

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Oakdale, California  
March 3, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Session at the hour of 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/Secretary  
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer  
Eric Thorburn, Water Resources Manager/District Engineer  
Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Manager  
Michael Ballinger, IT Administrator, and SCADA Supervisor

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel  
Stefanie Morris, Water Counsel (Closed Session only, via Zoom)  
Tim O'Laughlin, 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.

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### ITEM NO. 1

#### RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE DRAFT 2025 WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION. TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Scot Moody, General Manager, explained in the February 3, 2026, board meeting, David's Engineering came and presented in detailed the 2025 Water Management Plan. He stated the plan needs to be reviewed and updated every five years to be considered for possible grants. He explained the plan needs to go out to public comment for any objections to be heard so the board can take those into consideration when voting.

President Orvis opened public comments at the hour of 9:04 a.m.  
Hearing none, the public comment period closed at 9:04 a.m.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director J. DeBoer, to approve the 2025 Water management plan.

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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 2,4-5**

The following items were scheduled to be approved under the Consent Calendar. However, at the request of the Board, Item No. 3 was pulled for separate discussion and action.

2. Approve the Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2026
- ~~3. Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations~~
4. Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations
5. Approve the Treasurer's Report January 31, 2026

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the above-noted Consent Item Nos. 2,4-5.

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 CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NO. 3**

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

A motion was made by Director J. DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve Oakdale Irrigation District Statement of Obligations.

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 NO. / NOS. 6-8**

**ITEM NO. 6**

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF**  
**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE**  
**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE & LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT**  
**PROGRAM (FFY2024 SLCGP)**

Ms. Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, and Michael Ballinger, IT Administrator and SCADA Supervisor addressed the board for the approval to file a grant application for Cybersecurity investment expenditures.

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director B. DeBoer, to authorize submittal of Oakdale Irrigation District's grant application for the federal fiscal year 2024 state and local cybersecurity grant program (FFY2024 SLCGP).

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 6 at 9:21 a.m.  
Hearing none, public comment closed at 9:21 a.m.

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 ADOPT A RESOLUTION**  
**APPROVING WATER AVAILABILITY FOR THE 10-YEAR OUT-OF-DISTRICT**  
**WATER SALE PROGRAM DURING THE 2026 IRRIGATION SEASON**

Mr. Scot Moody, General Manager, and Eric Thorburn, Water Resources Manager/District Engineer addressed the board to adopt a resolution and approve water availability for the 10-Year Out-Of-District water sale program during the 2026 irrigation season.

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director B. DeBoer, to adopt a resolution approving water availability for the 10-Year Out-Of-District water sale program during the 2026 irrigation season.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 7 at 9:26 a.m.

There was one member of the public, Louis Brichetto Jr., who addressed the Board on Item No. 7

Public comment closed Item No. 7 at 9:28 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 APPROVE RESOLUTION**  
**FINDING THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE WATER RELEASED BY THE**  
**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN**  
**IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR DIVERSION AND USE BY THE SAN LUIS AND**  
**DELTA MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY AND THE CALIFORNIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER**  
**THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)(TO BE**  
**ADDRESSED AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

Upon resuming open session at 12:01 p.m., following close session, this item was addressed as follows:

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 8 at 9:31 a.m.

There was one member of the public, Louis Brichetto Jr., who addressed the Board on Item No. 8

Public comment closed Item No. 8 at 9:33 a.m. and the Board meeting continued

After discussion on Item 8 in closed session. A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve resolution finding the agreement to purchase water released by the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District for diversion and use by the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority and the California Department of Water Resources categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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. 9-12**

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Tobias commented on the recent storm and hoped for more rain. He thanked staff for doing a good job and Sharon Cisneros for the financials and helping at Tri-Dam. He stated we will move forward with continuous improvement.

Director Doornenbal observed staff closing drains and stated it was time to apply fertilizer. He was concerned about receiving water but all in all he said it was going to work out. He commented on how thankful he was for OID and the staff.

Director J. DeBoer commented on the 10-Year-Out of District program and being good stewards of local water. He stated he attended a SIGMA meeting, and OID's 10-Year Out of District program was mentioned with how tangible our water is and our ability to deliver to a wider area. He also noted how well the district worked with the out-of-district participants in-order to receive water while coming off a busy construction and maintenance season.

Director B. DeBoer commented on how great the staff is doing. He expressed his gratitude to the district for the Paulsell Lateral grant. He stated the grant was something our constituents didn't have to pay for and how it will approve the district with a reliable and consistent source of water. He stated he's thankful for the Cybersecurity grant opportunity and expressed his appreciation for the forward thinking of the staff. He mentioned how thankful he is for the board and being a part of it.

Director Orvis stated it is time for this year's water season to begin and mentioned we have more Rubicon's installations and hopeful for more communication abilities. He also hopes for additional rainfall. He wanted to thank the public for participating in all meetings.

#### **ITEM NO. 10** **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ed Tobias reported he attended the Tri-Dam Project advisory meeting with Mike Weststeyn. They spoke of the general capital projects. The preliminary bid for Tri-Dam's new office went from \$2.4 million to \$2.2 million. He stated there was discussion on the Donnell Solar project and advice was given from South San Joaquin Irrigation District. He mentioned the review of the Exciter project at Lake Tulloch and Sand Bar. He also reported on the SCADA review.

J. DeBoer reported he and Ed Tobias the Public Relations committee. They spoke about finding a supportive balance between the district and community with the primary focus in agriculture. He stated the district will be supporting the Oakdale's Chamber Farm to Fork Dinner coming up in May 2026. He reported the committee discussed more modern ways of communication with our constituents.

B. DeBoer stated he attended a personal committee meeting but there's nothing to report at this time.

Tom Orvis reported on the ACWA Region 4 board meeting. He stated they had their orientation and brought on a new member from Sacramento Valley and Mr. Lucchesi from Patterson Irrigation District. He reported the next Region 4 Board meeting will be in the fall up at Putah Creek near Dixon CA.

#### **ITEM NO. 11** **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Scot Moody, General Manager, mentioned the 2026 ACWA spring conference is coming up and if any board members would like to attend to let him know. He reported Vince Rocha replaced Josh Loveall as the Water Operations Supervisor. He reported water is in the system and the mains are getting charged. He reported on the scholarship program and lack of submittals this year. He stated he is waiting for additional communication for the schools to see if there will be an additional applications before the board makes a final decision. He reported he attended two separate Regional Farm Bureau meetings and had the opportunity to speak about our water year and the status of bringing in water. He also spoke about the out-of-district program and how it's a win-win for the district and the out-of-district customer.

**ITEM NO.12**  
**WATER COUNSEL REPORT**

Water Counsel had nothing to report in open session, the report would be addressed in closed session.

**9:55 a.m. – Recessed**

**10:06 a.m. - Reconvened**

President Orvis announced the items to be discussed in closed session, and the Board welcomed public comments on Item Nos. 13-17 at 10:07 a.m.

There was no public comment.

The Board convened to closed session at 10:07 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NOS. 13-17**

13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)  
  
One (1) matter
14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
  
Two (2) cases
  - a. San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al v. California State Water Resources Control Board  
County of Sacramento Superior Court  
  
Case No. JCCP 5013
  - b. Threfall Ranch LP v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al  
Superior Court of Stanislaus County  
  
Case No. CV-24-006033
15. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8  
  
One (1) case
  - a. Property: Water  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager, Water Counsel  
  
Negotiating Parties: California Department of Water Resources, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Oakdale Irrigation District  
  
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Conditions
16. POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)

Two (2) cases

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

The Board reconvened to open session at 12:01 p.m. Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

The Board took up Item No. 8 and Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel, addressed the question asked in public comment.

President Orvis announced the Board would be going back into closed session to discuss Item No. 17.

The Board convened to closed session at 12:08 p.m.

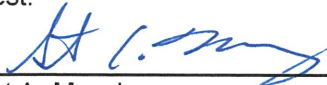
The Board reconvened to open session at 12:43 p.m. Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 7, 2026 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, March 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** in the boardroom at the office of Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Attest:

  
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Scot A. Moody  
General Manager/Secretary

  
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Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors