

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
October 20, 2015

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. The following Directors were present:

Directors: Steve Webb, President  
Herman Doornenbal, Vice President  
Frank Clark  
Al Bairos, Jr.  
Gary Osmundson

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary  
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer  
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**

Travis Davalo, L3 Ranch, 11727 Rodden Road, Oakdale, was present and stated that he would like the Board to look into placing a copy of the full agenda packet on the web site and/or a copy available for those that request it. He thanked the water department as well as the construction and maintenance department for a job well done this year. He also thanked the District for receiving an allotment of 44” this year compared to other Districts who received only 36” or less.

Robert Frobose, who resides at 4333 Claus Road, Modesto, California was present and discussed the water release that occurred at the Tri-Dam Meeting on September 17,

2015. He also discussed the "Open Letter" prepared by the Oakdale Irrigation District that was printed in the Modesto Bee.

Barney Leard, 11727 Rodden Road, Oakdale was present and stated that he only had one question; what is wrong with making money these days? He stated that the 23,000 acre feet had to be sent down the river for the fish and if the Board is smart enough to get money for the water that that is a plus on their side. He stated that he thinks the District has done a really good job.

Tom Dunlop was present and congratulated the Board on keeping the water this year. He stated that staff and his DSOs were very helpful with keeping him informed on the status of his water. He stated that he was prepared for the state and/or the feds to take the water. He congratulated the Board on reaching an agreement with the state and protecting the District's water rights and having a fairly decent year. He also congratulated the Board on sticking with the water plan that was established in 2000 even though we have experienced four years of a drought.

Lisa Vanderveer was present and stated that she leases property on Orange Blossom as well as owning property outside the District. She stated that the DSO's did a great job this year. She also stated that the District is not giving the public an opportunity to comment on issues that occur in the District and there needs to be more communication between the District and its constituents.

John Brichetto was present and stated the he has attended a majority of the meetings for the past 25 years and has watched the financials and water plan. It came of no surprise to him that the District sold water; the District has been selling water for 15 to 20 years and it is in the District's plan which states that the sale of water provides a major segment of the income to improve the District's facilities. He stated that the public misses this information when they have not been following the meetings. He thinks that a newsletter needs to go out more frequently explaining things so that the constituents can see what is happening. He stated that the community needs to get together and work forward and together rather than having all of this in fighting.

Ken Krause, who resides at Wamble Road was present and stated that he was told during the mid-part of the summer that the District would be offering water in October; however, it was the DSO that told him that the October water would go against the next year's water. He stated that this information needs to be provided to the public.

There being no further public comment, public comment closed at 9:20 a.m.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16**

**ITEM NO. 2**

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2015 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2015-72, 2015-73, 2015-74 2015-75, 2015-76, 2015-77, 2015-78 and 2015-79**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2015 and Resolution Nos. 2015-72, 2015-73, 2015-74, 2015-75, 2015-76, 2015-77, 2015-78, and 2015-79.

**ITEM NO. 3**

**APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

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

**ITEM NO. 4**

**APPROVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Improvement District Statement of Obligations.

**ITEM NO. 5**

**APPROVE THE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2015.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 002 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2013-GSA-054 WITH C. A. REDING COMPANY, INC. FOR REVISED RATE SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 002 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-054 with C. A. Reding Company, Inc. for revised rate schedule.

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE 051 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-015 WITH GIULIANI & KULL, INC. FOR**  
**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A STORM WATER**  
**POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP) FOR THE KUHN PIPELINE PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release 051 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-015 with Giuliani & Kull, Inc. for professional services to develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Kuhn Pipeline Project.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 015 TO GENERAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2013-GSA-032 WITH NORTH STEEL, INC. FOR**  
**CUTTING, BENDING, AND PLACEMENT OF REBAR FOR A TYPE**  
**ONE TURNOUT STRUCTURE ON THE TOWN E PIPELINE PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 015 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-032 with North Steel, Inc. for Cutting, Bending, and Placement of Rebar for a type one turnout structure on the Town E Pipeline Project.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 016 TO GENERAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2013-GSA-032 WITH NORTH STEEL, INC. FOR**  
**CUTTING, BENDING, AND PLACEMENT OF REBAR FOR A STANDARD**  
**DROP STRUCTURE ON THE KUHN LATERAL DROP REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 016 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-032 with North Steel, Inc. for Cutting, Bending, and Placement of Rebar for a standard drop structure on the Kuhn Lateral Drop Replacement Project.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION FINDING THE KUHN PIPELINE PROJECT**  
**EXEMPT UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Finding the Kuhn Pipeline Project Exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT**  
**ON THE CAVILL DRAIN (APN: 062-027-003 – SILVA)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Cavill Drain (APN: 062-027-003 – Silva).

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE**  
**PALMER LATERAL (APN: 064-032-076 – RICHARD B. ARDIS AND**  
**ALIDA V. ARDIS REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2004)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Palmer Lateral (APN: 064-032-076 – Richard B. Ardis and Alida V. Ardis Revocable Family Trust dated November 18, 2004).

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT ON THE**  
**PALMER LATERAL (APN: 064-032-076 – RICHARD B. ARDIS AND**  
**ALIDA V. ARDIS REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2004)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Palmer Lateral (APN: 064-032-076 – Richard B. Ardis and Alida V. Ardis Revocable Family Trust dated November 18, 2004).

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE PALMER**  
**LATERAL (APN: 064-032-053 – JAMES A. LUTZ AND**  
**EMMA JEAN LUTZ FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 1999)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Palmer Lateral (APN: 064-032-053 – James A. Lutz and Emma Jean Lutz Family Trust dated March 11, 1999).

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF A DEDICATED**  
**IRRIGATION EASEMENT (APNS: 010-046-031/032 –**  
**GOFORTH, GROHL, BIGLIERI-POFF, HARAK-MCINTYRE)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve abandonment of a dedicated irrigation easement (APNS: 010-046-031/032 – Goforth, Grohl, Biglieri-Poff, Harak-McIntyre).

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**APPROVE QUITCLAIM OF A DEDICATED**  
**IRRIGATION EASEMENT (APNS: 010-046-031/032 –**  
**GOFORTH, GROHL, BIGLIERI-POFF, HARAK-MCINTYRE**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Quitclaim of a dedicated irrigation easement (APNS: 010-046-031/032 – Goforth, Grohl, Biglieri-Poff, Harak-McIntyre).

The above consent items, with the exception of Item No. 07 passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors, Webb, Doornenbal, Clark, Bairos, Osmundson
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**NOS. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21**

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO**  
**APPROVE REFUNDING THE 2015 DROUGHT SURCHARGE**

On April 21, 2015, the District adopted a Resolution to Implement the Drought Surcharge during the 2015 Irrigation Season to offset additional pumping costs and other ancillary expenses that were not budgeted and that the District would incur because of the drought.

During the 2015 irrigation season, the District pumped 40% less water than it did in the 2014 irrigation season. Hence, the pumping costs (\$423K) for the 2015 irrigation season are covered in the original District's 2015 budget of \$600K, hence a refund is in order.

Staff recommends refunding all parcels charged the 2015 Drought Surcharge (excluding any penalties that may have applied.) All drought surcharges that were sent to the counties to be added to the tax rolls will be the responsibility of the current parcel owner to pay.

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

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously approved refunding the 2015 drought surcharge.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors, Webb, Doornenbal, Clark, Bairos, Osmundson  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION**  
**SETTING AG WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND**  
**MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2016**

Staff sent letters to all landowners of each agricultural water system improvement districts during the month of September. The attached resolution provides for setting 2016 ID Operation and Maintenance (O&M) rates. It is anticipated that these O & M rates are sufficient to cover the current year's anticipated expenditures, as well as next year's anticipated expenditures.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve Resolution Setting Ag Water System Improvement District Operation and Maintenance charges and Other Related Charges for the Year 2016.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors, Webb, Doornenbal, Clark, Bairos, Osmundson  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A**  
**RESOLUTION DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO**  
**CONSOLIDATE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOS. 45 AND 49**

On February 4, 2015, a meeting was held with the Improvement District No. 45 (ID 45) and Improvement District No. 49 (ID 49) memberships to discuss:

- Instructions received from the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources and the State of California Department of Public Health to merge the two water systems, and
- Changes to the Operation & Maintenance and Capital Replacement Fund rates structures.

A letter was issued on March 2, 2015 (copy attached) informing the ID 45 and ID 49 memberships that it was the consensus of the members in attendance at the meeting to approve the merger of the two systems and to authorize OID to proceed with having legal

counsel draft new formation papers for ID 45 which would include the merger of ID 49 and the new rate structures.

The consolidation process requires several steps:

1. Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Rate Changes (Prop 218 Notice)
2. Adoption of this Resolution of Intention to Consolidation and set a public hearing date.
3. Publish and posting of the notice of hearing once a week for two successive weeks.
4. Hold public hearing and adopt Proposed Rate Changes.
5. Hold public hearing and adopt the Resolution to Consolidate.
6. Publish and posting of the Notice of Adoption of Resolution to Consolidate once a week for two successive weeks.
7. The Resolution to Consolidation becomes final on the 91<sup>st</sup> day after the completion of publication and posting, and then filed with the Secretary of State.

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution of Intention to Consolidate ID 45 and ID 49, and setting a hearing date on November 17, 2015 for Consolidation.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve Resolution Declaring its Intention to Consolidate Improvement District Nos. 45 and 49.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors, Webb, Doornenbal, Clark, Bairos, Osmundson
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

**ITEM NO. 20**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE**  
**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH CEQA INITIAL STUDY FOR 2015**  
**APPLICATIONS FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDS OUTSIDE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The decision on Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) Out-of-District water availability is made annually prior to the start of the irrigation season. At this time OID needs to complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to account for any potential Out-of-



District water sales during the 2016 irrigation season. To date OID has received 13 Applications for Irrigation of Lands Outside District Boundaries (Out-of-District Applications) for 2016. The applicants will be required to have a new or modified turnout structure with flow meter installed to comply with OID's standards and specifications for measurement at the delivery point. OID Staff has prepared cost estimates for the turnout construction/modification for each applicant, inclusive of a CEQA processing deposit.

The attached Resolution does not approve any 2016 Out-of-District Applications; it allows OID Staff to proceed with preparing an Initial Study in accordance with CEQA to determine if the project will have any significant environmental impacts. Completion of the CEQA process at this time will allow for the Board of Directors to decide on the 2016 Out-of-District water availability before the start of the 2016 irrigation season.

Staff recommends approving the attached Resolution to direct OID Staff to begin the processing the CEQA Initial Study for all 2016 Out-of-District Applications that are received. Staff will be available to answer any additional questions that the Board may have.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Resolution to Proceed with CEQA Initial Study for 2015 Applications for Irrigation of Lands Outside District Boundaries.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors, Webb, Doornenbal, Clark, Bairos, Osmundson
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

**ITEM NO. 21**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL**  
**OF KAISER PERMANENTE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**  
**EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015 AND AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT**  
**TO PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE**  
**EARLY RENEWAL PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016**

As of January 1, 2016, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) re-defines "small employers" as businesses with 100 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees. California has enacted legislation to align state law with this federal rule, which means businesses with up to 100 full-time employees will not be considered small groups at their 2016 renewal.

This means that the District will be considered a small group at their May 1, 2016 renewal. With this change, the rates would become "age-rated," which means that each employee, their spouse, and dependents would be rated by age.

At the October 6, 2015 Board Meeting, the Board approved renewal with Kaiser on December 1, 2015, and requested that the Finance Committee review any potential impacts to the District and its employees.

The Finance Committee met on October 14, 2015 and discussed the risks associated with being defined as a Small Group of 2-100 employees under the ACA effective January 1, 2016. A May 1, 2016 renewal as a Small Group Employer will have significant plan changes that will affect every employee.

The Finance Committee also discussed the likelihood that the Federal and State governments will change back to a Small Group Employer definition of 2-50 employees. If this were to occur before May 1, 2016, the District would remain as a Large Group Employer. According to TSM Insurance Brokers, the minimum premium increase will be 3% with a potential to be more, based on group experience.

The premium increase for an early renewal on December 1, 2015 would be 3.1% with no plan changes.

Recognizing that an early renewal would affect employees paying the 3% increase 5-months early, the Committee recommended that the District cover the added costs for the early renewal for the 5-months (Dec 2015, Jan. 2016-Apr. 2016.) Then effective May 1, 2016, the added cost will be passed-on to the employees as per their MOUs.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve renewal of Kaiser Permanente Health Insurance coverage effective December 1, 2015 and authorize the District to pay for the additional costs associated with the early renewal period of December 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors, Webb, Doornenbal, Clark, Bairos, Osmundson
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

## **ITEM NO. 22** **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

General Manager deferred to Water Counsel, Tim O’Laughlin, to give a summary on water issues.

#### **Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 258 days without a lost time injury accident.

### **Administration Activities**

1. On-Farm Conservation Program CEQA work continues with CH2M Hill.
2. Jeff Shields, GM SSJID, last day on the job is October 16<sup>th</sup>. OID wishes Jeff the best in his retirement.
3. High School Ag Advisory Board meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>.
4. OID Benefits Fair on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
5. Harassment Training for supervisors and managers to be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. Received a "thank you" from Del Puerto Irrigation District's General Manager on the water release. They received 1,000 af of the 23,000 af release.

### **Legal Activities**

1. ID 52 Lawsuit: Plaintiffs brief is due on October 15 to the appellate court. Their attorney has asked the Court for a few extensions, which is common. His last request for extension was based on the fact that he was new to the case and had to review five years of documents. After OID Counsel gets their brief, they will submit a reply and the Court will likely calendar it for oral arguments. Then, the Court will issue its opinion. That can take a few months or a few days depending on the case.
2. The SJTA's recommendation is to continue in the curtailment case in order to seek a declaration that the State Water Board cannot curtail water rights in a general watershed manner without first providing due process to those stakeholders subject to curtailment. That effort is continuing. In addition,

In addition, we will remain a party in the consolidated/coordinated matter of the ongoing cases against the other irrigation districts to ensure the enforcement and jurisdiction issues do not affect SJTA interests.

3. There are no other legal issues pending in which OID is involved.

### **Construction Activities**

1. C&M crews and equipment operators started the construction/maintenance season with refresher safety training on 10/14 and commenced working on OID facilities and Projects on 10/15.
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.
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. OID completed the dirt placement at the OPD shooting range on 10/9.
6. Pest Dept. started applications of Capstone on 10/13. Capstone is used to eliminate berry issues within OID easements/ROWs.
7. Conducting multiple landowner meetings for present and future Capital Projects.
8. ACWA/JPIA will be conducting an all-day training session at OID with OID employee's on 10/29. The two courses being taught are: Trenching/Excavation and Flagger/Traffic Control.

## **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. Processed Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
3. Preparation of the legal description and maps of lands to be annexed continued.
4. Continued to respond and comment on several requests for information and proposed parcel splits and lot line adjustments.
5. An updated draft water balance was provided for review by Davids Engineering and work on the 2015 AWMP update continued to stay on track for completion, public review/comment and adoption by the end of the year.
6. The radio study for a potential repeater site on the east side of the District was completed on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Results appear positive, but a full analysis is being prepared for staff's review.
7. Review of the documentation resubmitted by OID to support an informal consultation process as part of the NEPA review for the 2 Mile Bar Tunnel easement acquisition across the USACOE's property continued. An update and a timeline for completion is expected during the next conference call.
8. A second round of landowner meetings was completed to proceed with easement acquisition and coordination of the proposed construction of the Kuhn Lateral Pipeline this winter.
9. Engineering staff attended the Eastern SJ GW Basin Authority Workgroup to discuss options for complying with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-Basin (ESJB).

### **Aq Water**

1. SCADA personnel prepared for the winter maintenance season and completed winterization of the boundary outflow sites once water was pulled from the system the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. SCADA/IT staff continued to work with Water Operations personnel to make updates, modifications and corrections to the new STORM volumetric tracking and billing application data.
3. Volumetric tracking and billing data wrapped up for the 2015 water season and final review and preparation for mailing was completed for all DSO divisions.
4. City of Oakdale staff provided a draft out of boundary service agreement between the City and OID on behalf of ID 41. The agreement will now be reviewed by OID staff before being forwarded to legal counsel.
5. The first rotation of the 2015-16 water season was completed on or about October 12<sup>th</sup>. Winterization, tool and truck check in/out and C&M training followed through October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41:
  - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.

- The new VFD motor control panel was installed at Pumping Station No. 2 on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. There was no interruption in water service to the system during the installation.
  - Replaced the water storage tank air charger on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Water system was without water for approximately 30 minutes to allow for the repairs.
2. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
    - WUD 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:
    - Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. No problems were detected. All domestic systems are operating without restrictions.
  4. Rural Water System No. 1:
    - Stand-by electrical generators were tested and exercised on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  5. On-Call Activities:
    - Nothing to Report.
  6. Knights Ferry Pumping Station:
    - a. Pumping station remains out of service due to low river water levels.
  7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
    - WUD continues to perform the final routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations for the 2015 Water Season. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
      - North Main #1 Deep Well Pump remains active for use by C&M.
      - Townhill Drain Pump and Motor were pulled for repairs.
      - Cavill #3 Reclamation Pump Motor was pulled for repairs.
      - Wirth Reclamation Pump Motor was pulled for repairs.
    - Selected drain pumps have been set up for use as winter drain pumps.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee Meeting, October 14, 2015**

- Renewal of Health Insurance with Kaiser Permanente

This item was previously discussed on the agenda under Action Item 21.

**C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Webb

Director Webb commended Attorney O'Laughlin for a job well done in dealing with all of the water issues that have confronted the District this year. Director Webb also stated that the District had to make some very difficult decisions this year and that the District made sure that the constituents received water. He stated that he believes that fish flows should not be required during a water short year. He thanked staff and the constituents for all of their hard work this year and all of the conservation efforts that have been made.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos requested that staff address at the next Board Meeting or in the near future how to get information out to our constituents, whether it be through the District's web page or in a newsletter, as well as having the District's Board Meetings at night.

**ITEM NO. 23**  
**OTHER ACTION**

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:37 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Regular Joint Board Meeting for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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Steve Webb, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary