

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
April 21, 2015

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  
Al Bairos, Jr.  
Frank Clark

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

### **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 with the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, wanted to give the Board a heads up on two bills that will be submitted on Monday, April 27, 2015:

AB 1242 prepared by Assembly Member Adam Gray which would require the state board to evaluate impacts on groundwater basins, consider alternatives and mitigation measures to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts on groundwater quality or supply, and avoid or mitigate those adverse impacts to the extent feasible before adopting or approving water quality objectives or a program of implementation that requires instream flows for protection of instream beneficial uses.

AB311 prepared by Assembly Member Kristen Olsen which provides for the opportunity to expedite CEQA to move projects along that were involved with Proposition 1.

The Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, Modesto Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Members Olsen and Gray's office, have put together a bus that will leave at 9:00 a.m. from the MID

office on Monday, April 27, 2015 and head to the Capitol. There will be a water rally on the steps of the Capitol at 11:00 a.m. with the hearing to follow at 1:30 p.m. in Room 447.

Tom Orvis also commented that on behalf of the Farm Bureau that there has been a lot in the press about pound for pound, gallon for gallon and right now the agriculture industry needs to get together and not pull itself apart and start comparing commodities. Director Webb agreed with Tom Orvis' comment and stated that everyone needs to send an email to Tony Atkins, who is the Speaker of the House for the Governor.

There being no further public comment, public comment closed at 9:05 a.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**

**ITEM NO. 2**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES**  
**OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2015 AND RESOLUTION**  
**NOS. 2015-24, 2015-25, 2015-26, 2015-27, 2015-28, 2015-29, AND 2015-30**

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 April 7, 2015 and Resolution Nos. 2015-24, 2015-25, 2015-26, 2015-27, 2015-28, 2015-29, and 2015-30.

**ITEM NO. 3**  
**APPROVE THE 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 Statement of Obligations.

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**APPROVE IMPROVEMENT**  
**DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

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

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL**  
**OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2015**

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 March 31, 2015.

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 004 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2011-PSA-003 TO BUMGARDNER BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING**  
**FOR THE TWO-MILE BAR TUNNEL CTS EXCLUSION FENCE MONITORING**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 004 to Professional Services Agreement 2011-PSA-003 to Bumgardner Biological Consulting for the Two-Mile Bar Tunnel CTS Exclusion Fence Monitoring.

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE REQUEST FOR NEW IRRIGATION**  
**SERVICE TO A SUBSTANDARD PARCEL SERVED BY THE**  
**KEARNEY LATERAL (APN: 015-014-043 – IAN JEFFREY FREEMAN)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve. The request for new irrigation service to a substandard parcel served by the Kearney Lateral (APN: 015-014-043 - Ian Jeffrey Freeman).

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION**  
**OF THE TULLOCH LATERAL (APN: 002-063-027 – MANGANTE)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Abandonment of a Portion of the Tulloch Lateral (APN: 002-063-027 – Mangante).

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE QUIT CLAIM OF A PORTION**  
**OF THE TULLOCH LATERAL (APN: 002-063-027 – MANGANTE)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Quit Claim of a Portion of the Tulloch Lateral (APN: 002-063-027 – Mangante).

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NO. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON**  
**THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR FOR**  
**DIVISION 5 AND TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE**

The Director for Division 5 resigned effective February 28, 2015. The District received the following qualifying application for that position:

Applicant

Date of Receipt

Gary Osmundson

March 11, 2015

Mr. Gary Osmundson was interviewed by the Board at its last meeting, April 7, 2015.

Mr. Gary Osmundson was not able to attend the Board Meeting because he was chosen to sit on the jury at a jury trial in the Stanislaus County and therefore the Oath of Office was not given to Mr. Osmundson.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to appoint Gary Osmundson as Director of District 5.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A**  
**RESOLUTION SETTING THE INITIAL WATER ALLOTMENT AT**  
**30-INCHES FOR 2015 AND APPROVE FARMER TO FARMER WATER**  
**TRANSFERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

**2015 Water Status:**

The San Joaquin 5-Station Precipitation Index had recorded on March 31<sup>st</sup> a season to date precipitation of 13.7 inches.

The lowest precipitation recorded historically, season to date was 14.8 inches (1924) followed by 15.4 inches (1977) and 20.4 inches (2014).

For OID to have gone 3 years into this drought experiencing only limited reductions in water availability is a testament to the benefits of the \$50 million in water conservation investments (2001-2011) OID has made to its water delivery system. OID's average annual water use has dropped 15% over that 10 year period. Last year, OID's water use, with additional drought conservation measures implemented, reduced water use another 11% (252TAF to 225TAF) from its 2011 benchmark.

This year's challenge will be even greater as the Stanislaus basin has yielded an unprecedented limited supply of water.

This year's inflow to New Melones will be 250-280 TAF (estimated DWR numbers). Using the 250 TAF number, under the districts 1988 Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, formula water available to the two districts would be 365 TAF or 183 TAF to each district. Under the 1988 Agreement, when total inflows are less than 450K into New Melones, the districts can draw upon their conservation account water. The amount of that draw cannot exceed 225 TAF. OID's conservation account in New Melones holds about 71 TAF. Depleting that account 42 TAF gets OID to an allocation of 225 TAF for water year 2015, leaving 29 TAF remaining in the conservation account. That remaining water would be available next year if inflows to New Melones are less than 450 TAF.

### **Not Enough Water to Go Around:**

Recognizing the many needs and uses of water in the basin, and the fact that there may not be enough water to meet all those needs this year, OID and SSJID entered into a discussion with the federal agencies to discuss the 2015 water year. The federal agencies included the Bureau of Reclamation, who operated New Melones Dam and the National Marine Fisheries Service, who have legal authority over the implementation of the Biological Opinion on the Stanislaus River. From those discussions an Agreement regarding the operations/management of New Melones to meet both fish and agricultural needs for the remainder of the year were reached. On April 9<sup>th</sup> the SWRCB affirmed the TUCP submitted by the Bureau and the imbedded agreement on the New Melones operations.

The basics of the agreement are as follows:

- Federal officials will be able to meet all their springtime fishery “pulse flows.” The first pulse flow was March 24-26 for steelhead; the second from early April thru mid-April for salmon.
- Base flow needs for the fish available in the river through April 2016.
- The irrigation districts will equally divide 450,000 acre-feet of water this year. That’s 150,000 acre-feet less than normal.
- End of Month Storage for September to be no less than 150,000 acre feet.
- The irrigation districts will consider additional conservation measures this season to ensure that the end point of 150,000 acre-feet in New Melones is met or exceeded.
- The Agreement would keep Lake Tulloch at normal operational levels through September.

### **Allocation Program:**

Given the target of EOMS is 150 TAF, and to insure we meet the target, staff recommends planning for a diversion and distribution of 205-210 TAF to OID water users from its 225 TAF allocation. Under that scenario an allocation of 30-inches per each irrigated acre should be feasible.

A public hearing was held on April 7, 2015 on the proposed water allotment and based on the input received the attached Water Allotment Resolution and Farmer to Farmer Transfer Agreement are now being presented for Board approval. The conditions of the Allotment and Transfer Agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. An allocation of 30 inches per acre for Tier 1 water users.
2. An allocation of 10 inches per acre for Tier 2 water users.
3. The allocation is a firm supply to each gate and is based on the “total assessed acreage.”
4. “Unused water” at the gate may be transferred to other gates within the OID service area only through the Farmer to Farmer Transfer Program.

5. Water assignment limits for transfers between gates is set at 4 inch minimums.
6. OID Conveyance Agreements will be available and required to move groundwater from private deep wells throughout OID's conveyance system.
  - a. Groundwater inlet must be upstream of the destination parcel(s).
  - b. Conveyance Agreement applications must be submitted along with the associated processing fee for approval by OID staff prior to each pumping event.
  - c. Private deep wells must be metered upstream of the inlet to OID's conveyance system. Flow meters must have an indicator-totalizer that measures instantaneous flow and cumulative volume.
7. All Conveyance Agreements and Farmer to Farmer Transfer Agreements would need to be completed and submitted to OID a minimum of 15 days before the delivery date of water.
8. A standing Water Committee will meet as needed throughout the irrigation season to address issues during implementation of the 2015 Water Season - Water Allocation Program.
9. The potential for allocation increases will be reviewed at the first Board meeting of each month. Parcels continuing to irrigate may have their allocation increased.

General Manager Steve Knell gave a PowerPoint presentation of this agenda item.

Several members of the public, Linda Santos, Robert Frobose, Brian Lemons, and Chuck Seaton, commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Bairos to adopt the Resolution Setting the Initial Water Allotment at 30-Inches for 2015 and Approve Farmer to Farmer Water Transfers within the District's Service Area Boundaries once amended to exclude the water assignment limit for transfers of 4-inches. This was seconded by Director Doornenbal, and was voted as follows:

Ayes:	Directors, Bairos, Doornenbal, Webb
Noes:	Director Clark

The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION**  
**TO IMPLEMENT THE DROUGHT SURCHARGE DURING THE 2015 WATER SEASON**

The District officially declared a drought during the 2015 irrigation season on March 3, 2015. Additionally, the drought surcharge, as part of the revised water rate structure adopted last year, was submitted for Board approval. The Board instructed Staff to bring back the surcharge in April.

The Board will need to decide if they wish to enact the \$6.10 per acre drought surcharge at this time. If enacted, this surcharge would be due within 30 days of the date of the invoice. If not paid within the 30 days their account would be considered delinquent; penalties would apply and irrigation service would be interrupted until paid.

The surcharge is to offset pumping costs and other ancillary expenses the district incurs because of the drought.

The District's cash reserves reduced by \$6.9 million during 2014 because of lower than normal hydropower generation and the lack of outside water transfers due to the drought. These conditions will likely continue throughout 2015 that may result in a revenue shortfall of \$10 - \$13 million (depending on hydropower generation).

Staff recommends the implementation of the drought surcharge in 2015 to minimize the financial impact because of the drought.

Several members of the public, Carla Shearer, Brian Lemons, Tom Dunlop, and John Brichetto, commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to adopt the Resolution to Implement the Drought Surcharge during the 2015 Water Season.

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO POSTPONE THE**  
**PREPARATION OF AN APPROPRIATE CEQA DOCUMENT AND**  
**CANCEL THE ON-FARM CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM FOR 2015**

Given the current water shortfall, staff recommends postponing the preparation of a CEQA document and cancelling the On-Farm Conservation Funding Program (Program) during the 2015 irrigation season. While an unfortunate circumstance and a condition of a deteriorating hydrology and the unknowns it brings, there is potential for implementation of the Program in the future if and when conditions happen to improve.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to postpone the preparation of an appropriate CEQA document and cancel the On-Farm Conservation Funding Program for 2015.

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD BID**  
**FOR PURCHASE OF THREE (3) – ½ TON, 2-WHEEL, FULL**  
**SIZE REGULAR CAB, 2-DOOR PICKUPS FROM HIDLLEN FORD**

Staff solicited bids from two (2) vendors, Haidlen Ford and Steve's Chevrolet both of Oakdale. Both provided a quote. Of the two (2) quotes, Haidlen Ford provided the lowest responsive bid of \$24,086.67 for each vehicle for a total bid of \$72,260.01. Steve's Chevrolet quoted \$25,189.52 for each vehicle for a total bid of \$75,568.56.

Staff's recommendation is to purchase Three (3) – 1/2 Ton, 2-Wheel Drive, Full Size Pickups at the unit rate of \$24,086.67 for the total amount of \$72,260.01 from Haidlen Ford.

Amount budgeted for 2015 to purchase Three (3) – 1/2 ton pickups is \$90,000.00.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of three (3) ½ ton, two-wheel drive, full size, regular cab, 2-door pickups from Haidlen Ford in the total sum of \$72,260.01.

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD**  
**BID FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1)-¾ TON, 4-WHEEL DRIVE,**  
**FULL SIZE, REGULAR CAB, 2-DOOR PICKUP FROM HIDLLEN FORD**

Staff solicited bids from two (2) vendors, Haidlen Ford and Steve's Chevrolet both of Oakdale. Both provided a quote. Of the two (2) quotes, Haidlen Ford provided the lowest responsive bid of \$31,279.62 while Steves' Chevrolet quoted \$31,514.02 for the vehicle.

Staff's recommendation is to purchase one (1) – ¾ Ton, 4-Wheel Drive, Full Size Pickup for the amount of \$31,279.62 from Haidlen Ford.

Amount budgeted for 2015 to purchase one (1) - ¾ ton pickup was \$34,000.00.

Director Webb suggested that staff look into a used pick-up truck rather than a new pick-up truck.

A motion was made by Director Bairos and was seconded by Director Doornenbal to authorize the purchase of one (1) ¾ ton, 4-wheel drive, full size, regular cab, 2-door pickup from Haidlen Ford in the total sum of \$31,279.62, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Bairos and Doornenbal  
Noes: Directors Webb and Clark

The motion failed by a vote of 2-2. Director Webb requested that staff look into purchasing a used pick-up and bring it back to the Board.

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ISSUE WORK**  
**RELEASE NO. 005 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2011-PSA-008 WITH DAVIDS ENGINEERING**  
**TO UPDATE THE AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

SBx 7-7 requires that Agricultural Water Measurement Plans (AWMP) be updated every five years, with the current update to be completed and adopted by the Board by December 31, 2015 and then submitted to Department of Water Resources (DWR) and posted to Oakdale Irrigation District's (OID) website within thirty days. The update of the OID AWMP will consist of eleven tasks which are outlined in Work Release No. 005 and in the Davids Engineering Proposal (both attached).

OID staff views the update as an opportunity to review the OID's Water Resources Plan (WRP) goals and accomplishments, reassess those goals as necessary and develop a near term plan to guide implementation for the next five years and beyond. It is anticipated that the OID AWMP update will be completed by the end of October, leaving two months for the public process and Board adoption of the AWMP.

Staff was available to answer any questions of the Board.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to issue Work Release No. 005 to Professional Services Agreement 2011-PSA-008 with Davids Engineering to Update the Agricultural Water Management Plan.

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING JACK D. ALPERS IN APPRECIATION OF**  
**FOURTEEN YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR**  
**ON THE BOARD FOR THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND TRI-DAM PROJECT**

As stated on the attached resolution, Jack D. Alpers has served and devoted fourteen years, two months, and twenty-four days of service as a Director on the Board of Directors for the Oakdale Irrigation District and the Tri-Dam Project. The attached resolution is being submitted for Board approval as a commemorative of Jack D. Alpers' years of service.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we would like to congratulate Jack D. Alpers and acknowledge the highest commendation, thanks, and appreciation for his loyalty, integrity, hard work, and devotion.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Commending Jack D. Alpers in Appreciation for Continuous Service from December 4, 2001 to February 28, 2015.

**DISCUSSION  
ITEM NOS. 18**

**ITEM NO. 18  
DISCUSSION ON REQUEST RECEIVED FROM  
RONALD MILLIGAN, OPERATIONS MANAGER,  
CENTRAL VALLEY OPERATIONS BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

The settlement reached between OID/SSJID, Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service, and now approved by the State Water Resources Control Board, was a testament to all our agencies ability to solve basin issues. Despite the haranguing that went on over the last couple of weeks among the agencies, in the end we developed a workable "agreement" and a path forward on how to manage the limited water supplies being produced in our basin this year.

Unfortunately our work has just begun and we will need to focus on two tasks over the course of this irrigation season;

1. Monitoring and managing our water uses to make sure we (SSJID/OID/BOR) meet or exceed the endpoint established in our Agreement, that being 150K EOMS for September.
2. Planning for water season 2016 in the anticipation of the drought continuing and again being faced with farming and fishery issues if inflow is insufficient for both needs.

SSJID/OID and the Bureau of Reclamation have to be in lock-step on developing a plan in the next couple of months to address these issues if we have any chance of being successful. Mr. Ron Milligan's, Operations Manager of the Central Valley Project, attached memo is the request to engage in these discussions.

It is staff's opinion that both our districts (SSJID/OID) engage in these talks and to bring back to the Board the necessary information to formulate a workable operations plan for the Stanislaus River/New Melones that meets the needs for the remainder of 2015 and lays the groundwork for 2016.

This matter will again be addressed by the two irrigation district Boards at the Tri-Dam meeting

**ITEM NO. 19  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

The General Manager Steve Knell wanted to compliment Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel, for all of the work that he has done recently with the negotiations between the Department of Water Resources, National Marine Fisheries Services, Bureau of Reclamation, and the State Water Resources Control Board.

### **Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 76 days without a lost time injury accident.

### **Administration Activities**

1. SJTA Commissioners Meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., April 20<sup>th</sup> at TID.
2. Issues related to water dispute with feds and state was resolved April 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening after numerous phone calls and agency conferences. Tim O’Laughlin did a great job on the district’s behalf.
3. Lots of news casts and media interviews during this event. Had Channel 10 news out at Goodwin Dam Saturday from 6-8:00 p.m. filming.
4. Meeting with MID and Del Puerto Water District on Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.
5. Robbin Flynt with ACWA/JPIA meeting scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> regarding OID’s property insurance.
6. OID received 6 qualifying applicants for its 2-\$1,000 ag scholarships.
7. CFO, Kathy Cook fielding bond holder inquiries due to the drought. Kathy has prepared a response to inquiries on their questions.

### **Construction Activities**

1. C&M crews and equipment operators are working on JSF’s generated by Water Dept. staff. Completing general tasks associated with the completion of the first rotation.
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.
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 new employee safety training with the new recently hired employees for C&M and Water Ops. Training has included the online Defensive Driving module from Target Solutions.
6. C&M crews are currently installing a surface water connection from the River Road Pipeline to Gambini Farms. Anticipate completion by the end of this week.
7. The dirt contractor for the Loger/Martin borrow site has begun to excavate borrow material at the site.
8. The Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner’s office sent a representative to OID to conduct an inspection of any and all related paperwork for our Pest Dept. on 4/9. The inspection went well and there are no issues to report.

### **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.
2. Processed multiple Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
3. Completed preparation of the CEQA documents for the Fringe and Additional Annexations. Correspondence to notify and update each applicant is being prepared.
4. Responded and commented on several requests for information and proposed parcel splits and lot line adjustments.

5. Completed several RFWA and cost estimates for capital improvement projects.

### **Ag Water**

1. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
2. Continued integration of new SCADA sites.
3. Responded to and addressed misc. SCADA operation and control issues as they arose.
4. SCADA/IT staff continued to work with Water Operations personnel to make minor updates and corrections to the new STORM volumetric tracking and billing application data as identified during and after the first rotation.
5. DSO training continued with the three new hires and was initiated with the newest addition, Michael Reeves, who started on April 1st.
6. Completed the draft 2015 Water Allotment Policy along with the Farmer to Farmer Transfer Program Application Agreement for Board review and approval on April 21st.
7. The second rotation (third of the 2014/15 water year) was delayed approximately one week after the most recent storm event and started on or about April 14<sup>th</sup>. This is anticipated to be a 17-day rotation, but will be adjusted as necessary to meet the 2.4 inch depletion policy according to local CIMIS station ET measurements.

### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41:
  - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
  - WUD continues to conduct weekly inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
  - WUD has completed annual well head inspections and re-sealing.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
  - Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. No problems were detected.
  - Radium 228 water quality samples were collected on the Domestic Improvement District wells on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Results are still pending.
4. On-Call Activities:
  - Nothing to Report.
5. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
  - WUD continues to perform routine inspection, servicing and security checks on all the irrigation pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
    - Wirth Reclamation Pump – PG&E transformer problems were discovered and corrected on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - Furtado Deep Well Pump – Reset and restarted VFD after PG&E problems in the area were corrected.

### **Financing Activities**

1. Prepared and filed the State Comptroller's Financial Transaction and the Compensation Reports
2. Met with the Confidential Group to meet and confer on new Personnel, Rules, and Regulations.

3. Responded City National Rochdale's questions regarding the drought and the impact it's had on the District.
4. Preparation of the District's 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
5. Routine monthly accounting functions.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Meetings held; however, Director Clark commented on the SJTA meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2015 that he attended with General Manager Steve Knell.

**C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Clark

Director Clark had no comments.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had not comments

Director Bairos

Director Bairos commented that he believes that this District has been fiscally responsible in its actions in that it implemented the reserve accounts and that is the reason why those reserves are in place. During these times of drought the District has had to draw down on these funds. The District does have a budget plan that the Finance Committee and the Board go through each and every year and look at where the District can save money and cut expenses and potentially bring in more income to the District. The public is welcome to attend these meetings and see the process. The water rate at the District is relatively cheap compared to what other irrigation districts pay. We are all going to have to work together and try and solve the issues that the District has.

Director Webb

Director Webb stated that he would like to remind everyone that we are in the fourth year of a drought and it is hard on everyone and we all need to pull together during this time.

At the hour of 10:27 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. 20**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

**A. *Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator***

**Negotiating Parties:** OID, BOR, City and County of San Francisco, San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, Stockton East Water District, State Water Contractors, Del Puerto Irrigation District

**Property:** Water

**Agency Negotiators:** General Manager and Water Counsel

**Under Negotiations:** Price and Terms

At the hour of 11:30 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session President Steve Webb reported that there was no reportable action.

**ITEM NO. 21**  
**OTHER ACTION**

At the hour of 11:30 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Regular Joint Board Meeting for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

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Steve Webb, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary