

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
February 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  
Gary Jernigan, Contract/Special Projects Manager  
John Davids, District Engineer  
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager  
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer

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

General Manager Steve Knell requested that Item No. 7 be deleted from the Consent Calendar and that a correction be made to Item No. 19 to reflect that the Tri-Dam Project meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Oakdale Irrigation District and not at South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve deletion of Consent Item No. 7 and make the correction to Item No. 19 to reflect the location of the Tri-Dam Project meeting as Oakdale Irrigation District.

### **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**

Mike Eggener, Business Representative with Operating Engineering Local Union No. 3 was present and introduced himself to the Board of Directors. He stated that he has been the new business representative with OE3 for approximately six (6) months and that the District and OE3 have a common goal and that is to make OID the best place to be. He told the Board to feel free to contact him with any comments or concerns.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**ITEM NO. 2**

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 1, 2011 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2011 and Resolution No. 2011-03.

**ITEM NO. 3**

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

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

**ITEM NO. 5**

**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT  
OF CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Capital Work Order Numbers set forth below:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Langworth Pipeline	Remove and upgrade 2-slide gates with 1-18" Fresno 101C slide gate & 1-16" Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$4,000	2011-010
Crane Drain	Remove and upgrade 24" slide gate with Fresno 20-10C slide gate.	\$3,800	2011-012
Clavey Pipeline	Remove and upgrade 12" inline valve & 20' of 12" starter 100 PSI PIP PVC.	\$5,700	2011-013

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION COMMENDING BOB SCHULZ**  
**IN APPRECIATION OF THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF**  
**CONTINUOUS SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD FOR**  
**THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND TRI-DAM PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Commending Bob Schulz in Appreciation of Thirty-Two Years of Continuous Services as a Director on the Board for the South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Tri-Dam Project.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS**  
**AND CONTRACTORS (PRESTON PIPELINES, INC.)**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreement with Preston Pipelines, Inc.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 – AMENDMENT NO. 01**  
**TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2010-GSA-016 TO**  
**RUBICON SYSTEMS AMERICA, INC. TO PROVIDE ROTORK**  
**ACTUATORS TO THE SLIDE GATES AT THE RVL RESERVOIR**  
**INCLUDING THE NECESSARY ELECTRICAL AND CONTROL UPGRADES**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 001 – Amendment No. 01 to General Services Agreement 2010-GSA-016 to Rubicon Systems America, Inc. to Provide Rotork Actuators to the slide gates at the RVL Reservoir including the necessary electrical and control upgrades.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 – AMENDMENT NO. 01 TO**  
**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2010-PSA-007 TO**  
**BUMGARDNER BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING FOR**  
**ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE 2-MILE BAR TUNNEL**  
**CTS EXCLUSION FENCE INSTALLATION AND MONITORING**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 001 – Amendment No. 01 to Professional Services Agreement 2010-PSA-007 to Bumgardner Biological Consulting for additional costs to the 2-Mile Bar Tunnel CTS exclusion fence installation and monitoring.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2010-PSA-004 TO WATERMARK ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE FLOW MEASUREMENTS ON THE NORTH MAIN AND JOINT MAIN**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 001 to Professional Services Agreement 2010-PSA-004 to Watermark Engineering to provide flow measurements on the North Main and Joint Main.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON THE REED PIPELINE (APN: 002-007-030 – KESTERSON)**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Agreement on the Reed Pipeline (APN: 002-007-030 – Kesterson).

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**APPROVE REQUEST FOR NEW IRRIGATION SERVICES OFF THE EATON LATERAL (APN: 010-003-066 – NORWOOD)**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the request for new irrigation services off the Eaton Lateral (APN: 010-003-066 – Norwood).

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEMS NOS. 14**

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE COST OF TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C. BY ONE/TWO DIRECTORS AND THE INCIDENTAL COSTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH**

Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel for the Oakdale Irrigation District attended the Board meeting held on February 1, 2011. At that Board meeting it was recommended by Tim O'Laughlin that the Board of Directors consider approving the cost of travel for at least one Director, and not more than two Directors', for travel to Washington D.C. to meet with specific congressional representatives and educate them on current water issues we are facing. Tim O'Laughlin has developed a list of twenty-one (21) congressional members and/or staff that the Director(s) should try and set-up meetings with.

The purpose of the agenda item is to get approval from the Board of Directors to cover the cost for one, and not more than two, Directors' travel to Washington D.C. and incidental expenses associated therewith.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the cost of travel to Washington D.C. by two directors and appropriate staff and the incidental costs associated therewith.

**DISCUSSION  
ITEM NO. 15, 16**

**ITEM NO. 15  
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS MATTERS AS  
THEY APPEAR ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD  
AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011**

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

Director Alpers stated the Directors need to ask about the problems that they are having installing the new transformer at Tulloch. With Tulloch not generating because of this, the Districts are losing a substantial amount of money. He also stated that he needs a bit more information regarding the request to hire additional employees. Director Alpers further stated that he picked up a copy of MID and TID's Manual of Operations for Don Pedro and thought there were some good things in it to benefit Tri Dams operations.

Director Webb stated that he also has questions regarding the hiring of additional employees at Tri-Dam. Director Webb further stated that he is going to bring up once again his suggestion of addressing the issue of placing residential addresses at Lake Tulloch on each boat dock. By doing this it would make it easier to see which docks are legal and which docks do not belong on the lake.

Director Clark stated he has asked for, and has yet to receive, a breakdown on what our current lake coordinator is doing for Tri-Dam. He is concerned that there were supposed to be patrols on and around the lake and in light of the fact that someone installed a new large dock in the middle of the lake without being caught is disconcerting. Director Clark also stated that in 2008 a resolution was passed regarding the distribution of power revenues. He stated that he does not want to see a change in this policy and he would like to see the money come down to the Districts rather than being placed into reserve funds. Director Webb stated that no money should be placed back into the reserve funds until the third generator is up and running.

**ITEM 16  
DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS OF  
NORTH REGULATING RESERVOIR**

In March 2010 the North Side Regulating Reservoir was placed into service to benefit OID's delivery system and to enhance customer service on the north side of the river. In compiling the water reports for the 2009/2010 water season it looks to be a venture that is showing some early positive results.

The South Side's Robert Van Lier Regulating Reservoir, commissioned in 2002, has been running a fairly consistent 3.6% (2009) to 3.9% (2010) diversions-over-demand. In 2009,

on the north side prior to reservoir construction, that diversions-over-demand number was 9.4%. Recognizing that gage and measurement error play a part in all readings, and it is consistency over time that dictates accuracy, it appears that the early numbers for the North Side Regulating Reservoir are showing diversion-over-demand values in-line with OID's south side reservoir, or in the +/- 3.5% range.

If that proves to be the case, there appears to be an optimistic water savings of 6% or about 4,800 acre feet annually resulting from the installation of the North Side Regulating Reservoir; a very early positive benefit from that facility.

## **ITEM NO. 17** **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

#### **Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 69 days without a lost time injury accident.

#### **Administration Activities**

1. Final Draft of OID Newsletter is ready.
2. February 2<sup>nd</sup> – SJRGA meeting
3. February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Krista Smith OJUSD. She is picking up from Ann Marie Bergen on salmon/water to the tap education in the elementary schools.
4. February 4<sup>th</sup> – met with Jim Mangante on relocation of his pond off the Tulloch Lateral.
5. February 4<sup>th</sup> – meeting with Tri Dam and SSJID GMs.
6. February 8<sup>th</sup> – meeting with BAWSCA on a watershed familiarization with OID
7. February 9<sup>th</sup> – meeting with Merced GM John Sweigard on the SJ Accord
8. February 10<sup>th</sup> – Conference call with various districts on legislation related to ESA compliance.
9. February 11<sup>th</sup> – Make up meeting for employees who missed October's all-hands training on harassment, driving policies, and an update on OID direction.
10. February 18<sup>th</sup> – Bob Schultz Community Recognition evening at Escalon Community Center beginning at 5:00 p.m.
11. February 21<sup>st</sup> – offices closed for President's Day
12. February 24<sup>th</sup> – Farm Bureau Regional Meeting at House of Beef. Social at 7:00 with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Sheriff Adam Christenson is the speaker. Let Lori know if you need tickets.
13. February 24<sup>th</sup> – Tunnel Tour hosted by OID for Andrea Gilbert

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

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – A Revised Counter Offer was sent to the Beneficiaries of the Marie A. Atherton Trust after the February 1, 2011 Board of Directors meeting. Initial comments about the Counter Offer from one of the Trustees were favorable. A response is expected on or before February 18, 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 – No new update since the last Board meeting on the acceptance of OID's offer.
3. Cross Valley Conveyance System – Hetch Hetchy has not responded to the GM request for a meeting to discuss the viability of using the Hetch Hetchy pipeline as an option to convey water across the valley. 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 of delivering OID water to MID, the MID Ag Water Management plan, evaluating alternatives for gravity and/or pumped direct conveyance systems from OID and/or MID to the DMC, and started hydraulic analysis for the alignment alternatives with some preliminary estimates of construction costs.
4. Beardsley Recreational Improvements – Review of the Bid Documents and estimate were received and the review began.
5. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
6. The development of a Project Management and Construction Administration Manual continued.
7. Continued with the developing the Manual of Forms was started for various aspects related to the contract management and documentation of projects.
8. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

### **Construction Activities**

1. District crews working on routine maintenance job set up forms & Capital Projects including turnout replacements and gate replacements.
2. Preparing and conducting employee performance evaluations.
3. Processing job set up forms and review of those that need to be Capital Projects after field review.
4. Van Norman Pipeline Replacement – District crews have completed form work to the control structure and will place concrete into the wall section on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Reed Pipeline Replacement – District crews have completed the demo of the existing concrete pipeline. Crews are currently working on installing the new 27" PVC pipeline and form work has begun on the inlet structure.
6. TCC – Progress is moving forward. Crews are currently working on the last few drops on the Claribel Lateral. Handrails and grating are being installed on both Laterals.
7. Crane Truck #31 failed its annual inspection. The crane truck is currently at Coast Crane in Sacramento being evaluated for the repairs on the internal boom cylinders. After the quote is received a determination will need to be made to see if the cost of the repairs is warranted on the truck which was manufactured in 1982 versus the cost of purchasing a newer used boom truck.
8. Warehouseman Vince Giovaniello announced his retirement; his last day of work will be May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Engineering Activities**

1. V.A. Rodden – Set up for April LAFCO meeting.
2. Ongoing project management with Provost and Prichard.
3. Joslin – Set up for April LAFCO meeting.

4. Furtado Deep Well Site Project – Staff comments on bid package, contract docs and design drawings submitted to P&P on 2/1/11. P&P addressing comments and finalizing bid docs.
5. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – Elderberry relocated yesterday. Ongoing discussions with CVFPB as it relates to fines disposal area, maintenance into perpetuity, etc.
6. Two Mile Bar Tunnel Project – Engineering Department Staff reviewing CTS fence following rain events.
7. Fringe Parcel Analysis – Next round of parcels to Water Committee this afternoon.
8. Rubicon (TCC) – Engineering Department and Construction Department moving forward with implementation of Pilot Project. Flumegates and SlipMeters are being installed, gates being commissioned, final grading, handrailing/grating being installed, new deck at RVL being manufactured/installed, etc.
9. SBX7-7 – JBD to attend ASC meeting in SAC on 2/17/11. Existing turnout analysis completed and submitted to GM for review and comment.
10. Irrigated Lands PEIR – Contacted East San Joaquin Coalition and working on meeting dates. Working with the Pesticide Department as it relates to acreage treated and/or potentially treated.
11. STRGBA – Next meeting set for 3/3/11.
12. OID Engineering Department working on misc. designs for the 2010/2011 winter work season.
13. Processing numerous requests for information and CEQA - Early Consultation reviews.
14. Abdallah – Memo prepared for GM review and subsequent correspondence sent to Ms. Abdallah regarding the Hiltz-Bellinger Judgment and request for annexation.
15. Norwood – To Board today.
16. 2010 Parcel Splits – Engineering Department preparing correspondence to 2010 splits notifying them of requirements prior to receipt of irrigation water in 2011.
17. Agricultural Discharge Agreement – DRAFT doc complete and submitted to GM for review. Subsequent review by Water Committee/Board anticipated.
18. 2010 South Main Flow Summary – Reviewing final report and preparing data for subsequent discussion by Staff and Board.
19. SBX7-6 – Working on scope of work for survey of existing deep well sites in NAVD 88 coordinate system to comply with x7-6 reporting requirements.

## **Water Operations Activities**

### **Aq Water**

1. Assisting Engineering Department with GIS mapping.
9. Assisting Engineering Department with Fringe Parcel Analysis.
10. Conducting various landowner meetings.
11. Continue patrolling district facilities for new unauthorized encroachments.
12. Pest Department still applying pre-emergent throughout the District.
13. Monitoring and maintaining Rodden Lake level.
14. Processing “Release of Liability and Temporary Permit” requests from landowners wanting to rent OID deep wells for frost protection.
15. In process of scheduling specific DSO’s to start TCC computer training.



### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41: 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. Nothing unusual or out the ordinary to report.
3. On-Call Activities: On Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, WUD On-Call personnel responded to a report of a broken water line on Whitetail Drive. It turned out to be broken sprinkler pipe.
4. Domestic Water Systems: Monthly Coliform Bacteria water samples were collected on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. No problems were detected, all water system are operating without restrictions.
5. Domestic Water Systems: Title 22 Water Quality samples were collected on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. These samples are collected from each of the seventeen domestic wells every three years. Sample results are still pending.
6. Storm Water Pumps: WUD staff continues to perform routine inspection and servicing of the winter drain pumps. All sites remain fully operational.
7. Spring Servicing of Pumping Stations: WUD staff has started the annual inspection and servicing of the electrical motor control panels and other electrical support equipment in preparation for the upcoming irrigation season.
8. Special Note: The WUD welcomes its newest employee, Eric Hassell to the department.

### **Financing Activities**

1. Submitted to State of California the Brown Act Reimbursement claim for the 2009-2010 period. To date the District has submitted claims totaling \$85,656.
2. Rural water system account information:
  - 20 – late payment notices
  - 11 – 15-day shutoff notices
  - 2 – 48-hour shutoff notices
  - 3 – customer deposits (due to late payments)
3. Preparation for Employee Benefits presentation.
4. Attended the Tri Dam advisory committee pre-audit meeting.

### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting , Monday, February 7, 2011**

Director Webb stated that the Committee discussed the problems that they are having in installing the new transformer at Tulloch. He stated that they hope to have the unit back on line by Friday. Director Webb stated that they were told that they are having a problem with getting PG&E on board. He also stated that the Committee met with the Auditor, with everyone present and then privately with the Committee only.

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Clark

Director Clark congratulated the General Manager Steve Knell on his anniversary and congratulated Director Alpers on his birthday.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers stated that he looked at the newsletter and under the article regarding SBX7-7 he wondered if there should be some information regarding meters being installed. The General Manager Steve Knell stated that there has been no Board decision on the installation of meters and the costs associated therewith.

Director Webb

Director Webb had no comments.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos had no comments.

At the hour of 10:02 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

**A. *Government Code §54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator***

Agency Negotiator: General Manager

Unrepresented Employee Organization: Operations Employees, Exempt Management, Exempt Supervisory, and Confidential Employees

**B. *Government Code §54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiator***

Negotiating Parties: OID, SSJID, SLDMWA, Stockton East Water District, Westside Interests, EDF, BAWSCA and Coastal Interests

Property: Water

Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Counsel

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

At the hour of 11:23 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

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

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 19**

At the hour of 11:23 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 1, 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, February 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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Al Bairos, Jr., President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary