

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
June 7, 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  
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer  
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

Also Present: Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel  
Brandy Barnes, 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. 2**

Robert Frobose was present and stated that it had been quite a while since there was a Board Meeting. He discussed the On-Farm Program and the developments in the Court Hearing.

Damon Woods, 1035 Buckmeadows Drive, Oakdale, commended the District for posting the entire Agenda packet on the web site. He also commented on the redistricting.

Steve John commented on the water conservation program and that he thought it was a great program and helped everyone in the District. You get to redo your land to go forward for the next 100 years and it will assist you as a farmer, lower your taxes because you will

use less water. This benefits the District because the District will have more water to annex, sell more water, it is a win-win program.

Robert Longstreth, Oakdale, also commented on the water conservation program and that he thought it was a great program. The Oakdale community is OID. This program will allow the farmers to receive water at a lower rate, allow the farmers to make their land more efficient which makes more water available in the future.

Mary Alpers, 6200 Snedigar Road, Oakdale stated that she agreed with the two prior speakers. She stated that she is a small, small farmer and she signed up for the program. She stated that it is a win-win situation for everyone and she hopes that it continues.

Frank Rivera Claribel Road stated that he signed up for the program. The Board votes as a Board and stays as a Board whether or not you lose your vote. He stated that his pasture is dead and he has a big loss already. The water is already down the river and we are not getting paid for it and there is something wrong there.

Nate Ludlow who resides on Smith Road stated that he signed up for the program and in good faith did not irrigate and his ground is also dry so this is a loss. OID told us to go for the program. The money is there and now I am behind the eight ball. I am not the big guy, I have 26 acres. I had comments with Linda Santos and she stated that it is more for the bigger guy and I disagree. I am the small guy and it is to help the smaller guy get ahead on their ground.

John Brichetto, Oakdale stated that Nate hit on a good topic about the small guy. He stated that Linda and Gail are on the side of the out-of-district big guys. Ninety-six small and big guys signed up for this program not just the big guys.

Dustin Booth, 9248 Milnes, stated he agreed with everybody who has spoken before. I supported the program and signed up for the program. He stated that his ground is dead and he signed a contract and he would like to see the District live up to that contract.

Travis Dovala, L3 Ranch Rodden Road, stated that he had five acres that he desperately wanted to put into this program. He stated that he did not know what the cost is to everyone else, but he wanted to put in the same flood irrigation and it would cost him about \$12,000 to do and the most that this program would pay him is \$7,000 and that includes the cash benefits. He stated that he is tired of hearing about how someone is going to benefit more than someone else.

Karla Schwoerer stated that to personally attack the Directors like what has been done is not right or proper.

Tom Dunlop stated that the District developed a water plan about seven years ago and entered into a contract with the City. He is concerned that the District is wavering from that plan.

Jeff Hall, 13424 Horseshoe Road, commented that he has owned this property for 26 years and he would like the District to grant his request to reconnect to the District. He stated

that the North Dudley is stubbed into his property. He asked that the District review his request again.

Evan Longstreth, 7431 Gilbert Road, stated that there has been a lot of talk about how OID is being mismanaged. He stated that he works with five other irrigation districts and every year OID has supplied the highest quality, the most volume at the most inexpensive rate for its customers every year. Last year I had two districts that had no water, MID last year had 16 inches of water. If you want to talk about mismanagement you need to talk to other districts. This district is one of the best if not the best in the state and always has been since it was formed. He stated that this water program is a great idea. He stated that it is state mandated; the District is required by the state to put together a program like this and this is a pilot program. This is a one year deal; if it does not work it will not happen again next year.

Manuel Vierra stated that he was there for a friend who was drug in the mud for over \$100,000 of free money. If you are a farmer in OID and you cannot make at least \$1,000 an acre you are not going to last and this program pays about that. This program is about selling the water to help improve their ground. Gary Osmundson is as honest of a man that you will ever meet and he is not in it for nothing more than the rest of us and it is very little.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:26 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Director Santos requested that Item No. 3 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

General Manager Steve Knell requested that Item No. 8 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT ITEM**  
**ITEM NO. 3, 8**

**ITEM NO. 3**  
**APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION**  
**DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

Director Santos stated that she wanted to comment about one of the obligations on the statement and that was the O'Laughlin & Paris LLP attorney fees in the sum of \$30,000.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson and seconded by Director Webb and unanimously supported to open this item up for public comment.

Several members of the public, John Brichetto, Robert Frobose, and Travis Dovala commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson and seconded by Director Doornenbal and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson and seconded by Director Doornenbal to pay O'Laughlin & Paris, LLP the attorney fees in the sum of \$30,000 and was voted as follows:

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

Thereafter, a motion was made by Director Osmundson and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District Statement of Obligations and was voted as follows:

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

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE A COMMENDATION OF SERVICE FOR DISTRIBUTION**  
**SYSTEM OPERATORS URIEL PRADO AND JOSH HAUSKENS-SIMMONS**

On May 14, 2016, two Distribution System Operators, Uriel Prado and Josh Hauskens-Simmons, went above and beyond their call of duty as Distribution System Operators to assist a landowner with her husband who had had a heart attack. They assisted the landowner by calling 911 and gave the husband CPR via instructions from the 911 operator until medical rescue arrived; unfortunately, the gentlemen passed away.

The Distribution System Operators' actions are very noteworthy and the District feels a Commendation for their actions, to be placed in their personnel files, is well warranted.

General Manager Steve Knell pulled this item to elaborate more on noteworthy actions of Distribution System Operators, Uriel Prado and Josh Hauskens-Simmons.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the commendations of service for Distribution System Operators Uriel Prado and Josh Hauskens-Simmons.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**ITEM NOS. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16**

**ITEM NO. 2**

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2016 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2016 and Resolution No. 2016-31.

**ITEM NO. 4**

**APPROVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, 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 APRIL 30, 2016**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2016.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**APPROVE REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO FERC LICENSING OF DON PEDRO AND/OR LAGRANGE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS ON THE TUOLUMNE RIVER**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to enter into and execute the Agreement to Protect Confidentiality of Communications in Settlement Negotiations Related to FERC Licensing of Don Pedro and/or LaGrange Hydroelectric Projects on the Tuolumne River.

**ITEM NO. 7**

**APPROVE DONATION REQUEST OF CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN FUND FOR THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the donation request of Children's Guardian Fund for their annual fundraiser.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW HUSQVARNA**  
**14" CONCRETE RING SAW FROM HD SUPPLY (BUDGETED)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of one (1) new Husqvarna 14" concrete ring saw from HD Supply (Budgeted).

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 05 TO GENERAL**  
**SERVICES AGREEMENT 2013-GSA-029 WITH PACIFIC**  
**STABILIZERS, INC. DBA KBK OILS FOR INCREASE IN RATES**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 05 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-029 with Pacific Stabilizers, Inc. dba KBK Oils for an increase in rates.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 02 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-017 WITH FISHBIO ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC**  
**FOR REVISED HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE AND UPDATED ESTIMATED**  
**COSTS FOR PHASE III OF HONOLULU BAR FLOODPLAIN ENHANCEMENT**  
**PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED AMENDMENTS UNTIL PROJECT COMPLETION**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 02 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-017 with Fishbio Environmental, LLC for revised hourly rate schedule and updated estimated costs for Phase III of Honolulu Bar Floodplain Enhancement Project and associated amendments until project completion.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 03 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**2013-GSA-030 WITH DENNIS WING TRUCKING FOR REVISED RATE SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 03 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-030 with Dennis Wing Trucking for revised rate schedule.

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT AND ENCROACHMENT**  
**PERMIT ON THE CRANE PIPELINE (APN: 062-016-002 – WAGNER)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit and Encroachment Permit on the Crane Pipeline (APN: 062-016-002 – Wagner).

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS ON THE NORTH MAIN AND**  
**WILLS PIPELINE EXTENSION (APNS: 002-063-052/055 – ALDRIN BOATRIGHT LLC)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permits on the North Main and Wills Pipeline Extension (APNS: 002-063-052/055 – Aldrin Boatright LLC).

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**APPROVE ABANDONMENT AND QUITCLAIM OF A PORTION**  
**OF THE LAUGHLIN DRAIN (APNS: 010-018-062/063/064 – THE**  
**CLEMENTE M. RIVERA, JR. FAMILY 2005 TRUST, GREGORY**  
**M. RIVERA, DENNIS A. SHERWOOD AND CYNTHIA R. SHERWOOD)**

A motion as made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Abandonment and Quitclaim of a portion of the Laughlin Drain (APNS: 010-018-062/063/064 – The Clemente M. Rivera, Jr. Family 2005 Trust, Gregory M. Rivera, Dennis A. Sherwood and Cynthia R. Sherwood).

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**APPROVE ABANDONMENT AND QUITCLAIM OF A PORTION OF THE**  
**LUNDGREN LATERAL (APNS: 062-005-030/031/032 – BANDUCCI, FAUBION)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Abandonment and Quitclaim of a portion of the Lundgren Lateral (APNS: 062-005-030/031/032 – Banducci, Faubion).

The above Consent Items passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21**

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVISE**  
**MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES**

On July 2, 2014 the CH2M's (CH2M Hill) Comprehensive Miscellaneous Rates and Charges Study was approved by the Board. The State of California Water Code, Section 22283, provides that the District prescribe reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of Section 22280 et seq.

The District provides many special services for individual or prospective customers. Because these services do not benefit all of the customers of the District, the possibilities of inequitable service exist. These costs are recovered through and by way of charges related

to the services provided. The Miscellaneous Rates and Charges Model was developed to perform the calculations and document the level of effort and costs associated with each charge.

Recently, the Water Committee was asked by several in-district landowners to revisit these charges. Subsequently, the Water Committee recommended that these rates and fees be re-visited by the entire Board.

Options:

1. Rates remain as previously adopted.
2. Continue to update the rates January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. There would be In-District versus Out-of-District rates as follows:
  - a. In-District landowner rates would be at 50% of the labor component plus 100% of any direct costs.
  - b. Out-of-District landowner rates would be at 100% of the rates.
  - c. Some rates will not be subject to the 50% reduction. Refer to page 3 on the attached Miscellaneous Rates & Charges Schedule for clarification.

If Option 2 is selected, a new Resolution will be brought back for board approval.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to open this item up to public comment.

A member of the public Carla Shearer commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the revised Miscellaneous Rates and Charges for Special Charges and to bring the Resolution back to the Board on June 21, 2016 for adoption.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE**  
**2016 TEMPORARY WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT BY AND**  
**BETWEEN OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT/SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN**  
**IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT AND**  
**THE AGREEMENT FOR DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND**  
**PAYMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE**

The attached contract speaks to the terms of the agreement. OID is named as a participant in the contract because the water right is jointly held by OID and SSJID. The Agreement for Division of Responsibility and Payment is a record keeping request of SSJID which OID agrees is useful and beneficial for both parties.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to open this item up to public comment.

A member of the public, Robert Frobose, commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Santos and seconded by Director Altieri to table this agenda item and bring it back to the Board at their next Board Meeting, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Santos, Alteiri  
Noes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson

The motion failed by a 3-2 vote.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director Osmundson to approve the 2016 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement by and Between Oakdale Irrigation District/South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Stockton East Water District and the Agreement for Division of Responsibility and Payment and Authorize the General Manager to Execute, and was voted as follows:

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

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE AND**  
**TRANSPORT CRUSHED ROCK FOR THE OJUSD SCHOOL FARM SITE**

This agenda item was presented to the Board on April 19, 2016 for approval of a donation of approximately 720 tons +/- of ¾ crushed rock and transportation of the rock to the site. The estimated cost for the rock and transportation was approximately \$22,000. Staff was

directed to check with local contractors to get donations or lower prices for the rock and bring it back to the Board. (See attached Board Agenda Report from the April 19, 2016 Board Meeting for details.)

After extensive conversations with the rock quarry and multiple trucking companies asking for donations to assist OID with the donation request, George Reed, Inc. has reduced the per ton price for the ¾ crushed rock from \$17 to \$10.75/ton and GCU Trucking has also reduced their rate to haul the rock to the site with double bottom dumps. It is estimated that the rock and trucking will cost approximately \$12,500.00, final costs will be determined upon delivery to the site. This donation is an unbudgeted item for the community outreach program.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to open this item up to public comment.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the request to provide and transport crushed rock for the OJUSD School Farm Site.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. 20**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO HOLD “SPECIAL**  
**BOARD MEETINGS” IN THE EVENING COMMENCING ON**  
**JUNE 21, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. UNTIL FURTHER ACTION BY THE BOARD**

As part of the Board approved Agency Goals and Objectives for 2016, adopted January 5, 2016 and amended on January 19, 2016, one of the goals and objectives recommended by the Board was to hold evening meetings to afford broader public access and participation opportunities by its constituents.

In fulfillment of this goal, this is being brought to the Board to provide staff direction in this area.

Options include;

- Hold 1 meeting quarterly for the remainder of the year on June 21<sup>st</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>,
- First meeting of the month = day meeting; second meeting = evening meeting

- Shift all meetings to evening meetings
- Other?

The Board could attach a duration to the meeting change and then evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting change regarding public attendance at the end of that period. Also, the Board would have to determine a start time to the meetings.

Meetings would still occur on the first and third Tuesday's of the month.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to open this item up to public comment.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to bring this item back to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to hold the first Board Meeting of the month at 9:00 a.m., and hold the second Board Meeting of the month at 6:00 p.m. until further action by the Board.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. 21**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL**  
**MANAGER TO PREPARE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO KEEP OID**  
**CONSTITUENTS APPRISED OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

In an effort to keep the constituents apprised of developments and activities of the District the General Manager is requesting approval by the Board to prepare a monthly newsletter.

ABS Direct, Inc. prepares the District's monthly Rural Water billing and has been used several times over the years for the preparation of newsletters. We requested an estimate from ABS Direct, Inc. for the printing of a one page newsletter, tri-folded, labeled and mailed. The total estimated project cost is \$3,822.05; \$2,120.05 for printing and associated costs and \$1,702.00 for postage.

Staff recommends that the Board Authorize the General Manager to Prepare a Monthly Newsletter.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to open this item up to public comment.

Two members of the public commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to prepare a monthly newsletter to keep OID constituents apprised of District developments and activities.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSS ITEMS**  
**ITEM NO. 22**

**ITEM NO. 22**  
**DISCUSSION ON STATUS UPDATE**  
**FOR NEW MELONES OPERATIONS FOR 2016**

Water Counsel Tim O’Laughlin of O’Laughlin & Paris, LLP was present and gave an update for New Melons operations for 2016.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NO. 23**

A. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

**Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 489 days without a lost time injury accident.

**Administration Activities**

1. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, at the FFA Awards Banquet, OID was honored with a presentation of the FFA Degree for its efforts in supporting the FFA Program over the years. OID is the “first” agency to have been presented such an honor since the program began back in 1934.
2. City of Oakdale and OID Board members (Webb, Altieri) met to discuss “common interests.” At the June 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting staff will present an overview of those discussions and make recommendations on how our agencies can work together to reduce costs.
3. April 28<sup>th</sup> GM spoke to the Oakdale Realtors Association.
4. ACWA Convention June 3-5. Attended numerous sessions and meetings on the following;
  - An afternoon seminar; Protecting Your Board Meetings from Chaos,
  - An afternoon meeting of the State Water Management Committee,
  - Bureau of Reclamation meeting on basin and state water management issues with regional and DC staff,

- Breakfast meeting with two of Westlands Water District Board members,
  - Meeting with State settlement negotiators and TID, MID and CCSF GM's and legal representatives.
5. Met with Sacramento Valley and SJ River water agencies and POTW's with diversion rights to rivers on May 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss settlement options over the State Water Resource Control Board's release of the their WQCP.

### **Legal Activities**

1. ID 52: ID52 Plaintiffs sued OID over ownership issue of facilities used to serve their parcels. Plaintiffs lost in Superior Court. OID has filed suit to recoup its attorney's fees. Waiting for hearing date to be set by the court.
2. The BBID/WSID Curtailment Case was dismissed last week by the State Water Resource Control Board.
3. OID is one of a number of agencies filing a test claims case against the State of California's issuance of unfunded mandates, i.e. SBx7-7. The group is evaluating next steps after having a negative ruling by the court. CSDA is one of the agencies supporting the groups' action.
4. A CEQA suit was filed by parties claiming injury if OID's On-Farm Conservation Funding Program Pilot Project is allowed to be implemented. OID successfully defeated a TRO action by the Plaintiffs, OGA, Louis Brichetto and Bob Frobose, however after receiving a favorable Tentative Ruling on the Preliminary Injunction proceeding the court reversed its decision and granted in favor of Plaintiffs. The OID will be looking at options in today's closed session on this matter.

### **Construction Activities**

1. C&M crews and equipment are currently working on maintenance activities and JSF's completed by Water Dept. staff.
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. Started to conduct CPR/First Aid/AED training to OID staff.
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 misc. landowner meetings in regards to capital projects and maintenance issues.
6. OID Pest Dept. continues to conduct magnacide applications to OID facilities to reduce aquatic growth issues.
7. School Farm Subcommittee met on 4/27 to discuss scheduling the start of the orchard development and donation request flyers. Next meeting scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Water Operations Activities**

1. Continued to process Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
2. Staff continued to prepare and process several deferred conditions of approval agreements, encroachment agreements and easements in accordance to OID's requirements for continued irrigation on recently completed lot line adjustments and parcel split projects.

3. All work on the On-Farm Conservation Program came to a halt after notice of the preliminary injunction. All previously contracted participants were notified of such on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. Comments from the ACOE were received on the draft easement documents for the proposed tunnel as well as the 2-Mile Bar access road. Staff will review and respond.
5. Fields appropriate for ET monitoring stations within various crops were selected. The associated landowners were contacted to request permission to temporarily stage ETAW stations for the 2016 ETAW monitoring and measurement program in OID's service area. Several contracts were executed and multiple stations have been installed and are actively collecting data.
6. A response to OID's comments on the City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 was received. Staff will review and respond.

### **Ag Water**

1. SCADA integration and commissioning of the new Tulloch Pipeline measurement sites was completed. Installation of a new SCADA tower on the southeast side of the District will begin soon to allow these new sites along with several others in the area to be integrated into OID's existing SCADA system.
2. The first round of tracking water deliveries for volumetric billing up to May 31<sup>st</sup> was completed and forwarded to the Finance Department.
3. Staff met with Rubicon on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss future TCC expansion areas, logistics and schedule in case OID's grant application is successful. Awards are scheduled to be announced in June 2016.
4. The fifth rotation started on or about May 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a 12-day rotation and is anticipated to be followed by another 12-day rotation starting on or about June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Water Utilities**

1. In-house interviews were held for the Water Utilities Technician. Joe Buila, previously OID's Water Utilities Serviceman, was awarded the position. Congratulations Joe.
2. Improvement District No. 41:
  - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
3. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
  - Monthly Coliform Bacteria samples were taken on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. No problems were detected.
4. Domestic Water Systems:
  - All water systems are operating without restrictions.
  - Performed quarterly blow-off valve exercising.
  - Continued testing of all backflow devices in accordance with OID's Cross Connection Control Policy.
  - Conducted inspections of all well head seals and continued replacing them as needed.
5. Rural Water System No. 1:
  - Placed (1) system air vent on Poppy Hills Drive out of operation for repairs.
6. On-Call Activities:
  - Called out to activate the Knights Ferry Pump Station on May 29<sup>th</sup>. See below for details.

7. Knights Ferry Pumping Station:
  - a. On May 29<sup>th</sup> the Knights Ferry Pump Station was placed back into operation due to the lack of surface water reaching the treatment plant.
8. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
  - WUD has been performing weekly routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations. There was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

City of Oakdale/OID Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, April 22, 2016

Personnel Committee, May 9, 2016

- Discussion on Training and Development, Section 5.903 II. B.

**C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Altieri

Director Altieri stated that she was glad that three of Linda and her goals and objectives have been put in place; posting the complete agenda packet on the web, holding evening meetings, and preparing a monthly newsletter.

Director Santos

Director Santos stated that she was surprised to see the entire agenda on the web site on Friday. She stated that the General Manager Steve Knell notified the Directors that it was posted on the web site. It makes more sense to everyone if they can see what we are seeing.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Osmundson

Director Osmundson thanked everyone for coming and challenged everyone to stay involved. He stated that if you like the amount of water that you get and the price you pay for it, you need to stay involved.

Director Webb

Director Webb stated that he is proud of the Oakdale Irrigation District and the constituents that are in attendance. He stated that he is glad to see people come out and be interested. He stated that a majority of the Board works very hard to keep water flowing, to keep the taxes down and to keep the Oakdale Irrigation District ahead of other irrigation district as far as how we think and what we do to make sure that your water gets delivered to all of our constituents in a timely manner.

At the hour of 10:48 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 24**

- A. Government Code §54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator**  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager  
Represented Employee: Non-Exempt Confidential Bargaining Group Employee
- B. Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) - Initiation of Litigation**  
Two (2) Cases
- C. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) - Existing Litigation**  
(1) *Oakdale Groundwater Alliance; Frobose; Brichetto, et al. v. Oakdale Irrigation District*

At the hour of 11:15 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session the General Manager Steve Knell stated the following reportable action:

1. It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Director Altieri and approved by a vote of 5-0 to direct the General Manager to execute a Letter of Agreement submitted in draft on this date, with Denise Freiwald, approving financial assistance under OID Policy 5.903, Training and Development, to obtain her MBA.
2. It was moved by Director Osmundson and seconded by Director Webb and approved by a vote of 5-0 to direct General Counsel to explore whether there was a breach of closed session confidentiality by a Director and to bring back appropriate remedies for Board consideration.
3. It was moved by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director Webb to direct General Counsel to seek a TRO/Preliminary Injunction against Directors Santos and Altieri to preclude them from participating in further closed session discussions related to the matter of *Oakdale Groundwater Alliance, Louis F. Brichetto, Robert N. Frobose, et al. v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al.* (Case Number 2019380), and was voted as follows:

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

The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 16**

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:15 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.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 **June 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11101 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

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Steve Webb, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary