

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Oakdale, California
July 1, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Session at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors: Tom Orvis, President
Ed Tobias, Vice President
Brad DeBoer
Jacob DeBoer
Herman Doornenbal

Staff Present: Scot A. Moody, General Manager
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Thorburn, Water Resources Manager/District Engineer
Joe Kosakiewicz, Construction and Maintenance Manager
Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Manager

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel
Blaine Cox, General Counsel (via Zoom, Closed Session only)
Stefanie Morris, Water Counsel (via Zoom)

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.

The Board welcomed public comments at 9:03 a.m. on items not on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three members of the public who collectively addressed the Board on a matter not on the agenda:

- (1) Ms. Cherilyn Bairos
- (2) Mr. Eric Haidlen
- (3) Ms. Mindy Johnson

The public comment period closed at 9:16 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 1

The following items were scheduled to be approved under the Consent Calendar. However, Item Nos. 2-5 were pulled for separate discussion and action at the request of the Board.

1. Approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2025
2. ~~Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations~~
3. ~~Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations~~
4. ~~Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Five Months Ending May 31, 2025~~
5. ~~Approve Rejection of Claim Submitted by Armando Martinez~~

A motion was made by Director J. DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the above-noted Consent Item No. 1.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2-5

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF
OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE THE OID IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS' STATEMENT OF
OBLIGATIONS

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDING MAY 31, 2025

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the five months ending May 31, 2025.

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE REJECTION OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY ARMANDO MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the rejection of claim submitted by Armando Martinez.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item Nos. 2-5 at 9:24 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed on Item Nos. 2-5 at 9:25 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 6-9

ITEM NO. 6
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE SOUTH SAN
JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE CANYON
TUNNEL PROJECT TO DRILL TECH DRILLING AND SHORING, INC. AS THE
LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Orvis, to authorize South San Joaquin Irrigation District to Award the bid for the Canyon Tunnel Project to Drill Tech Drilling and Shoring, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 6 at 9:35 a.m.

There was one member of the public who addressed the Board on Item No. 6:
(1) Peter Rietkerk, General Manager – South San Joaquin Irrigation District

Public comment closed on Item No. 6 at 9:39 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 7
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE SOUTH SAN
JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING
GROUP FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE
CANYON TUNNEL PROJECT

A motion was made by Director J. DeBoer, and seconded by Director Tobias, to authorize South San Joaquin Irrigation District to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for construction management services for the Canyon Tunnel Project.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 7 at 9:44 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed on Item No. 7 at 9:45 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 8
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO (1) AUTHORIZE SOUTH SAN
JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO THE PROPERTY
PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JIMMY I. MANGANTE REVOCABLE TRUST,
AND (2) APPROVE AND ACCEPT GRANT OF EASEMENTS AND
AGREEMENT FROM JIMMY I. REVOCABLE TRUST FOR THE PROPOSED
CANYON TUNNEL

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer, and seconded by Director J. DeBoer, to (1) authorize South San Joaquin Irrigation District to enter into the Property Purchase Agreement with Jimmy I. Mangante Revocable Trust, and (2) approve and accept Grant of Easements and Agreement from Jimmy I. Mangante Revocable Trust for the proposed Canyon Tunnel.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 8 at 9:47 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed on Item No. 8 at 9:47 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO (1) AUTHORIZE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO THE PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RANCHERIA DEL RIO ESTANISLAUS, LLC, (2) APPROVE AND ACCEPT GRANT OF EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT FROM RANCHERIA DEL RIO ESTANISLAUS, LLC FOR A 50' WIDE TUNNEL EASEMENT AGREEMENT, (3) APPROVE AND ACCEPT TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR A 3.00-ACRE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION LAYDOWN YARD, AND (4) AUTHORIZE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO ACCEPT A GRANT DEED FROM RANCHERIA DEL RIO ESTANISLAUS, LLC FOR 0.57 ACRES ENCOMPASSING THE UPSTREAM PORTAL AREA OF THE PROPOSED CANYON TUNNEL

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Orvis, to (1) authorize South San Joaquin Irrigation District to enter into the Property Purchase Agreement with Rancheria Del Rio Estanislau, LLC, (2) approve and accept Grant of Easement and Agreement from Rancheria Del Rio Estanislau, LLC for a 50' wide tunnel Easement Agreement, (3) approve and accept Temporary Construction Easement Agreement for a 3.00-acre temporary construction laydown yard, and (4) authorize South San Joaquin Irrigation District to accept a grant deed from Rancheria Del Rio Estanislau, LLC for 0.57 acres encompassing the upstream portal area of the proposed Canyon Tunnel.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 9 at 9:50 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed on Item No. 9 at 9:51 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Orvis, Doornenbal, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NOS. 10-13

ITEM NO. 10
DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director B. DeBoer expressed his concerns about the District's financial challenges related to upcoming capital projects and the need to repair aging infrastructure, while also acknowledging circumstances beyond our control and potential increases in insurance and inflation. He believes that a rate increase is necessary, however, he feels that the proposed increase outlined in the study is excessive. Director B. DeBoer concluded by emphasizing the importance of improving the District for future generations and thanking staff and the team at SSJID for their hard work on the Canyon Tunnel project.

Director J. DeBoer echoed Director B. DeBoer's statement, noting that he is thankful for the staff that is leading the conversation around the long-term financial liability of the District. He stated that there was a great conversation during the Board meeting on the previous Wednesday and that he was glad to see the public involved. He concluded by proposing earlier notices on future special meetings that might be of more interest to our stakeholders.

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Tobias stated that we approved a major project with substantial costs, noting that water prices are unlikely to decrease, especially with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and other upcoming initiatives. He mentioned that our General Manager recently stated that we're currently experiencing peak demand. Director Tobias concluded by emphasizing that staff are doing an excellent job and that customers are pleased with our ability to deliver water.

Director Orvis expressed sentiments similar to those of his fellow directors. He requested that Peter Rietkerk (General Manager of SSJID) and Mike Weststeyn (Vice Chair of SSJID) convey our appreciation to their staff for their efforts on the Canyon Tunnel Project at their next Board of Directors meeting. He also thanked Joe Kosakiewicz (Construction and Maintenance Manager) and his team for their work in repairing the laterals this week. Director Orvis reported there has not been a Water Advisory Committee meeting with the County, but significant progress has been made on various SGMA initiatives and stressed the importance of keeping our Board of Supervisors informed about these developments. Additionally, he mentioned that anyone interested in participating in Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) committees – such as those focused on agriculture, energy, or groundwater – should be aware that ACWA will soon release information about committee assignments. Director Orvis concluded by thanking staff for their hard work in keeping water flowing and ensuring employee safety. He expressed his anticipation for the recommendations and discussions that will take place during the Finance Committee meeting following the Board meeting.

ITEM NO. 11 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

ITEM NO. 12 **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES**

General Manager, Scot Moody, reported that a canal lateral burst occurred the previous day due to squirrel holes. He commended Joe and his crew for their prompt response in getting staff on-site and noted that staff are actively working with the affected homeowner. Mr. Moody concluded by noting a productive discussion with Terra-Verde about electrical pricing and energy-related matters.

Director B. DeBoer asked for an update on the Solar Project.

Mr. Moody and Eric Thorburn (Water Resources Manager/District Engineer) reported that PG&E is scheduled to perform a transformer switchover, and the solar panels are expected to be installed by July 14. However, it will still be a few months before the project is complete.

Director B. DeBoer also asked for an update on the architect contract and if any recoverable items have been identified.

Mr. Moody stated that he's has a couple of meetings with Joe and Jake from P&P to review the architect's contract. They are in the process of identifying areas that we might be able to challenge. Preliminary discussions have taken place, and they are currently preparing bullet points to share with General Counsel, after which will be brought back to the Board for further discussion.

Director B. DeBoer concluded by asking for an update on the Albers Road property and whether efforts have been made to place it on the market.

Mr. Moody stated that the property is on his to-do list but due to other pressing priorities, it has not been addressed yet. He confirmed that it will be reviewed and brought forward for further consideration soon.

ITEM NO. 19
WATER COUNSEL REPORT

Stefanie Morris, Water Counsel, reported that Kaweah and Chowchilla GSPs have been released from the State Board and sent back to DWR for them to accept the plan or make additional revisions.

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened to closed session at 10:26 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NOS. 14-17

10:40 a.m. – Blaine Cox, General Counsel, joined the meeting via Zoom.

11:17 a.m. – Blaine Cox, General Counsel, exited the meeting via Zoom.

14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)
One (1) potential case
15. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
Four (4) cases
 - a. County of Stanislaus v. David Anthony Riberio, Oakdale Irrigation District, et al
Superior Court of Stanislaus County
Case No. CV-23-002294
 - b. County of Stanislaus v. Shirley A. Wincentzen, Oakdale Irrigation District, et al
Superior Court of Stanislaus County
Case No. CV-23-001808
 - c. Michael Jerome and Kim Jerome v. Jeffrey Runnels and Lindsey Runnels,
Oakdale Irrigation District, et al
Superior Court of Stanislaus County

Case No. CV-24-002790

- d. Threfall Ranch LP v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al
Superior Court of Stanislaus County
Case No. CV-24-006033

16. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8

- a. Property: Joint Supply Canal Canyon Tunnel
Agency Negotiator: SSJID General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Mangante, Rancheria Del Rio Estanislus, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment of Sale
- b. Property: Water
Agency Negotiator: General Manager, Water Resources Manager/District Engineer, Water Counsel
Negotiating Parties: Modesto Irrigation District, Stanislaus County
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Conditions

17. PERSONNEL MATTER
Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)
One (1) matter

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:56 a.m. Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** Details can be obtained by calling (209) 847-0341.

The next Joint Board Meeting of the **South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts** serving the **Tri-Dam Project** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** in the boardroom at the office of Tri-Dam Project, 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, CA.

Signature on file.

Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors

Attest:

Signature on file.

Scot A. Moody
General Manager/Secretary