

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
March 15, 2011

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: Al Bairos, Jr., President  
Frank B. Clark, Vice President  
Steve Webb  
Jack D. Alpers  
Herman Doornenbal

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary  
John Davids, District Engineer  
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager  
Kathy Cook

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

There were no additions or deletions of Agenda Items.

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

General Manager Steve Knell requested that Discussion Item No. 14 follow the Consent Calendar and Director Alpers requested that Closed Session Item No. 19A follow Discussion Item No. 17 so that it can be discussed in Open Session prior to going into Closed Session to discuss the terms.

At the hour of 9:02 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1**

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:02 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

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

**ITEM NO. 2**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES**  
**OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2011 AND**  
**RESOLUTION NOS. 2011-06, 2011-07, 2011-08, 2011-09, AND 2011-10**

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2011 and Resolution Nos. 2011-06, 2011-07, 2011-08, 2011-09, and 2011-10.

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

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

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT THE ACWA**  
**SPRING CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO MAY 11-13, 2011**

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento May 11-13, 2011.

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE REVISION TO OID'S**  
**CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY**

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the revision to OID'S Cross-Connection Control Policy.

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**  
**FOR VARIOUS VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS**  
**(APPLEGATE TEEPLES DRILLING CO., AMERICAN CRANE**  
**RENTAL, RAMONT'S TOW SERVICE AND FRANK OLSEN COMPANY)**

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreements for various vendors and contractors (Applegate Teeples Drilling Co., American Crane Rental, Ramont's Tow services, and Frank Olsen Company).

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 – AMENDMENT**  
**NO. 01 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**2010-GSA-072 WITH R&S ERECTION TRI COUNTY**  
**TO REPAIR THE YARD ACCESS GATES**

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 001 – Amendment No. 01 to General Services Agreement 2010-GSA-072 with R&S Erection Tri County to Repair the yard access gates.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT**  
**ON THE UNION DRAIN (APN: 015-001-068 – BRICHETTO)**

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Encroachment Agreement on the Union Drain (APN: 015-001-068 – Brichetto).

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEMS NOS. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13**

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ON THE START OF THE 2011 WATER SEASON**

At the Board Meeting on March 1, 2011 the Board unanimously agreed to postpone the decision on the start of the 2011 Water Season to the March 15, 2011 Board Meeting.

In observing the continued drying weather pattern for March (0.35 inches ppt. to-date this year compared to 1.5 inches ppt. per same time last year) Staff is recommending bringing the water into the system on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Intent would be to fill the reservoirs over the weekend with full Water Operations to begin on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> with water deliveries starting Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to start the 2011 water season as recommended by staff; bring the water into the system on Saturday, March 19, 2011 and begin water deliveries on March 22, 2011.

**DISCUSSION**  
**ITEM NO. 14**  
**DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION BY CALPERS**

As a result of the uncertainty in the economy and the impact it may or may not have on California's public pension system, District staff recently met with Rick Santos, CalPERS Senior Pension Actuary to discuss the future and potential risks with the District CalPERS retirement plan.

Mr. Richard Santos, Senior Pension Actuary and Todd Tauzer of CalPERS were present and gave a short presentation and answered questions.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NO. 10**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL WATER FOR**  
**OUT-OF-DISTRICT LANDS (APN: 010-040-005 – SMITH)**

The Board's action of March 1<sup>st</sup> for out-of-district water availability applied only to 2010 recipients, of which Mr. Smith was not. He has requested consideration to be on the 2011 list and hence the inclusion of his request on this agenda.

Mr. Charlie Smith has had a colorful relationship over the years with the OID. While a long time out-of-district water user, in 2008, Mr. Charlie Smith was informed that no future out-of-district water agreement would be executed for his property located at 10925 Warnerville Road, Oakdale.

Subsequently to that termination, the subject property was discovered receiving water without authorization during the 2009 irrigation season. On July 7, 2009, the Board approved invoicing the landowner for the water received despite its unauthorized taking and again affirming that no future water would be made available after the 2009 water season. Mr. Smith's non-compliant turn-out was removed in 2010 and hence Mr. Smith has no legal means to take water from OID.

Why Mr. Smith wishes to reconnect to OID at this time is unknown and raises the following concerns:

1. All costs for the re-installation of a "measurable" delivery will be borne by Mr. Smith. Engineering estimates that cost at about \$5,000-\$6,000. Is Mr. Smith aware that these are upfront costs he must pay?
2. With the direction of water in California, the likely continued irrigation of "life-style" parcels that consume water resources is small. The parcel's risk to lose its ability to receive water in the future is high.
3. The water right of OID is predicated on its use for "agriculture." There is a reasonable and beneficial use standard that applies to OID's water as well. Under all scenarios, is irrigating 6.5 acres of pasture for a "life-style" out-of-district resident a reasonable and beneficial use of water and does it benefit agriculture?

A motion was made by Director Webb and seconded by Director Doornenbal to provide Mr. Smith out-of-district water, and was voted as follows:

|       |                                    |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| Ayes: | Directors Webb, Bairos, Doornenbal |
| Noes: | Directors Clark, Alpers            |

The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

Thereafter a motion was made by Director Alpers and seconded by Director Clark to not waive any requirement of the District and to require Mr. Smith to install and pay for a measureable delivery and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Alpers, Clark  
Noes: Directors Webb, Bairos, Doornenbal

The motion failed by a vote of 2-3.

Thereafter a motion was made by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director Bairos to share the cost for the installation of a measureable delivery one-half by the District and one-half by Mr. Smith, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Bairos, Doornenbal  
Noes: Directors Alpers, Clark

The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NO. 11**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHRISTINE SCHUTZ'**  
**REQUEST TO AMEND THE SCHUTZ SUBDIVISION WILL SERVE LETTER**

Christine Schutz is requesting an amendment to the Schutz Subdivision Will Serve Letter (Letter) approved by the Board on February 20, 2007. Item No. 7 of the Letter states that the \$5,000 per lot buy-in fee are due and payable to OID at the change of ownership of each lot and/or when the meter is installed, and that any outstanding buy-in fees were payable on July 10, 2011.

Ms. Schutz is requesting:

1. That the \$5,000 per lot buy-in fee be reduced,
2. The July 10, 2011 due date for the buy-in fees be extended.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to grant Christine Schutz an extension on the buy-in fees to July 12, 2012 and deny her request to reduce her buy-in fees.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND COMPLIANCE**  
**WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS**  
**IN THE CASE OF OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. MANGANTE**

The parties entered into a Settlement Agreement on or about November 24, 2010. As a provision of that Agreement Mr. Mangante agreed to complete performance of the terms of the Agreement by March 11, 2011.

On March 3, 2011 the District received a letter from Mr. Mangante requesting an extension to complete performance of the terms of the Agreement for twelve (12) months, or until March 15, 2012.

Director Bairos recused himself on this matter, handed the gavel to Vice President Frank Clark, and left the room.

A motion was made by Director Alpers and seconded by Director Webb to extend compliance with the Settlement Agreement to January 1, 2012, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors, Alpers, Webb, Clark  
Noes: Director Doornenbal

The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

Director Bairos returned to the meeting.

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S PARTICIPATION**  
**IN ACWA'S SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

ACWA has modified its sponsorship program this year; ACWA is offering two options for their annual sponsorship program:

Option A: By choosing Option A the District is authorizing ACWA to apply its donated sponsorship money to numerous ACWA events and activities.

Option B: By choosing Option B the District decides where it would like its dollars to be applied for the year.

ACWA is still offering five (5) levels of sponsorship:

Diamond Level \$12,000 +  
Platinum Level \$10,000 - \$11,999  
Gold Level \$5,000 - \$9,999  
Silver Level \$2,000 - \$4,999  
Bronze Level \$500 - \$1,999.

In 2009 the District participated at the Silver Level and donated \$2,175.00; and in 2010 the District also participated at the Silver Level and donated \$2,000. By donating at this level the District also received two (2) complimentary vouchers for use at one of the following year's conferences; however, this year if the District participates at the Silver Level it would only receive one (1) complimentary voucher. For the District to receive two (2) complimentary vouchers would require participation at the Gold Level.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported the District participation at the Silver level of \$2,000.

**DISCUSSION  
ITEM NOS. 15, 16, 17**

**ITEM NO. 15  
DISCUSSION PRIOR TO RENEWAL  
OF 2011/2012 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The District's health insurance coverage is scheduled to renew May 1, 2011. As a reminder of the changes which began in 2009, employees will be offered a Core Plan at no cost with an option to *buy-up* for greater coverage, if they so choose, Buying-up would entail paying contributions towards their monthly premium.

Under the buy-up provisions, the following formulas will apply to those not selecting the Core Plan;

- Employee only: Employee to pay the first \$75 over the monthly premium level. If The monthly premium increase exceeds the first \$75; than the District to share 50% of the monthly premium increases over \$75.
- Employee + 1: Employee to pay the first \$100 over the monthly premium level. If the monthly premium increase exceeds the first \$100; than the District to share 50% of the monthly premium increases over \$100.
- Employee + 2
- or more: Employee to pay the first \$125 over the monthly premium level. If the monthly premium increase exceeds the first \$125; than the District to share 50% of the monthly premium increases over \$125.

Under the terms of the contract, the base rate for health insurance, vision, and dental was set at that which the district expended in 2008.

Staff will be meeting with TSM Insurance (OID's Insurance Broker) on March 18, 2011 to review the insurance renewal quotes; the Finance Committee will be meeting with TSM Insurance on Monday, March 28, 2011 to review the insurance renewal quotes; and the Finance Committee will bring their recommendation to the Board on April 5, 2011.

**ITEM NO. 16  
DISCUSSION BY JOHN DAVIDS ON THE  
FLOW DATA REPORT PREPARED BY PATRICK STIEHR**

During the 2005/2006 winter work season, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) contracted to have three (3) measurement gages installed in the upper reaches of the South Main Canal. These gages were installed as part of the ongoing tunnel and main canal improvement program with an emphasis on: (1) quantifying conveyance losses between Goodwin Dam and Tunnel 9 and (2) as a metric for the success of ongoing projects targeted at minimizing canal losses due to seepage. The names of the three (3) measurement gages installed in 2005/2006 and their associated locations are as shown below in Figure 1.

| Gage Name | Location                  |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| S2        | Two Mile Bar              |
| S7        | Just Upstream of Tunnel 7 |
| S9        | Just Upstream of Tunnel 9 |

Figure 1.

In addition to the gages shown above, OID also monitored one (1) existing gage, gage S96 located approximately 0.4 miles downstream of Goodwin Dam. S96 has been in operation for many years and currently acts as our “regulatory gage”. Please see the attached map for clarification purposes. S2 was monitored for the 2006, 2007 and 2008 irrigation seasons, but has not been monitored since that time because losses between S96 and S2 are relatively small and the gage location was not conducive to consistent current meter measurements. While the intent of this discussion item is to review the measurement data compiled during the 2010 irrigation season, it seems relevant to review the historical trends in an effort to understand the success of both the monitoring plan and the construction activities that have taken place over the last several years. Figure 2. shown below is a compilation of the measurements taken from 2006 to 2010.

| Summary of Flow Differences Between S96 and Downstream Gage |      |           |      |      |
|---|------|-----------|------|------|
|   |      | Gage Name |      |      |
|   |      | S2        | S7   | S9   |
| Year  | 2006 | 10.0      | 17.0 | 37.5 |
|   | 2007 | 3.9       | 5.5  | 22.6 |
|   | 2008 | 2.1       | 3.3  | 14.3 |
|   | 2009 | -         | 2.8  | 15.7 |
|   | 2010 | -         | 2.0  | 9.6  |

Notes by Year:

- 2006 - Deliveries may have been on, low frequency of measurement, short period of data collection, numbers shown are averages of values reported
- 2007 - Increased frequency of measurements (better defined ratings), more stable canal flows, use of standard sections for measurement



- 2008 - *All deliveries turned off prior to measurements being taken, data seemed to have significantly more variability*
- 2009 - *Enclosed equipment at S7 and S9 were removed and replaced with a bank shelter housing a bubbler and a data logger. Installation eliminated drawdown/pile-up problems due to vegetation, S2 not measured*
- 2010 - *All deliveries turned off, S2 not measured*

Figure 2.

As shown above in Figure 2 and graphically depicted in the attached documentation, measurement over the last five (5) irrigation seasons shows a downward trend in losses. That said, it is true that these losses can be attributed to many items. Those items are as follows with no specific merit given to the order in which they appear.

- Improved measurement methodology.
- Completion of Water Conservation Projects between Goodwin and Tunnel 9.
- Improved system wide operation through management and automation.

As a result of the data analyzed to date and the information noted herein, Staff recommends that we not continue with additional measurements during the 2011 Irrigation Season.

District Engineer John Davids discussed the Flow Date Report prepared by Patrick Stiehr.

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS MATTERS AS**  
**THEY APPEAR ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD**  
**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

This item is placed here for the Board to discuss Tri Dam agenda items.

The General Manager and the Directors discussed several items from the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 7, 2011 and the upcoming agenda for the Tri-Dam Board Meeting to be held on March 17, 2011.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**DISCUSSION ON ITEM NO. 19A**

Director Alpers requested that Closed Session Item No. 19A be discussed in Open Session prior to adjourning into Closed Session. Director Alpers stated that the District had entered into an agreement with Mr. Brunk to purchase his dirt and asked if the District had entered into any agreement with Mr. Brichetto to purchase his dirt once he has hauled it to Mr. Brunk's property. Director Bairos stated that the District has not entered into any agreement with Mr. Brichetto. Director Alpers asked if the District could place a notice in

the Oakdale Leader stating that the District is interested in purchasing dirt to notify the public. General Manager Steve Knell asked Construction and Maintenance Manager Jason Jones to explain how difficult it has been to find suitable dirt for the District to use. Mr. Jones stated that he has been contacted by several individuals who have dirt available, has tested the dirt, and has found the dirt unsuitable for District's use. Director Bairos asked staff to sit down and write up some parameters regarding the type of soil that is needed, minimum quantities, etc., and put that in the newspaper.

Director Alpers stated that was all that he wanted to discuss in open session regarding this matter.

## **ITEM NO. 18** **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

#### **Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 97 days without a lost time injury accident.

#### **Administration Activities**

1. OID Newsletter should be in the mail.
2. March 4<sup>th</sup> tunnel tour for Andrea Gilbert-good group!
3. March 5<sup>th</sup> OHS Sports Booster Dinner and Auction.
4. March 7<sup>th</sup> Water Engineering Committee
5. March 8<sup>th</sup> CalPERS Meeting with Rick Santos. Good information.
6. March 9<sup>th</sup> SJRG (River Group) meeting. It would appear we are going back to the table with BOR for water needs post-VAMP. Meeting set for March 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on the SJ River Restoration and Re-introduction of Spring-run Chinook salmon. Draft Basin Plan Amendment and Draft Implementation Plan to be aired in June.
7. March 11<sup>th</sup> met with Don Wright representing Semi-Tropic Water Storage District.
8. March 12<sup>th</sup> attended Tuolumne Alliance for Resources and Environment Annual Dinner in Sonora.
9. March 12-13<sup>th</sup> providing "How to Irrigate" seminar at the Chamber's Home, Garden and Ranchette Show
10. March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> is DSO refresher training.
11. March 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> is Rubicon Training on gates and TCC.
12. March 17<sup>th</sup> is a Tri Dam Board meeting in Manteca.
13. March 17<sup>th</sup> is SJRG Commissioner's meeting in Turlock. Important to be there. Action item to approve the 2011 EIR for the VAMP Agreement

#### **Contract and Special Project Activities**

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – A response to the District's February 4, 2011 offer was received with a counter offer. The counter offer was rejected and another revised offer was forward to the Marie A. Atherton Trust after the March 1, 2011 Board meeting. A meeting was requested by the Marie A. Atherton Trust to review the property line and location of the South Main Canal. This meeting was held on March 8, 2011 with two beneficiaries of the Marie A. Atherton Trust and OID walked the bank of the South Main. During this walk, 4 of the Corps of Engineers brass property markers

were located on the canal bank. After the on site meeting, the Marie A. Atherton Trust requested a meeting to finalize the agreement. This meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. The results of this meeting will be presented to the Board in Closed Session on March 15, 2011. There are two more landowners to start the acquisition process for the remainder of the tunnel easements and service road. The CTS Exclusion Fence monitoring is ongoing, no activity of significance to report.

2. Cashman Dam Rehabilitation Project – Received Statements of outstanding balance due from TCB, a rejection letter is being sent. A review of the last invoices and releases will be reviewed for release of retention.
3. Cross Valley Conveyance System – Provost & Pritchard (P&P) continue to address the various options for a conveyance system. P&P have evaluated the capacity in the Delta Mendota Canal (DMC) on an average monthly basis, reviewed several reports and studies.
4. Beardsley Recreational Improvements – No activity to report this period.
5. Furtado Deep Well Project – A pre-bid and site visit was held on March 10, 2010. Nine (9) contractors indicated they were interested in bidding. Seven (7) contractors have pick up a bid package. Bids are due by 2:00 PM on March 29, 2011.
6. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
7. The development of a Project Management and Construction Administration Manual continued.
8. Continued with the developing the Manual of Forms was started for various aspects related to the contract management and documentation of projects.
9. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

### **Construction Activities**

1. Preparing and conducting employee performance evaluations
2. Processing job set up forms.
3. Crane Truck #31 – Reviewing prices on used crane trucks and evaluating the cost of a used unit vs. the cost of repairing the District's crane truck.
4. TCC – Crews are wrapping up loose ends, the pilot project will be completed prior to the start of the water season.
5. Reed Pipeline Replacement – Crews have placed concrete into the walls of the outlet structure, form materials have been removed and crews are currently working on backfill.
6. 2010/2011 Construction season came to an end on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank all employees that assisted in accomplishing another productive season. A vast amount of new construction was completed along with the completion of the routine maintenance jobs.
7. District crews are currently working on the tying up any loose ends that need to be completed prior to the start of the water season.
8. Auto Shop has been working diligently to ensure that all Water Department vehicles are ready for the new season.

### **Engineering Activities**

1. V.A. Rodden – Set up for April LAFCO meeting.
2. Joslin – Set up for April LAFCO meeting.

3. Furtado Deep Well Site Project – Pre-bid meeting held at OID on 3/10. Bid opening set for 3/29/11 @ 2pm. Nine (9) sets of bid docs have been given out as of 3/9/11.
4. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – Working to transfer CVFPB permit from OID to USFWS. OID can't agree to the conditions being stipulated but apparently USFWS doesn't have any issues with the conditions. Waiting on updated Section 7 from USFWS.
5. Fringe Parcel Analysis – Next round of parcels to Water Committee on 4/5/11. Additional parcels being added and notification letters being sent.
6. Water Committee meeting on 3/7/11 to discuss Fields and Vejar pond issues. Staffing currently reviewing documentation related to Fields and Mark Vejar to submit water plan to OID for review.
7. Rubicon (TCC) – All slipmeters and flumegates have been installed. System ready for water. Rubicon TCC training to start on Wednesday. Rubicon training staff will be here through April 1.
8. SBX7-7 – 3/8/11 teleconference attended by JBD. Subject matters included updates to DRAFT Regulation and response to comments previously submitted.
9. Irrigated Lands PEIR – DRAFT Coalition membership proposal discussed with GM's at 3/9/11 River Group meeting. SRK/JBD to update Board as necessary.
10. STRGBA – Next meeting set for 5/5/11.
11. Agricultural Discharge Agreement – DRAFT doc complete, GM review complete and comments being addressed. Subsequent review by Water Committee/Board anticipated.
12. 2010 South Main Flow Summary – Discussion item prepared for today's Board meeting.
13. SBX7-6 – Scope of work complete and transmitted to G&K. Expecting G&K proposal any day. Subsequent Board approval required.
14. Michael Ballinger, our new SCADA/IT Coordinator started on 3/7/11.

### **Water Operations Activities**

#### **Aq Water**

1. Assisting Engineering Department with Fringe Parcel Analysis.
2. Conducting various landowner meetings.
3. Continue patrolling district facilities for new unauthorized encroachments.
4. Pest Department still applying pre-emergent throughout the District.
5. Monitoring and maintaining Rodden Lake level.
6. DSO orientation scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. TCC training schedule starting March 16<sup>th</sup>.
8. Preparing for start of 2011 irrigation season.

#### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41: 1) WUD staff attended a well rehabilitation seminar and collected several different options that maybe available to correct their sand problem at Well #3. WUD Staff will present these options to the ID membership at our next general meeting. 2) OID is still waiting for a response from the City of Oakdale on the DRAFT set of construction plans. In the meantime Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Pumping Stations: WUD staff continues to conduct weekly inspection and servicing of the domestic water pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:

- Performed spring servicing of the motor control panels and electrical support equipment.
  - Changed filter elements on well head air vents.
  - Inspected and serviced water storage tank air compressors.
3. Domestic Water Systems: Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. No problems were detected. All domestic systems under OID's jurisdiction are operating without restrictions.
  4. Domestic Water Distribution Systems: 1) WUD staff has completed the bi-annual inspection, testing and flushing of the fire hydrants under OID's jurisdiction. 2) WUD staff has started the bi-annual inspection and exercising of the distribution system street valves.
  5. On-Call Activities: WUD staff was called out at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to remove the lock outs from OID's South Main #2 Deep Well Pump in order to allow it to be used at the last minute as a frost control pump by a landowner.
  6. Deep Well Pump Operations: 10 of OID's deep well pumps are currently in stand-by mode for rental as frost control pumps by various landowners. WUD staff will monitor the pumps for proper use and operation until the start of the 2011 Irrigation Season.
  7. Domestic Water Systems: Continuing to receive the test results from the Title 22 Water Quality Samples collected on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. All test results so far are well within acceptable Maximum Contaminate Level limits.
  8. Storm Water Pumps: WUD staff continues to perform routine inspection and servicing of the winter drain pumps. All sites remain fully operational.
  9. Irrigation Pumping Stations: WUD staff has started weekly inspection and servicing of the pumping stations to ensure the sites will be fully operational for the start of the irrigation season. Some minor PG&E problems are still being discovered and corrected.

### **Financing Activities**

1. Prepared and mailed out the first installment "Past Due Notices." Total first installment past dues are \$68,000 (inclusive of ID charges.)
2. Preparing for 2010 audit. Audit field work will begin the week on March 21, 2011.
3. Met with CalPERS Actuary and OID's General Manager on March 8, 2011.
4. Preparation for 2011 health insurance renewals.

### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Water/Engineering Committee Meeting, March 7, 2011

- Fringe Parcel of Steve Fields (APN: 002-067-008)
- Fringe Parcel of Vejar (APN: 006-088-014)
- Potential Borrow Site Agreement with Brunk/Brichetto

Director Doornenbal stated that the Water/Engineering Committee met with Steve Fields and that there was a misunderstanding on which pond the District was referring to. Staff was going to get more information together and present it to the Committee. Further, the Water/Engineering Committee also met with the Vejars and their biggest concern was that they would lose their water right. The Committee advised the Vejars that they were not going to lose their water right. Director Doornenbal stated that the Brunk/Brichetto matter will be discussed in Closed Session.

Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting, March 7, 2011

This was discussed prior on the agenda.

Planning and Public Committee Meeting, March 15, 2011

- Funding Request of Stanislaus County Hi 4-H
- Donation Request for OHS Sports Boosters

Director Clark stated that the Planning and Public Relations Committee approved donating the sum of \$1,400 to OHS Booster Club. Director Clark further stated that the funding request of Stanislaus County Hi 4-H will be on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Webb

Director Webb had no comments.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers had no comments.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had not comments.

Director Clark

Director Clark asked if the District had a policy in place regarding the bringing of firearms onto District property. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the District has a policy stating that no fire arms are allowed on District property and/or in vehicles on district property. Director Clark also asked if the Tulloch Lateral on Horseshoe Road was still leaking. Support Services Manager Jason Jones stated that he has not been contacted by any employee, nor has any job set-up form been turned in. He stated that his department would check it out once the system has been charged. Director Clark asked that Jason Jones keep him apprised.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos wished the Water Department good luck with this year's water season.

At the hour of 11:35 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. **Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator**  
**Negotiating Parties:** OID and Brunk / Brichetto  
**Property:** APNS: 002-020-006 and 002-020-007  
**Under Negotiations:** Price and terms

- B. Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator**  
**Negotiating Parties:** OID and Marie Atherton Trust  
**Property:** Land  
**Under Negotiations:** Price and terms

At the hour of 12:12 p.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Bairos stated that there is no reportable action.

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 20**

At the hour of 12:12 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 5, 2011 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, March 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

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Al Bairos, Jr., President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary