created parcels that have applied for new connections.

### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41:
  - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Water Systems:
  - a. Performed bi-monthly inspection and flushing of distribution system air/vacuum relief valves.
  - Performed bi-monthly flushing of distribution system blow off valves.
  - Performed bi-annual inspection and calibration of each water systems PSI chart recorder(s) on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Rural Water System No. 1:
  - a. The repairs to the stand-by electrical generator at the Hillsborough Estates No. 1 Pumping Station were completed on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. The site has been restored to normal operational status.
4. On-Call Activities:
  - Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, WUD staff responded to a call of broken water line in ID 51. The service connection was shut off to allow customer to perform repairs.
6. Deep Wells:
  - a. The Oakdale Pumping Station has been prepared for well rehab work to begin sometime in January.
7. Knights Ferry Pumping Station:
  - a. Continued to monitor river pump operations.
8. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
  - WUD continues to perform the routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations in use as winter drain pumps. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
  - Wirth Reclamation Pump's rebuilt motor was installed on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Finance Activities**

1. Responding to multiple customer billing inquiries.

2. 2016 Statements were mailed out on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> installment is due on January 21, 2016 and must be received at the District office by 5 p.m. Postmarks are no longer accepted.
3. Preparing for 2015 pre-audit.
4. Website online payment function is up and available to all Ag Water customers.

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

C. **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Altieri

Director Altieri had no comments.

Director Santos

Director Santos had no comments.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Osmundson

Director Osmundson had no comments.

Director Webb

Director Webb commented on the Oregon matter involving the Hammonds and the fact that a governmental agency can make your life miserable if they so choose.

At the hour of 11:06 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 26**

**A. Government Code §54956.9 – Significant Exposure to Litigation**  
Pursuant to Paragraph (2) and (3) of Subdivision (d) of §54956.9  
One (1) Case

At the hour of 11:50 a.m. the Board returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Webb stated that there was no reportable action.

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 18**

At the hour of 11:50 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Joint Board Meeting of the **South San Joaquin** and **Oakdale Irrigation Districts** serving the **Tri-Dam Projects** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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Steve Webb, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary