

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
March 19, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Special Session at the hour of 8:30 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Tom Orvis, President  
Gail Altieri, Vice President  
Herman Doornenbal  
Linda Santos  
Brad DeBoer

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary  
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager  
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager  
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer  
Kim Bukhari, Human Resource Analyst

Also Present: Fred A. Silva, General Counsel

### **ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no additions or deletion of agenda items.

### **ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE**

Director Orvis stated Action Item No. 9 will be taken out of sequence to follow Public Comment so that the three students can return to school.

At the hour of 8:32 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 2**

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 8:32 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NO. 9**

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**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING REQUEST OF**  
**OJUSD FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SALMON STUDIES PROGRAM**

Krista Smith, the Salmon Coordinator for Oakdale Joint Unified Salmon Studies was present along with three fourth grade students, Easton Thalman, Claire Tolboe and Alli Oliveira.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and was unanimously supported to approve the funding request of OJUSD for continued support of Salmon Studies Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.

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

**ITEM NO. 2**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2019 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2019, and Resolution No. 2019-06.

**ITEM NO. 3**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**  
**OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2019**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 8, 2019.

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

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

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT AND UNAUDITED**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2019**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the Monthly Treasurer Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Month Ending January 31, 2019.

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE MEMBERSHIP/CONTRIBUTION**  
**TO WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the membership/contribution to Water Education Foundation in the sum of \$1,200.

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE AWARD OF BID TO TRI-WEST TRACTOR, INC. FOR ONE (1)**  
**KOBELCO 55SRX-6E COMPACT EXCAVATOR WITH ATTACHMENTS**  
**AND ONE (1) KOBELCO 140 RLC-5 EXCAVATOR WITH ATTACHMENTS**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the award of bid to Tri-West Tractor, Inc. for one (1) Kobelco 55SRX-6E Compact Excavator with attachments and one (1) Kobelco 140 RLC-5 Excavator with attachments.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 009 TO PROFESSIONAL**  
**SERVICES AGREEMENT 2011-PSA-003 WITH BUMGARDNER**  
**BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING TO PROVIDE BIOLOGICAL SERVICE**  
**FOR THE KEARNEY LATERAL SIPHON REALIGNMENT PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 009 to Professional Services Agreement 2011-PSA-003 with Bumgardner Biological Consulting to provide biological services for the Kearney Lateral Siphon Realignment Project.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 10, 11, 12**

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE STAFF**  
**DIRECTION ON PROVIDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT WATER TO**  
**LOCAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USERS SERVED BY OID IN 2019**

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri to make water available in 2019 to local out-of-district lands and direct Staff to file a categorical exemption under CEQA.

The motion and second opened up the item for discussion by the Board and the public.

Following discussion, Director Santos amended her motion.

A motion as made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri and was unanimously supported to make water available in 2019 to local out-of-district lands.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTON TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION**  
**APPROVING THE 2019 AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING TERMS**  
**AND CONDITIONS FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDS OUTSIDE OAKDALE**  
**IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR THE WATER YEAR 2019 AND**  
**AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos and was unanimously supported to adopt the Resolution Approving the 2019 Agreement Establishing Terms and Conditions for Irrigation of Lands Outside Oakdale Irrigation District Boundaries for the Water Year 2019 and set the 2019 water rate for out-of-district lands at \$80.00/af and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreements.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE**  
**RESOLUTION FINDING THE SOUTH MAIN CANAL SEGMENT 4**  
**LONG TERM REPAIRS PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT**  
**UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Finding the South Main Canal Segment 4 Long Term Repairs Project Categorically Exempt Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**DISCUSSION**  
**ITEM NO. 13**

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**DISCUSSION ON THE REVISED IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE  
AND RELATED FEES POLICY OF THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

General Manager Steve Knell stated that if any of the Directors have any additional comments on the Revised Irrigation Water Service and Related Fees Policy to contact the Chief Financial Officer Sharon Cisneros. General Manager Steve Knell stated that if no additional comments are received, the policy will be brought back as an action item on the next Board Agenda.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NO. 14**

**A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

General Manager Steve Knell discussed the status of the water in New Melones.

Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that the District is going to start bringing in water on March 21, 2019 and begin irrigation water deliveries with an 18-day rotation beginning on Monday, March 25, 2019.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ESJGA Ad Hoc Committee, March 14, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.

Directors Doornenbal and Orvis discussed the ESJGA Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. The Directors met with Attorney Valerie Kincaid, General Manager Steve Knell, Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn, and Associate Engineer Emily Sheldon to develop some common ground principles for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the ESJGA.

**D. DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Altieri

Director Altieri stated that she believed her rain gauge at her house showed 24" of rain since November.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Santos

Director Santos had no comments.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer had no comments.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis stated that the District is moving forward with some things that were set out as individual goals. He stated that the Board and staff will be doing some team building and Director Orvis thinks that everyone is trying to clean up some things of the past and move forward. He stated that he appreciates everything that everyone has done.

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

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 15**

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

Negotiating Parties:       OID, SSJID, SEWD  
Property:                    Water  
Agency Negotiators:       General Manager and Water Counsel  
Under Negotiations:        Price and Terms

**B. Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Anticipated Litigation**

Significant Exposure to Litigation One (1) Case

**C. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) - Existing Litigation**

Oakdale Irrigation District v. Linda Santos, Gail Altieri, et al.

General Manager Steve Knell pulled Item B. from the Closed Session.

General Counsel Fred Silva requested that Director Santos and Director Altieri leave the Board Room for discussion of Closed Session Item C. Director Santos and Director Altieri refused to leave the Board Room.

At the hour of 10:02 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session. There was no reportable action coming out of closed session.

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

At the hour of 10:03 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Special Joint Board Meeting of the **South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts** serving the **Tri-Dam Projects** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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Thomas D. Orvis, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary