

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
October 7, 2014

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.

Absent: Jack D. Alpers
Frank Clark

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 9:01 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Tom Orvis with the Stanislaus Farm Bureau advised the Board that Tim Quinn from ACWA would be addressing the Board of Directors at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Meeting that evening. He also stated that members of the WAC Committee have asked the coalition to look into the possibility of being the third party representative if any groundwater monitoring is required by the state. He further stated that Supervisor DeMartini had expressed that he would like a moratorium placed on well drilling and Supervisor Withrow will present his request at the WAC meeting tomorrow night.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:05 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Director Doornenbal requested that item No. 5 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2014-70

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 September 16, 2014 and Resolution No. 2014-70.

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE 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 ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITOL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the following Assignment of Capitol Work Order Numbers:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Lower Cometa Lateral	Remove and replace Headgate with 48" Rubicon Shortbox SlipMeter, modify existing structure sill wall and install concrete pad for SlipMeter pedestal.	\$96,800	2014-058
West Thalheim Pipeline	Remove and upgrade approximately 880 LF pipeline with 30" 100 PSI PIP PVC, 4 – turnouts including 3 – Type 1 turnout boxes and necessary appurtenances.	\$266,300	2014-061
Hirschfeld Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout gate with 30" Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$4,100	2014-062
Stowell Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout including a precast MBI structure, 24" Fresno 101C slide gate, 24" concrete connection collar, 24" starter coupler, stilling well and approximately 20 LF of 24" 100 PSI PIP PVC.	\$17,500	2014-063
Union Pipeline	Remove and upgrade approximately 450 LF of pipeline with 30" 100 PSI PIP PVC.	\$91,100	2014-064

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Campbell Lateral	Remove and upgrade 2 – turnouts and approximately 70 LF of concrete liner to include 2 – precast MBI structures, 2 – 18” Fresno 101C slide gates, concrete liner, 2 – stilling well assemblies, 60 LF of 18” 100 PSI PIP PVC and miscellaneous appurtenances.	\$75,400	2014-065
Albers No. 1 Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout including a precast MBI structure, 12” Fresno 101C slide gate, 12” starter coupler, stilling well, 2 – PVC elbows, approximately 40 LF of 12” 100 PSI PIP PVC and miscellaneous appurtenances.	\$13,000	2014-066
Town C Pipeline	Remove, relocate and upgrade pipeline to include approximately 80 LF of 100 PSI PIP PVC, PVC tee, 3 – starter couplers, 2 – inline valves, 2 – thrust blocks and 2 – air vent assemblies.	\$41,100	2014-067
Albers No. 1 Lateral	Remove and upgrade 3 – turnout gates inside the existing concrete structure with 2 – 24” and 1 – 42” Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$13,400	2014-068
<u>Revised work order</u>			
Brichetto/Mootz Lateral	Installation of 2-FlumeGates and 2-sill walls and relocation of the existing Keeley Pipeline Headgate to include a new SlipMeter and 2 – new structure walls.	\$366,600 <i>(revised from \$272,400)</i>	2013-035

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION
NO. 2002-108, POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD AGENDAS

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve rescission of Resolution No. 2002-108, Policy for Development of Board Agendas.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 043 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-015 WITH GIULIANI & KULL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES TO CREATE AN IRRIGATION EASEMENT FOR THE TOWN “E” PIPELINE

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 043 to the Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-015 with Giuliani & Kull, Inc. for professional services to create an irrigation easement for the Town “E” Pipeline.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE DELIVERY OF CATTLE WATER IN THE
COMETA LATERAL (APN: 002-052-001 – HYACINTH GROUP, LP)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the delivery of cattle water in the Cometa Lateral (APN: 002-052-001 – Hyacinth Group, LP).

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION
OF DROGE DRAIN (APN: 207-190-09 – BOYD)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve abandonment of a portion of Droge Drain (APN: 207-190-09 – Boyd).

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON
THE KEELEY PIPELINE (APN: 063-029-052 – DE VISSER)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Keeley Pipeline (APN: 063-029-052 – de Visser).

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 5, 11, 12, 13, 14

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE REJECTION OF CLAIM
FOR DAMAGES FILED BY JOE DUTRA, JR.

Joe Dutra, Jr. was present at the Board Meeting and discussed the flooding situation on his property and expressed his concern about this continuing to occur. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that the District had met with SSJID and were taking care of the problem.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to reject the Claim for Damages filed by Joe Dutra, Jr. and forward to ACWA/JPIA for handling.

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL
MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH MARIA D. LOGER OUTLINING
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BORROW MATERIAL

Over the course of the past month, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) Support Services Manager has been working with Maria Loger regarding a site for borrow material on the above noted APN. Borrow material is essential to the daily activities of the Support

Services Department as well as maintaining and rebuilding OID's earthen canals and splitting canal banks. The borrow material on this parcel has been reviewed as a conducive type of material needed for OID's operations. Attached to this agenda item is the Agreement between OID and Maria Loger. OID is purchasing approximately 13,500 yds³ of borrow material stockpiled for a cost of \$3 per yard. After one year from the date of invoice received from Maria Loger, OID will pay \$2k per acre per year for the acreage that the stockpile and the access road consume.

As of June 6, 2014, there is approximately 76,000 yds³ of borrow material remaining in the current stockpile at the Brunk site. OID's annual average use of borrow material is 37,000 yds³. At this rate, the current borrow material site will be depleted in 2016. Borrow material sites are becoming more difficult to find due to the high conversion to permanent crops (trees) within the OID.

This is an unbudgeted expense for 2014.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement with Maria D. Loger outlining the terms and conditions for the purchase of borrow material.

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL
MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH KIMBER MARTIN OUTLINING
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BORROW MATERIAL

Over the course of the past month, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) Support Services Manager has been working with Kimber Martin regarding a site for borrow material on the above noted APN. Borrow material is essential to the daily activities of the Support Services Department as well as maintaining and rebuilding OID's earthen canals and splitting canal banks. The borrow material on this parcel has been reviewed as a conducive type of material needed for OID's operations. Attached to this agenda item is the Agreement between OID and Kimber Martin. OID is purchasing approximately 121,500 yds³ of borrow material stockpiled for a cost of \$3 per yard. As requested by the landowner and noted in the attached Agreement, OID will pay 75% of the invoice in 2014 and the remaining 25% in 2015. The borrow material noted in this Agreement will be stockpiled on the adjacent parcel owned by Maria Loger as outlined in the Maria Loger Agreement.

As of June 6, 2014, there is approximately 76,000 yds³ of borrow material remaining in the current stockpile at the Brunk site. OID's annual average use of borrow material is 37,000 yds³. At this rate, the current borrow material site will be depleted in 2016. Borrow material sites are becoming more difficult to find due to the high conversion to permanent crops (trees) within the OID.

This is an unbudgeted expense for 2014.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement with Kimber Martin outlining the terms and conditions for the purchase of borrow material.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
RENEWAL OF DELTA DENTAL PLAN INSURANCE COVERAGE

The District's pooled Delta Dental insurance coverage through ACWA JPIA will renew on January 1, 2015. The coverage period is January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. There is a 5% *decrease* in premiums for this coverage period. The plan premiums are below:

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employee + One</u>	<u>Family</u>
ACWA JPIA monthly rates - current	\$36.02	\$75.28	\$137.70
ACWA JPIA monthly rates – renewal 2015	\$34.33	\$71.63	\$130.93

Open enrollment will be conducted upon approval of this renewal.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the renewal of Delta Dental Plan Insurance coverage.

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
RENEWAL OF VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COVERAGE

The District's pooled vision insurance coverage (Vision Service Plan) through ACWA JPIA will renew on January 1, 2015. The coverage period is January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. There are no premium increases. The plan premiums are:

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employee + One</u>	<u>Family</u>
ACWA JPIA 2015 monthly rates	\$21.32	\$21.32	\$21.32

Open enrollment will be conducted upon approval of this renewal.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the renewal of Vision Service Plan Insurance coverage.

ITEM NO. 15
COMMUNICATIONS

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

General Manager Steve Knell stated that a local motorist filed an anonymous complaint with Cal/OSHA claiming that the District was working in a trench and did not have a trench box on site. Cal/OSHA came out to the site and conducted a 2.5 hour compliance audit at

the Morrison pipeline project and did not issue one citation. The General Manager commended Construction & Maintenance Manager Jason Jones and his crew as well as the District's Safety Coordinator Derek Davis.

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 522 days without a lost time injury accident.

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. Two –Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) –There is no change from last report. An email was sent to the project coordinator but there was no response. Staff has completed all responses to the questions generated by the public and the Corps of Engineers (Corps). The Corps is still waiting on the US Fish and Wildlife and the California State Historic Preservation Office to concur with the Corps' findings. The Planning Department of the Corps is in contact with each of these agencies weekly for any questions and/or agreement. The Corps cannot issue the FONSI until these two responses have been received. There is no change in the status.
2. Paulsell Valley Rehabilitation Project – The District is waiting for a response on what the Landowners would like to do. The Board denied paying the 50% cost sharing for the feasibility study the Landowners wanted.
3. Trinitas Paulsell Valley Option – After the August 29th meeting and the Board providing the Direction to draft an agreement for the Paulsell Lateral Expansion, an agreement was drafted and sent to the District's counsel. The District is waiting on word from the attorney. The agreement states Trinitas will pay for all improvements necessary to increase the capacity of the Paulsell Lateral from 30 cfs to 45 cfs. City of Oakdale Water Recycling Project – A project description was developed and reviewed. No work was performed on this period on this project,
4. Rubicon Expansion (TCC) Project – Davids Engineering was given a Work Release to sign and return. Davids Engineering has started the project development and schedule to facilitate the grant application process. This should be completed within two weeks.
5. Fuel Tank Replacement Project – Banks & Associates mobilized on September 16th and completed the project on September 18th.
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. C&M crews and equipment operators are addressing minor issues on OID facilities, routine maintenance tasks and JSF's generated by Water Dept. staff.
2. Preparing and conducting employee evaluations.
3. Reviewing project close out folders for this past winter's projects.
4. Reviewing and processing JSF's generated by Water Ops. Dept. staff.
5. Assisting Water Ops./Engineering Dept. with various assigned tasks.
6. Posted in house for three vacant C&M Workers.
7. Morrison Pipeline Project – OID forces have crossed Sonora Road with the installation of the pipeline and are now laying pipe through the Eakin parcel.
8. Preparation continues for the upcoming construction/maintenance season.

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. 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 draft Record of Survey is currently being reviewed by the County to allow it to be officially recorded and referenced thereafter as an exhibit in the final Encroachment Agreement.
3. Installation of the overhead facilities and pulling of the wire is set to be scheduled for completion by PG&E.
4. Attended the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on September 25th. Walt indicated that the Stanislaus County BOS will be considering a water well moratorium at the president's request along with a proposal to complete a GW data & management plan for the east side.
5. Continued to process Request for Work Approvals, plans and cost estimates as needed for construction and maintenance projects.
6. Landowner meetings continued with the C&M Manager and Engineering Dept. staff in order to finalize and/or proceed with construction plans and specifications for 2014-15 winter projects.

Aq Water

1. Continued to research and respond to numerous miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
2. SCADA maintenance continued on automated and remote monitoring sites.
3. The Water Operations Manager and Support Services Manager provided a tour and overview of the OID's TCC and SCADAConnect system for a few Colorado Ditch Company employees.
4. The Water Operations Manager attended a meeting with the BOR on September 24th to discuss the New Melones Revised Plan of Operations. Several concerns with the BOR modeling and proposed operations plan were provided by OID's legal counsel.
5. The DSOs and Supervisors continued to work with farmers district-wide to document, minimize and address various irrigation, drainage and conveyance issues.
6. OID's total diversions for the 2013/14 water season were approximately 201,500 acre-feet. With implementation of level II water shortage procedures and improved water management by both OID staff and constituents, 2013/14 diversions were 44,000 acre feet less than that diverted last irrigation season.
7. The 2014-15 water season began on October 1st. One opportunity for water will be provided in October before it is pulled for the winter on or about Friday, October 10th.

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.

- Performed bi-annual replacement of the well head air vent filters.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Completed bi-annual fire hydrant inspection and flushing program.
 - Completed bi-annual street valve exercising program.
 - Completed bi-monthly exercising and flushing of distribution system air/vacuum relief valves.
 - Completed bi-monthly flushing of the distribution system blow off valves.
 4. Rural Water System No. 1:
 - Staff continues replacing water meters as part of the WUD's annual meter replacement program.
 5. Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan:
 - The final water quality samples for the 2014 Irrigation Season were collected on Wednesday, September 17th.
 6. On-Call Activities:
 - Nothing to Report.
 7. Irrigation 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 other than the items listed below:
 - Brady River Pump is locked out and out of service due to low water levels.
 - South Main #2 Deep Well Pump experienced a PG&E transformer failure on Friday, September 26th as a result for the rain showers on September 25th. Repairs were made and the site was returned to service.
 - Gambini River Pump – Replaced flow meter.
 - Crawford River Pump – Installed rebuilt flow meter.

B. WATER COUNSEL'S REPORT ON STATUS OF WATER ACTIVITIES

Water Counsel Tim O'Laughlin gave the Board an update on water activities.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Meetings.

D. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal thanked Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn and his DSOs for a great irrigation season. He stated that he has not received one phone call regarding the lack of water by his constituents.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos asked if the District has ever conducted an inspection of the rocks and high hazard areas for falling rocks downstream of Goodwin. General Manager Steve Knell stated that SSJID performed some scaling of the rocks on their side of the canal, but the District has not done any scaling. Director Bairos expressed concern about a large rock on the north side of the Canal which is being undermined. General Manager Steve Knell

stated that he should discuss his concern at the Tri-Dam Meeting since the rock was located on the SSJID side of the canal.

Director Webb

Director Webb had no comments.

At the hour of 10:00 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

ITEM NO. 16
CLOSED SESSION

- A. Government Code §5496.9 Existing Litigation**
Mesker v. OID

- B. Government Code §5496.9(b) Anticipated Litigation**
One (1) Case

At the hour of 11:46 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Webb stated that there was no reportable action.

ITEM NO. 17
OTHER ACTION

The Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:46 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 21, 2014 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, October 16, 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