MINUTES

Oakdale, California December 9, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in a Special Session at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Absent:	Steve Webb, President Herman Doornenbal, Vice President Frank Clark Jack D. Alpers Al Bairos, Jr.
Staff Present:	Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer Gary Jernigan, Contract/Special Projects Manager Jason Jones, Support Services Manager Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager
Also Present:	Tim O'Laughlin, Water 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 9:02 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

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

<u>CONSENT ITEMS</u> ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

ITEM NO. 2 <u>APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF</u> <u>THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014</u> <u>AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2014-80, 2014-81, and 2014-82</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014 and Resolution Nos. 2014-80, 2014-81, and 2014-82.

ITEM NO. 3 <u>APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION</u> <u>DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS</u>

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

ITEM NO. 4 <u>APPROVE IMPROVEMENT</u> <u>DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS</u>

A motion as made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Improvement District's Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 5 <u>APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF</u> <u>CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS</u>

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

<u>Facility</u>	Project Description	Estimated Cost	Work Order No.
Quistini Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout structure with an Oldcastle Precast Utility Vault, install 600' of barbed wire fence, 60" of 18" PVC pipe, 4-16' Powder River cattle gates, two MBI precast structures, and 100' of 12" PVC pipe.	\$55,200	2014-084
Kearney Lateral	Remove and upgrade three gates with a 15" x 7', 16" x 7.5" and an 18" x 7' Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$6,600	2014-085
Town Main Pipeline	Remove and upgrade 12" in-line valve.	\$9,300	2014-086
West Thalheim Pipeline	Remove and upgrade existing gate with a 24" x 12' Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$3,600	2014-087

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<u>Facility</u> Mensinger Lateral Project Description

Remove and upgrade turnout with a 5' x 7' MBI precast turnout structure, and install an 18" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate and other miscellaneous appurtenances. Estimated Cost Wor \$12,900 2

Work Order No. 2014-088

ITEM NO. 6 <u>APPROVE CANCELLATION OF INVOICE FOR</u> <u>REPAIR COSTS TO MARIA WINSTEAD'S DRIVEWAY</u> <u>DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GARR PIPELINE</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the cancellation of the invoice for repair costs to Maria Winstead's driveway during the construction of the Garr Pipeline.

ITEM NO. 7 <u>APPROVE AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO</u> <u>EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AGENCY</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with a temporary employment agency.

ITEM NO. 8 <u>APPROVE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</u> <u>WITH THE OAKDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the sponsorship opportunities with the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce in the sum of \$3,600.

ITEM NO. 9 <u>APPROVE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS WITH VARIOUS</u> <u>ORGANIZATIONS (ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER</u> <u>AGENCIES, WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION, OAKDALE CHAMBER</u> <u>OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA FARM</u> <u>WATER COALITION, SJFB FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, AND</u> <u>CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the renewal of memberships with various organizations (Association of California Water Agencies, Water Education Foundation, Oakdale Chamber of Commerce, California Chamber of Commerce, California Farm Water Coalition, SJFB Foundation for Agricultural Education, and California Special Districts Association.

ITEM NO. 10 <u>APPROVE REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE LATE CLAIM</u> <u>FOR DAMAGES SUBMITTED BY JON MORENO; AND IF ACCEPTED,</u> <u>TO REJECT CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AND SUBMIT TO ACWA/JPIA</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve request for leave to file late claim for damages submitted by Jon Moreno; and if accepted, to reject claim for damages and submit to ACWA/JPIA for handling.

ITEM NO. 11 <u>APPROVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MEMORANDUM</u> <u>OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OPERATIONS EMPLOYEES</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Accepting the Memorandum of Understanding with the Operations Employees.

ITEM NO. 12 <u>APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 08 TO PROFESSIONAL</u> <u>SERVICES AGREEMENT 2008-PSA-007 WITH</u> <u>BOUTIN JONES, INC. FOR REVISED HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment No. 08 to Professional Services Agreement 2008-PSA-007 with Boutin Jones, Inc. for revised hourly rate schedule.

ITEM NO. 13 <u>APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 09 TO PROFESSIONAL</u> <u>SERVICES AGREEMENT 2008-PSA-007 WITH</u> BOUTIN JONES, INC. FOR REVISED HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

A motion as made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment No. 09 to Professional Services Agreement 2008-PSA-007 with Boutin Jones, Inc. for revised hourly rate schedule.

ITEM NO. 14 <u>APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FINDING MULTIPLE PROJECTS</u> <u>EXEMPT UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolutions Finding Multiple Projects Exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ITEM NO. 15 <u>APPROVE PURCHASE OF A THIRTY FOOT</u> <u>EASEMENT FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE TOWN "E" PIPELINE</u> <u>AT THE APPRAISED VALUE (APN: 062-004-020 – BURGESS)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of a thirty foot easement for the relocation of the Town "E" Pipeline at the appraised value of \$8,387.00 (APN: 062-004-020 – Burgess).

ITEM NO. 16 <u>APPROVE PURCHASE OF A THIRTY FOOT</u> <u>EASEMENT FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE TOWN "E" PIPELINE</u> AT THE APPRAISED VALUE (APN: 062-004-021 – HOLLOWAY)

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of a thirty foot easement for the relocation of the Town "E" easement at the appraised value of \$29,020.00 (APN: 062-004-021 – Holloway).

ITEM NO. 17 <u>APPROVE EXCHANGE OF A THIRTY FOOT EASEMENT FOR THE</u> <u>RELOCATION OF THE TOWN "E" PIPELINE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TYPE</u> <u>ONE TURNOUT AND WAIVE ALL RECONNECTION FEES (APN: 062-004-008 - OTT</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the exchange of a thirty foot easement for the relocation of the Town "E" Pipeline for the construction of a Type One Turnout and waive all reconnection fees (APN: 062-004-008 – Ott).

ITEM NO. 18

APPROVE EXCHANGE OF A THIRTY FOOT EASEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KEARNEY PIPELINE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TURNOUT AND WAIVE THE NEW CONNECTION FEE (APN: 015-014-031 – SMITH)

A motion was made by Director Clark, Seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the exchange of a thirty easement for the relocation of the Town "E" Pipeline for the construction of a new turnout and waive the new connection fee (APN: 015-014-031 – Smith).

ITEM NO. 19 <u>APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE SOUTH</u> <u>MAIN CANAL (APN: 010-011-034 – PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the South Main Canal (APN: 010-011-034 – Pacific Gas & Electric).

ITEM NO. 20 <u>APPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT ON</u> <u>THE RIVERBANK LATERAL (APN: 064-029-002 – BRICHETTO)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Riverbank Lateral (APN: 064-029-002 – Brichetto).

ITEM NO. 21 <u>APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE</u> <u>RIVERBANK LATERAL (APN: 064-029-002 – BRICHETTO)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Riverbank Lateral (APN: 064-029-002 – Brichetto).

ITEM NO. 22 <u>APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE</u> <u>FAIRBANKS LATERAL (APN: 207-220-060 – SORRENTI)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Fairbanks Lateral (APN: 207-220-060 – Sorrenti).

ITEM NO. 23 <u>APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE</u> <u>TULLOCH LATERAL (APN: 002-059-004 – BRICHETTO)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Tulloch Lateral (APN: 002-029-004 – Brichetto).

ITEM NO. 24 <u>APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE</u> <u>STRECKER DRAIN (APN: 002-056-009 – BRICHETTO)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Strecker Drain (APN: 002-056-009 – Brichetto).

ITEM NO. 25 <u>APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE ALBERS</u> <u>LATERAL, ALBERS PIPELINE NO. 2, ROMERO PIPELINE</u> (APNS: 014-003-007/008 AND 014-020-003/004 – BRICHETTO AND BOERSMA)

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Albers Lateral, Albers Pipeline No.

2, Romero Pipeline (APNS: 014-003-007/008 and 014-020-003/004 – Brichetto and Boersma).

ITEM NO. 26 <u>APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE</u> <u>TOWNHILL PIPELINE (APN: 064-028-003 – NILSSON)</u>

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Townhill Pipeline (APN: 064-028-003 – Nilsson).

ACTION ITEMS ITEMS NOS. 27, 28, 29

ITEM NO. 27 <u>REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE</u> <u>ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2015 BUDGET</u>

Staff presented the draft 2015 Budget and Organizational Chart at the Board's November 16, 2014 meeting as a Discussion Item. No changes have been made to the draft budget.

We are pleased to present this draft 2015 Annual Budget, as proposed by the District's Finance Committee and Management, for your approval. Budget development is a year-long process. It begins with tracking expenses on a real-time basis and comparing budget to actual expenditures over the course of the budget year.

Each Manager reviews and submits their respective budgets for manpower, materials, equipment, and proposed capital projects and purchases. There are five (5) main sections to the budget:

- 1. Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets (page 1)
- 2. Revenues (page 2)
- 3. Expenditures (page 3)
- 4. Capital and Debt Expenditures (pages 4)

The basis for the development of the 2015 Budget included:

- To continue to maximize "belt-tightening" in all areas of operation while not jeopardizing the level or quality of service, any regulatory compliance and or future cost savings.
- Review each operating line item for cost reduction opportunities, while at the same time estimating the budget for the upcoming year based on historical experience rather than increasing it by an arbitrary percentage.
- All materials and supplies are to be purchased pursuant to the District's purchasing policy.
- All service, consultants, and construction contracts are to be entered into pursuant to the District's purchasing policy.

- All capital projects are grouped into categories tied to the District's Water Resources Plan (WRP).
- Only mission critical projects or WRP projects are to be placed on the Capital Projects Budget.
- Study projects will be pursued only if they are necessary to accomplish the objectives set by the Board and are intended to provide information, data, or analysis necessary to make sound and cost effective long term decision(s).
- No additional borrowing.
- Budget in advance those costs associated in the protection of the District Pre-1914 Water Rights.

Staff was available to address any questions of the Board.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to Adopt the 2015 Budget.

ITEM NO. 28 <u>REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO</u> ADOPT THE ON-FARM CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM

The purpose, need and benefits of such a voluntary, on-farm conservation program we discussed at the November 4th Board meeting. Three workshops to explain the program to potential participants was held December 6th. Feedback from those workshops will be shared at this Board meeting.

Louis Brichetto whose address is P.O. Box 548, Oakdale, California was present and commented on the program.

The General Manager Steve Knell suggested that there be no action taken on this item until it can be determined what interest there is in the program.

The Board agreed to table this item until January to allow additional time for Solicitation of Interest Forms to be submitted to the District.

ITEM NO. 29 <u>REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE</u> <u>WORK RELEASE NO. 007 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u> <u>AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-002 WITH CH2M HILL TO BEGIN</u> DEVELOPMENT OF CEQA DOCUMENTS FOR 2015 WATER TRANSFERS

Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts are anticipating making two (2) types of water transfers during the 2015 water year. One is a conventional surplus water transfer that the two Districts have engaged in since 1998 and the other type will be a SBx7-7 / On-Farm Conservation Funding Program water transfer.

Conventional Surplus Water Transfer:

During a normal water year, 600K acre feet becomes available to SSJID and OID on March 1st. Upon evaluation of the Districts' water demands to meet their in-district water needs; to meet any contractual water needs (WTP, Trinitas); to meet any local out-of-district needs; the remaining water is determined surplus and sold to willing buyers elsewhere.

SBx7-7 Water Transfer:

The State of California passed legislation (SBx7-7) requiring three specific items: (1) irrigation districts must accurately measure water to each farm gate; (2) irrigation districts must charge volumetrically for each acre foot delivered; and (3) irrigation districts must implement a wide array of conservation programs to improve on-farm water efficiency by users.

Currently, many of the farm parcels in SSJID and OID are ill-equipped to pay for the financial burden these changes will bring to their farming operations. Many of those same parcels cannot afford the cost to implement expensive conservation measures to meet the new efficiency requirements. For that reason both SSJID and OID Board of Directors are exploring a program to assist its landowners in those efforts. This would be a VOLUNTARY program and subject to the particular limitations set up by each irrigation district within its service area.

Landowners who voluntarily enroll in the program will have their generated conserved water marketed with the district's surplus water transfer. The revenue generated from the sale will be made available to the landowner to pay for conservation improvements. The goal of the program is to provide an opportunity and a funding source for landowners to make necessary conservation improvements to their irrigated lands. Eligible on-farm projects will be identified by each district.

Work Release No. 007 authorizes CH2M HILL to begin the CEQA process. These services will be performed on a time and materials basis and be paid by the purchaser upon completion.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 007 to Professional Services Contract 2009-PSA-002 with CH2M Hill to begin the development of CEQA documents for the 2014 water transfers.

ITEM NO. 30 COMMUNICATIONS

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 584 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

- 1. ACWA Conference December $2^{nd} 4^{th}$ in San Diego.
- 2. Harassment training held with all employees on November 21st.
- **3.** Meeting with California Rural Water Assoc. on ID management options.

4. Attended a Bureau of Reclamation meeting on their Draft Revised Plan of Operations for New Melones and on Melones operations during the 2015 water year.

Contract and Special Project Activities

- 1. Two Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) had some questions concerning the existing South Main Canal's historical properties. These concerns are being addressed by the Corps in a memo to be issued by December 12, 2014. This memo will have addressed all the concerns and questions raised by SHPO. The USFWS had some final questions which have been addressed by the Corps. The USFWS stated the letter of concurrence will be completed by the middle of December. Once we have the consultations from USFWS and SHPO, we will then need to finalize the EA and then the Colonel will sign the FONSI. I would estimate that it should take about 2 weeks to a month. Once that happens, the Real Estate Division will be given the signed FONSI and issue the Easement to OID. As stated by the Corps, "That part should be fairly fast." "We are really close!!"
- 2. Paulsell Valley Rehabilitation Project Discussions are ongoing with various options that are available as to the deliveries, amount, cost, etc.
- 3. Trinitas Paulsell Valley Option The Agreement sent to the District's Water Counsel for review and editing is still being reviewed. Once it has been returned, the Agreement will be submitted to the Board for approval. The Agreement will be for Trinitas to pay for all the expenses to expand the Paulsell Lateral from the Headgate to a point approximately 1,000 feet upstream of Warnerville Road. However, there are additional options to increase the lateral to a large capability for additional supply. The Expansion would allow the increase of flow from 35 cfs to 75 cfs but the Paulsell Lateral Headgate is sized for a flow capacity of 180 cfs. The District is evaluating the benefits of increasing to the maximum flow. However, Trinitas wants the increase flow for the start of the 2016 water season.
- 4. Rubicon Expansion (TCC) Project Davids Engineering continues to prepare the grant application package for the first two phases of the project. The project is being developed for five (5) phases with Phase I consisting of the Tulloch Lateral from the Headgate to the terminus, the Hirschfeld Lateral from the Headgate to Victory Road, and portions of the Kearney Lateral between the Headgate to the terminus. Phase II will consist of completing the Hirschfeld Lateral, the Stowell, Alpers and Palmer Laterals. Phase I is estimated at \$4.3 million and Phase II is estimated at \$5.9 million. The District Staff is providing Davids Engineering with information as requested.
- 5. A Statement of Qualifications was received from the Specialized Utility Services Program (SUSP) of the California Rural Water Association (CRWA) for operating and maintaining the Domestic Water Systems. A site visit was conducted with CRWA's Executive Director on November 24, 2014. A formal proposal will be submitted with several options for the District to review. Cal Water has stated they also would like to submit a Statement of Qualifications for the District's review. No timeframe was given for Cal Water's submitting the information.
- 6. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work releases, Request for Proposals and Change Orders for contracts are ongoing.

Construction Activities

- 1. Preparing and conducting employee evaluations.
- 2. Reviewing and processing JSF's generated by District staff.

- 3. Assisting Water Ops./Engineering Dept. with various assigned tasks including field and plan review of capital projects.
- 4. Morrison Pipeline Project; formwork is complete and concrete has been placed into the wall section of the outlet structure. Crews are currently working on backfilling the structure and general clean up. Remaining on the project is the tie in to the new KFC box, installation of the new 10" PVC pipeline for Knights Ferry town water and cleanup of the site.
- 5. Southwest Pipeline Replacement Project; C&M crews have completed the installation of 1700 LF of new 27" PVC and are currently working on formwork to the new structure.
- 6. West Thalheim Pipeline Replacement Project; C&M crews have completed the vertical forms for the inside of the three structures, rebar reinforcement has been installed and the crews are currently working on forming the outside of the structures.
- 7. Town Main Pipeline; the project is on hold until PG&E relocates a guide wire.
- 8. North Main Fields Ranch; OID in conjunction with the contractor have completed Task No. 1 of the Agreement which entailed the splitting of the North Main in nine locations.
- 9. Brichetto/Mootz Automation Project; Crews have placed concrete for the modifications to the walls on the project and are currently working on stripping forms and backfilling.
- 10. North Side Regulating Reservoir; PG&E has energized the site.
- 11. The remainder of OID forces are working on maintenance tasks and other capital projects including turnout replacements, gate replacements and other misc. projects.
- 12. C&M Worker, In-house Posting; David Poncabare is the successful candidate and has accepted the position.
- 13. Pest Dept. staff and I attended the Spray Safe Seminar on 11/20.
- 14. Stanislaus County Environmental Resources conducted a Magnacide compliance audit on 11/25.
- 15. Surplus items previously approved by the BOD were auctioned off by Mulrooney Auction Co. on 11/22.

Water Operations Activities

Engineering

- 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. A CEQA review was completed for the Kearney and Town "E" pipeline projects and is being presented for approval by the Board.
- 3. At the request of the Kimberly Nilsson, formerly Kimberly Riggs, OID staff is proceeding with processing an Encroachment Agreement for the existing improvements within the Townhill PL ROW. The Record of Survey has been reviewed and recorded with the County and is now included as an attachment in the Encroachment Agreement being presented for Board approval.
- 4. The revised GWO was adopted by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on November 25th.
- 5. Processed several Requests for Work Approvals, plans and cost estimates as needed for 2014-15 winter construction and maintenance projects.
- 6. Continued to conduct various landowner meetings to continue discussions regarding future project implementation.

Ag Water

- 1. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
- 2. Winter SCADA maintenance continued at all remotely monitored and automated sites.
- 3. Numerous calls were received with questions and general interest in the potential On-Farm Conservation Program.
- 4. Stanislaus Co. BOS, Terry Withrow, accompanied the Water Operations Manager on a Tunnel Tour along with a few of his family members on Wednesday, November 26th.
- 5. The Water Operations Manager returned from Australia on Friday, November 21st after a tour of Rubicon's factory, facilities and various implementations of TCC and other Rubicon automation technologies both within the irrigation districts and on-farm in Australia.
- The Water Operations Manager attended and presented at the USCID conference in Phoenix, Arizona the week of December 1st. The focus of the conference was on canal automation and the presentation was related to the successful implementation of OID's TCC Pilot Project.

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:
 - Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
- 3. Domestic Water Systems:
 - A meeting of the ID 45 & ID 49 Committees was held on Wednesday, November 12th to continue to work out the details regarding the County's instructions to merge the two water systems.
 - Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Monday, December 1st. No problems were detected.
- 4. Rural Water System No. 1:
 - The block heaters on the stand-by electrical generator at the Hillsborough Estates No. 1 pumping station were replaced.
- 5. Knights Ferry Community Services District:
 - Staff continues to conduct multiple weekly inspections, servicing and security checks on the pumping station.
- 6. On-Call Activities:
 - Friday, November 14th, Staff responded to a no water call from the KFWTP. The intake screens were cleaned and the pumps were placed back into service.
- 7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continued to conduct routine inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations in use as winter storm water pumps. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
 - Stumph Reclamation Pump Removed graffiti from pump house walls.
 - Replaced the old style pneumatic time delay switches at most deep well pump sites.
 - Clavey #1 Booster Pump Replaced VFD components.

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> Thornton Deep Well Pump was reactivated for rental use on Monday, December 1st.

Financing Activities

- 1. Continue with the implementation of new billing software.
- 2. Posted Account Clerk opening. To close first week in December.
- 3. Responding to multiple customer billing inquiries.
- 4. Preparing for 2014 pre-audit.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee meetings.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Clark

Director Clark stated that the tour yesterday that was provided to the State Water Resources Control Board by OID, SSJID and FISHBIO was great.

Director Webb

Director Webb stated that this was a great water year and everyone pulled together and got through it. He thanked the Distribution System Operators, landowners, and staff and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

At the hour of 9:50 a.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM NO. 31

Closed Session to discuss the following:

- A. Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator Negotiating Parties: OID, Stockton East Water District, Westlands Water District, Paulsell Valley Landowners, and Federal and State Water Contractors Property: Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Counsel Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- B. Government Code §54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: General Manager Unrepresented Employee Organization: All Bargaining Groups
- C. 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 10:45 a.m. the Board adjourned to open session

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Coming out of Closed Session President Steve Webb reported that by a vote of 3-0 the Board approved in lieu of a Christmas Party to close the office for Christmas on December 22, 23, and 24, 2014; to issue service awards to employees with 5, 10, 15, etc. of service years at the rate of \$50 per year; and to issue perfect attendance awards in the amount of \$100.

OTHER ACTION ITEM NO. 32

The Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:45 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary