

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
December 15, 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. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Steve Webb, President  
Herman Doornenbal, Vice President  
Gary Osmundson  
Gail Altieri  
Linda Santos

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary  
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager  
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager  
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer

Also Present: Fred Silva, General 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 9:02 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

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

Ken Kraus, who resides at 8806 Wamble Road, Oakdale was present and asked why a vote on a water sale was made at the Tri-Dam Meeting. He also asked why the Board Meeting was changed from Tuesday to Monday. Director Webb stated that he had requested the change due to a conflict on his calendar and the attendance of staff to the ACWA Conference.

Robert Frobose, who resides at 4333 Claus Road, Modesto, was present and congratulated Directors Altieri and Santos for their hard work on the campaign and being elected to the Board of Directors.

There being no further public comment, public comment closed at the hour of 9:08 a.m.

Director Santos requested that Item Nos. 3, 4, 8, and 10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT ITEMS**  
**ITEM NOS. 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13**

**ITEM NO. 2**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2015**  
**AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2015-102, 2015-103, 2015-104, AND 2015-105**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 30, 2015 and Resolution Nos. 2015-102, 2015-103, 2015-104, and 2015-105.

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the assignment of the following Capital Work Order Numbers:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Claribel Lateral	Install one 16" x 8' Fresno 101C slide gate (APN 014-033-013).	\$2,200	2015-056

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE**  
**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S 2016 INVESTMENT POLICY**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Adopting the Oakdale Irrigation District's 2016 Investment Policy.

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING**  
**THE REVISED SICK LEAVE POLICY**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Adopting the Revised Sick Leave Policy.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NON-EXEMPT CONFIDENTIAL BARGAINING GROUP**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Accepting the Memorandum of Understanding with the Non-Exempt Confidential Bargaining Group.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 053 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-015 WITH GIULIANI & KULL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PREPARE A PLAT AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR A THIRTY FOOT EASEMENT FOR THE STODDARD PIPELINE THROUGH APN: 010-016-006**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 053 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-015 with Giuliani & Kull, Inc. for Professional Services to prepare a plat and legal description for a thirty foot easement for the Stoddard Pipeline through APN: 010-016-006.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE TULLOCH PIPELINE (APN: 010-005-010 – BRENT A. JOHNSON AND GUADALUPE JOHNSON)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Tulloch Pipeline (APN: 010-005-010 – Brent A. Johnson and Guadalupe Johnson).

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE TULLOCH PIPELINE (APN: 010-048-019 – JAMES G. NORTHCUTT AND CARRIE L. NORTHCUTT, CHRISTOPHER D. MORRIS)**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Tulloch Pipeline (APN: 010-048-019 – James G. Northcutt and Carrie L. Northcutt, Christopher D. Morris).

The above Consent Items passed unanimously by the following votes:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NO. 3, 4, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22**

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

Director Santos had a question on two vendors with large expenditures listed on the Statement of Obligations, Hilmar Lumber and Rubicon. Director Santos stated that 27" PVC pipe comes with the gaskets in the bell end, why did the invoice seem to reflect we had ordered 1021 pipe gaskets at a cost of \$34,003.02. Support Services Manager Jason Jones clarified that the description is what created the confusion. Director Santos asked about the contract with Rubicon to which General Manager Steve Knell responded.

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

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**APPROVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

Director Santos asked for more detail to the report so that she would be able to determine where the Districts are located for their billing; however she had met with the Chief Financial Officer Kathy Cook who informed her that the landowners had met and agreed to the amounts indicated on the report.

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

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF**  
**UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EXEMPT MANAGEMENT BARGAINING GROUP**

Director Santos had a questions about the 8% increase given to the Exempt Management Bargaining Group. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the Exempt Management Group was given an 8% increase effective January 1, 2016 and 3% in 2017 and 3% in

2018 due to the fact that they have taken on extra responsibilities that were handled by three other management personnel who were no longer with the District.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Accepting the Memorandum of Understanding with the Exempt Management Bargaining Group.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 018 TO GENERAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT 2013-GSA-032 WITH NORTHERN STEEL, INC. FOR THE CUTTING,**  
**BENDING, AND PLACEMENT OF REBAR FOR SIX (6) OUT-OF-DISTRICT**  
**TURNOUT STRUCTURES LOCATED ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH MAIN CANALS**

Director Santos asked if the out-of-district work that is being done is paid for by the landowner. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that they landowner puts up a deposit and is responsible for paying any difference in the cost when the project is completed. They are also responsible for paying for the meter and any maintenance thereafter.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Work Release No. 018 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-032 with Northern Steel, Inc. for the cutting, bending, and placement of rebar for six (6) out-of-district turnout structures located on the North and South Main Canals.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE**  
**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

*Water Code* §21386 states, "At its organizational meeting, the board may elect, in addition to the president, a vice president who shall have the power to perform all the duties of the president in the absence of the president, or in the event of his inability to perform such duties."

List of Elected Officials:

Steve Webb  
Herman Doornenbal

Gary Osmundson  
Gail Altieri  
Linda Santos

A motion was made by Director Santos and was seconded by Director Altieri to elect Director Altieri as Vice President of the Board, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Altieri and Santos  
Noes: Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson  
Absent: None

The motions failed by a 2-3 vote.

Thereafter a motion was made by Director Webb and was seconded by Director Osmundson to elect Director Doornenbal as Vice President of the Board and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Webb, Osmundson, Doornenbal  
Noes: Directors Altieri and Santos  
Absent: None

The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE**  
**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

*Water Code* §21376 states, "At its organizational meeting the board shall elect a president from its members and appoint a secretary who shall each hold office during the pleasure of the board."

List of Elected Officials:

Steve Webb  
Herman Doornenbal  
Gary Osmundson  
Gail Altieri  
Linda Santos

A motion was made by Director Osmundson and was seconded by Director Doornenbal to nominate and elect Director Webb as President of the Board and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Osmundson, Doornenbal, Webb  
Noes: Directors Altieri, Santos  
Absent: None

The motion passed by 3-2 vote.

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE**  
**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER TO THE BOARD**

*Water Code* §21376 states, "At its organizational meeting the board shall elect a President from its members and appoint a Secretary who shall each hold office during the pleasure of the board."

In addition, OID's Administrative Policy requires the appointment of the Treasurer's position to the Board.

List of Officers of the District:

General Manager - Steve Knell  
General Counsel - Roger M. Schrimp  
Water Counsel - Timothy O'Laughlin  
Personnel Counsel - Julia Jenness  
Secretary - Steve Knell  
Treasurer (Chief Financial Officer) - Kathy Cook

A motion was made by Director Altieri to place Director Santos' name to the list of Officers of the District. General Manager Steve Knell stated this position is Secretary to the Board and a Board Member cannot be a Secretary to the Board it sits on.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Osmundson, and was unanimously supported to approve the appointment of Steve Knell as Secretary, and Kathy Cook as Treasurer.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent	None

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION ON THE ELECTION**  
**AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW OFFICERS TO THE BOARD**

The attached Resolution for the Election and Appointment of New Officers to the Board is consistent with the Water Code and Board Administrative Policies. All appointments shall remain in effect until another election is held or a new Board is elected.

A motion was made by Director Webb and seconded by Director Doornenbal to adopt the Resolution on the Election and Appointment of New Officers to the Board and was voted on by the following roll call vote.

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Osmundson	Yes

Director Webb	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Altieri	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT**  
**A RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES**

Upon election of new Board Officers, the attached resolution is submitted for the authorization of new signatories on District bank accounts.

A motion was made by Director Webb and was seconded by Director Osmundson to adopt the Resolution for Designation of Bank Account Signatories, and was voted as follows:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri
Noes:	Director Santos
Absent	None

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING FRANK CLARK IN APPRECIATION OF FOURTEEN YEARS**  
**OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF THE**  
**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND TRI-DAM PROJECT**

As stated on the attached resolution, Frank Clark has served and devoted fourteen years of service as a Director on the Board of Directors for the Oakdale Irrigation District and the Tri-Dam Project. The attached resolution is being submitted for Board approval as a commemorative of Frank Clark's years of service.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we would like to congratulate Frank Clark and acknowledge the highest commendation, thanks, and appreciation for his loyalty, integrity, hard work, and devotion.

Director Santos stated that she did not agree with the wording in the Resolution and felt that it was divisive and controversial and did not think that the resolution should become a part of the history of the District. Director Webb requested that this item be tabled, forwarded to the proper Committee for discussion and then brought back to the Board.

Members of the public, Robert Frobose and Travis Dovala commented on this agenda item.



**ITEM NO. 20**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING AL BAIROS JR., IN APPRECIATION OF NINE YEARS AND**  
**FOUR MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR ON**  
**THE BOARD FOR THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND TRI-DAM PROJECT**

As stated on the attached resolution, Al Bairos, Jr., has served and devoted nine years and four months of service as a Director on the Board of Directors for the Oakdale Irrigation District and the Tri-Dam Project. The attached resolution is being submitted for Board approval as a commemorative of Al Bairos, Jr.'s years of service.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we would like to congratulate Al Bairos, Jr., and acknowledge the highest commendation, thanks, and appreciation for his loyalty, integrity, hard work, and devotion.

This item was tabled until a later date.

**ITEM NO. 21**  
**APPROVE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS WITH VARIOUS**  
**ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2016 (ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA**  
**WATER AGENCIES, OAKDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION, CALIFORNIA**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION)**

District requests that the Board approve renewal of the memberships with the following organizations:

Organization	2015 Membership Dues/Contribution	2016 Membership Dues/Contribution	Amount to be Paid
Association of CA Water Agencies	\$18,480.00	18,655.00	18,655.00
Oakdale Chamber of Commerce	847.00	892.00	872.00
California Chamber of Commerce	599.00	549.00	-0-
California Farm Water Coalition	3,000.00	8,362.00	3,000.00
California Special Districts Association	5,691.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
Water Education Foundation	1,000.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,379.00</b>	<b>\$34,558.00</b>	<b>\$28,672.00</b>

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve renewal of memberships with the Association of California Water Agencies, Oakdale Chamber of Commerce, California Farm Water Coalition, California Special Districts Association and Water Education Foundation for 2016.

The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Altieri, Santos
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

**ITEM NO. 22**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ON-FARM**  
**CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM AND DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE**  
**FORWARD WITH THE PREPARATION OF WORK RELEASES WITH CH2M HILL**

The On Farm Conservation Program was developed in the latter part of 2013 for implementation in 2014 but time ran out in order to do an adequate CEQA document to support the plan.

Again, in late 2014, the Program was revised and attempted for implementation in 2015. Staff was authorized to solicit interest, which it did in a number of public outreach programs, and OID found both substantial interest and support. OID authorized sign-ups and development of conservation programs for interested parties, but again, time ran out to do a supportive CEQA document, OID received a protest letter from Louis Brichetto, and the OID stood down again from implementing the program, much to the disappointment to those constituents who signed up.

Staff brings this back to the Board again to see if there is interest in moving forward with implementing the On Farm Conservation Program in 2016. It is still early enough in the process to complete the supportive CEQA document but time will be running out if action is delayed into January, as it was earlier this year.

Staff is requesting the Board consider two actions;

1. Approval of the General Manager executing a contract to do the necessary CEQA documents for a one-year On Farm Conservation Program in 2016, as a Categorical Exemption.
2. Approval of the General Manager to execute a contract to do the necessary CEQA documents for a multi-year On Farm Conservation Program. The longer time program will require an EIR and that lead time to prepare such documentation is about 1-year.

CH2 estimates that action 1, as described above, would cost \$5,000.

CH2 estimates that action 2, as described above, would cost \$200,000.

All monies spent by OID would be recouped as part of OID's administrative costs over the term of the final contracts.

Attorney Howard Wilkins was present on behalf of Louis Brichetto, and commented on this agenda item.

Members of the public, Robert Frobose and Tom Orvis, also commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson and was seconded by Director Doornenbal to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with CH2M Hill to prepare the necessary CEQA documents for the one-year On-Farm Conservation Program in 2016 and was voted as follows:

Ayes:	Directors Webb, Doornenbal, Osmundson
Noes:	Directors Altieri, Santos
Absent	None

Motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**ITEM NOS. 23, 24**

**ITEM NO. 23**  
**DISCUSSION ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2016**

December is the time Staff begin identifying its goals and objectives for the coming year. On the short list in 2016 Staff is looking at the following;

Administrative and Legal

- State Water Resources Control Board's release of its Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan
  - Release in January 2015
  - Comments and responses to document - January to March
  - Hearings on adoption June/July
- Settlement discussions on the Stanislaus River with potential due date of December 2016
- Operations Plan to State Water Resources Control Board by February 15, 2016
  - Storage component in NM to be addressed
  - Monthly updates and adjustments to Ops Plan anticipated through October 2016
  - Water Release negotiations anticipated for;
    - April/May pulse flows and
    - October fall attraction flows.
    - All negotiations may include sales of released water
  - ESA and R&B Uses may come into play
- Labor contract negotiations begin in September for Operating Engineers Local No. 3
- Re-districting of OID voting districts – currently ongoing.

Finance

- Annual Independent Audit begins in February
- 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report preparation
- Continuation and refinement of water billing software

- 2017 Budget preparations begin in September

#### Water Operations and Engineering

- Implement and refine volumetric measurement at the farm gate.
  - Educate and train DSOs in this new phase of water accounting.
- 2015 Water Balance
- Geo-tech evaluation of South Main Tunnel hazards not yet addressed and develop an action plan for repairs
- Implement and Manage the On Farm Conservation Program (if approved)
- SGMA development and GSA formation that protects OID interests in the County and OID's service area.

#### Maintenance, Construction, Contracts and Safety

- Continuation of Target Zero Safety Program
- Continuation of annual renewal of General Services Agreements (GSA's) and associated Work Releases for GSA's and Professional Services Agreements (PSA's)
- Continue to modernize and rebuild District infrastructure as permitted by budget and maintain existing facilities in a serviceable and functional condition.

Board members need to identify those elements they feel important to be accomplished in 2016. With that information, staff will develop an Action Plan that balances available staff time to accomplish those priority goals and objectives and bring back to the Board.

### **ITEM NO. 24** **DISCUSSION ON BOARD MEMBERS'** **INTEREST IN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Per OID Policy;

*The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board, shall appoint the members of all standing committees, subject to Board approval, and shall have such other powers to perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time-to-time by the Board.*

*Special committees may be appointed by the Chairman/President of the Board with approval of the Board for such special tasks as circumstances warrant. A special or ad hoc committee shall limit its activities to the accomplishment of the task for which it is appointed and shall have no power to act except such as specifically conferred by action of the Board.*

This item is on the agenda for the members of the Board (new and old) to express their interest to the President for his consideration of appointments. After today, the information gathered will be brought back to the full Board on January 5, 2015 for appointment. The following Committees need to have Board Members appointed to them:

1. Oakdale Irrigation District's Seven (7) Standing Committees
2. Stanislaus County's Water Advisory Committee (WAC)

3. JPIA Alternate Representative

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

There are seven (7) Standing Committees; Finance, Water/Engineering, Personnel, Planning & Public Relations, Domestic Water, Tri-Dam Project and San Joaquin Tributary Authority Commission. The President shall designate the task of each committee and appoint persons to serve on each committee. A Standing Committee may deliberate and recommend changes in District policy or direction but may not itself create or change policy or direction.

To reduce the risk of communications that could result in impermissible discussion or consensus-building there are ground rules of communicating between different committees (or their respective members) through either the Board or the General Manager. (Note: The Board may only provide new policy direction to District staff or management via the General Manager.)

**WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)**

The District will also need to appoint a new Board Member to the Stanislaus County's Water Advisory Committee (WAC). This committee was formed to provide a needs assessment by county area, prioritize groundwater concerns, develop draft policies and directives, and advise the Board of Supervisors on issues pertaining to groundwater. The spokesperson on this Committee will get its direction from the whole Board on all issues related to groundwater decisions that impact OID.

**JPIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE**

The District will need to appoint an Alternate Representative to the JPIA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of one representative from each Member, who shall be a Member Director selected by the governing Board of that Member. Each Member, in addition to appointing its Member of the Board, shall appoint at least one alternate who shall be an Officer, Member of the governing Board, or an employee of that Member. The alternate appointed by a Member shall have the authority to attend and participate in any meeting of the Board when the regular member for whom he or she is an alternate is absent from said meeting.

Director Webb asked that the Directors let him know prior to the Board Meeting on January 5, 2016 which committees they are interested in being appointed to.

**ITEM NO. 24**  
**COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

**Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 314 days without a lost time injury accident.

### **Administration Activities**

1. On-Farm Conservation Program scope and cost of project developed.
2. ACWA Report: GM met with the Governor's Secretary and Under Secretary of Resources and with Del Puerto Irrigation District about moving water to the Westside. Attended Desalinization presentation and Public Trust presentation on groundwater.
3. 2016 budget finalization awaiting new Finance Committee appointees.
4. Labor negotiations have been completed for all 3 bargaining groups. Independent bargaining employees still remain.

### **Legal Activities**

1. ID 52 Lawsuit: No change since November 30<sup>th</sup> report.
2. Demurrers in the SJTA and SWB curtailment matter scheduled to be heard on February 19, 2016.
3. The OID and SSJID, acting as intervenors in the CalSpa suit against the State Water Resources Control Board Bureau, have filed responses to the CalSpa complaint. No change since November 30<sup>th</sup> report.
4. General Counsel has responded to Brown Act violation allegation regarding water release OID and SSJID entered into with the State of California and the Federal Bureau water contractors. No change since November 30<sup>th</sup> report..
5. OID is in a test claims case on the State of California's issuance of unfunded mandates, i.e. SBx7-7. Opposition briefs (one from the Commission and one from Finance and DWR) are due December 28th and our reply brief will be due on January 21, 2016. The hearing will be held on February 5th in Sacramento. No changes since November 30<sup>th</sup> report.

### **Construction Activities**

1. C&M crews and equipment operators continue to work on maintenance and capital projects on OID facilities. All projects are progressing well.
2. Assisting Water Operations/Engineering 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. Conducting multiple landowner meetings for present and future Capital Projects.
6. Field Supervisor Joe Kosakiewicz and I will be attending a train the trainer course for CPR/First Aid/AED on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Upon completion of the course we will be able to train all OID employees on this matter.
7. The School Farm Committee will be meeting on Dec. 10, 2015 and I will be attending in the place of Frank Clark.
8. San Joaquin County Sherriff's Dept. contacted me on 12/7 advising that they had found our Kubota RTV that was reported stolen in September 2013. The RTV has been retrieved by OID personnel and is currently in our yard.

### **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. Initiation of new development projects seems to be extending farther into the end of year than it ever has in the past.

2. Processed Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
3. Several responses were received to the letters noting OID's requirements for continued irrigation on recently completed lot line adjustments and parcel splits projects. Field review of the applicable conditions in each individual circumstance is now being completed.
4. Staff has completed review and provided comments to Davids Engineering on the draft updated 2015 AWMP. Once the comments are addressed, the draft plan will be made available for public review and comment. A presentation of the updated plan is also anticipated to be provided at the January 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
5. The ACOE finalized the categorical exemption document and prepared easement documents for the proposed tunnel as well as the 2 Mile Bar access road.
6. Plan preparation for the proposed Kuhn Pipeline project continued. Easement documentation is currently being recorded with the County.
7. The City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 is in the process of being reviewed by legal counsel.

### **Aq Water**

1. SCADA personnel continued winter maintenance on all remotely monitored and/or automated SCADA sites.
2. Storm water and winter water operations continued.
3. Field review was initiated at several sites where water measurement and operational improvements have been requested.
4. The County completed a CASGEM monitoring and reporting plan for the northern triangle of Stanislaus County. OID's sites north of the Stanislaus River were added to the CASGEM website and incorporated into the plan which was approved on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41:
  - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
  - 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 Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. No problems were detected. All systems are operating without restrictions.
  - WUD submitted OID's "Small Water Supplier Conservation Reports" to the State Water Resources Control Board on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Domestic water usage was down approximately 30% as compared to 2013.
4. Rural Water System No. 1:
  - Monthly meter readings were collected on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. On-Call Activities:
  - Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, WUD responded to a 6:00 pm call from the KFWTP reporting the storage tank was overflowing. The problem was not OID related it was a valve setting issue at the WTP.
6. Knights Ferry Pumping Station:

- The KFWTP was switched over to river water on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
- WUD continues to perform the routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations in use as winter drain pumps. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
  - Townhill Drain Pump – The rebuilt pump was installed on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the site was placed back into service as a winter drain pump.

## **Finance Activities**

1. The District received *Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year ending December 31, 2014*. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the highest standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story. This is the eighth year in a row that the District has received this Certificate.
2. 2016 Statements were mailed out on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> installment is due on January 1, 2016 and must be received at the District office by 5 p.m. Postmarks are no longer accepted.
3. CFO attended the ACWA conference during the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. December is the open enrollment period for the District's Flexible Spending Account plan (FSA.)

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee meetings.

## **C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

### Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

### Director Osmundson

Director Osmundson had no comments.

### Director Santos

Director Santos had no comments.

### Director Altieri

Director Altieri had no comments.

### Director Webb

Director Webb wished everyone a Merry Christmas and commended the District on a job well done this past year.



At the hour of 10:49 a.m. the Board moved to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 26**

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

Agency Negotiator: General Manager

Represented Employee: Kristy Bissell-Vargas and John Walsh

**B. Government Code §54956.9 – Significant Exposure to Litigation**

Pursuant to Paragraph (2) and (3) of Subdivision (d) of §54956.9

One (1) Case

**C. Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property  
Negotiator**

Negotiating Parties: DWR, Cal Fish & Wildlife, and Various  
NGO's

Property: Water

Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

Director Webb left the Closed Session at 11:45 a.m.

At the hour of 12:14 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

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

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 27**

At the hour of 12:14 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 5, 2016 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, December 17, 2015 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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Steve Webb, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary