

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
February 17, 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
Frank Clark
Al Bairos, Jr.

Absent: Jack D. Alpers

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

Also Present: Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no deletions of agenda items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There was no action taken out of sequence.

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.

Director Doornenbal requested that Item Nos. 11 and 12 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015 AND
RESOLUTION NOS. 2015-04, 2015-05, 2015-06, 2015-07 AND 2015-08

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2015 and Resolution Nos. 2015-04, 2015-05, 2015-06, 2015-07, and 2015-08.

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION

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

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE THE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2015

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2015.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST TO WAIVE
RURAL WATER SECURITY DEPOSIT AND LATE
PAYMENT FEES (APN: 010-053-029 – CHRISTENSEN)

This item will be brought back to the Board for clarification at their March 3, 2015 Board Meeting.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR CALPERS
EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution for CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE AMENDING AND EXTEND THE
EXISTING SCHWARTZ SUBDIVISION WILL SERVE LETTER

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Amending and Extend the Existing Schwartz Subdivision Will Serve Letter.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE DEFERRED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
ON THE RIVER ROAD PIPELINE (APN: 006-006-056/067 – COLUMBO)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Deferred Conditions of Approval on the River Road Pipeline (APN: 006-006-056/057 – Columbo).

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE DEFERRED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
ON THE SOUTH MAIN (APN: 011-013-034/035 – WILLMS RANCH LLC)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Deferred Conditions of Approval on the South Main (APN: 011-013-034/035 – Willms Ranch LLC).

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS NOS. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE AG DISCHARGE PERMIT ON THE
CLARK PIPELINE (APN: 207-310-015 – SONKE FAMILY TRUST)

Director Doornenbal recused himself from voting on this item.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Ag Discharge Permit on the Clark Pipeline (APN: 207-310-015 – Sonke Family Trust).

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE
CLARK PIPELINE (APN: 207-310-015 – SONKE FAMILY TRUST)

Director Doornenbal recused himself from voting on this item.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Clark Pipeline (APN: 207-310-015 – Sonke Family Trust).

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING REQUEST
OF OJUSD FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SALMON STUDIES PROGRAM

On September 4, 2007 Ann Marie Bergen, the Oakdale School District Science Teacher came before the Board of Directors with a proposal for water education in the Oakdale Joint Unified School District. This consisted of a Fourth Grade Salmon Project which connected the Fourth Grade class to the Stanislaus River by raising Chinook salmon from an egg to a fry before releasing the salmon into the river. The Board of Directors agreed to support the project for three years.

This project was taken over by Krista Smith, Salmon Coordinator for Oakdale Joint Unified Salmon Studies. Ms. Smith has submitted a letter requesting the District's support for the 2015 Fourth Grade Salmon Project. Set forth below is a breakdown of the busing costs that the District has paid to support this project:

Year	Cost
2010	\$1,896.74
2011	1,484.38
2012	1,869.91
2013	1,499.04
2014	1,712.15

The 2015 estimated busing cost for 400 students is \$2,100.00. The amount of funding being sought is beyond the approval of the Committee and is being brought before the Board for consideration.

Krista Smith, Salmon Coordinator for Oakdale Joint Unified Salmon Studies was present and discussed her request for support of the 2015 Salmon Studies Program to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to fund the busing cost for 2015 in the sum of \$2,100 for the Salmon Studies Program.

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO FILL THE VACANCY
FOR DISTRICT FIVE CREATED BY RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR

Director Alpers submitted his resignation to the Oakdale Irrigation District stating that his resignation would be effective February 28, 2015. The Election Code states that an elected official who resigns within the first or second year of his/her term requires that the vacancy be placed on the next general election as a short term election. If the Board decides to appoint in the interim, the person who has been appointed to fill the vacancy will be placed on the ballot as an appointed director. There are certain time frames involved with the appointment of a director to the Board. Those time frames are set forth below:

- 02/28/15 Notice and effective date of resignation from Director Jack Alpers (District 5). This starts the 60-day period for Board to appoint replacement.
- 03/13/15 Last day to notify County Elections Office of the vacancy on the Board. The Board must notify the County Elections Office no later than 15-days from receipt of the notice or the effective date of the resignation, whichever is later.
- 03/23/15 Last day for the Board to post 15-day notice of vacancy assuming that the appointment would take place at the **April 7, 2015 Board Meeting.**
or
- 04/07/15 Last day for the Board to post 15-day notice of vacancy assuming that the appointment would take place at the **April 21, 2015 Board Meeting.** Also, this is the last regular Board Meeting to appoint prior to the expiration of the 60-day period.
- 04/29/15 Last possible day for the Board to appoint a replacement, assuming a Special Board Meeting is called for that purpose.

This item has been placed on the agenda to determine whether or not the Board would like to fill the vacancy in the interim or wait until the election in November when this will be placed on the ballot.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to accept the resignation of Director Alpers.

A motion was made by Director Bairos and seconded by Director Doornenbal to seek candidates to fill the vacancy and was voted as follows:

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

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNER AGREEMENTS FOR THE ON-FARM
CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE
THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THOSE AGREEMENTS

Included in the Agenda is a draft of the Landowner Agreement that will be used for applicants that have enrolled lands in the On Farm Conservation Funding Program. If no changes or edits, these Agreements will be mailed out immediately to applicant landowners for signature and return. OID will be requesting that all applications be returned by March 1, fully executed and with W-9 tax forms attached.

Staff has met individually on-site with each applicant who applied for the program and has reviewed the proposed conservation project(s) each landowner intends to implement. Staff

has a good handle on the process and will be able to assist landowners with questions over the next two week period.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the individual landowner agreements for the On-Farm Conservation Funding Program and authorize the General Manager to execute those agreement.

DISCUSSION
ITEM NOS. 16, 17, 18

ITEM NO. 16
DISCUSSION ON 2015 WATER SEASON

The following information if provided to develop a basis upon which to frame the subsequent discussions:

- Inflow into New Melones since October 1st to February 13th has been 168,100 acre feet
- Bureau's 90% exceedance number for all of 2015 season is 200,000 acre feet of runoff
- Under that estimate, an additional 32,000 acre feet of runoff can be expected.

- New Melones storage is at 597,000 acre feet as of Friday, February 13th
- Dead pool in New Melones is about 70,000 acre feet
- Net available water TODAY for use in the basin totals 527,000 acre feet (597-70)
- Add the expected 32,000 acre feet of additional inflow and NM usable storage for the 2015 irrigation will be about 559,000 acre feet.

- Last year's water use by OID was around 205,000 acre feet
- Last year's water use by SSJID was around 215,000 acre feet
- The two districts water use last year totaled about 420,000 acre feet

- Subtracting district's anticipated water use last year from the total available leaves 139,000 acre feet for the Bureau to meet fish flows in the river.
- Minimum fish flows demand in the Stanislaus will be 150,000 acre feet
- SEWD will get no water this year
- Net shortfall in the basin TODAY is about 11,000 acre feet from meeting all water demands.
- This would essentially leave a dead pool on September 30th in New Melones and leave the Bureau with no water to meet any fall fish flows.

Staff discussed with the Board the numerous variables and options that could be put into place to get SSJID and OID through the 4th year of this drought and to meet water for fish such that we can avoid an environmental confrontation.

General Manager Steve Knell gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015 irrigation season.

Members of the public Ken Krause and Tom Orvis commented on this agenda item.

ITEM NO. 17
DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE
ON-FARM CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM WATER
BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
AND THE SAN LUIS & DELTA MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

A draft contract for the purchase of water made available from the On-Farm Conservation Funding Program is included with this agenda item. It is in a standard contract format similar to past water transactions the OID has participated in since 1998.

ITEM NO. 18
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR
ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

This item is here for general discussion on items that appear on the Tri-Dam Agenda when it is made available.

ITEM NO. 19
COMMUNICATIONS

A. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 21 days without a lost time injury accident.
2. Fire extinguisher training held on the 13th.

Administration Activities

1. SJTA Commissioners Special meeting of January 26th ended in a mixed vote for an Executive Officer.
2. Environmental work for the On Farm Conservation Funding Program.
3. Staff and Counsels from both districts met with the Bureau of Reclamation on February 5th to discuss and develop a drought Plan.
4. Solano Irrigation District Staff members visited OID on the 8th to see OID's Rubicon System, as they are purchasing the same technology.
5. Stanislaus River Settlement Talks have yet to be rescheduled.
6. The SJTA met to strategize on an approach to the SWRCB's pending SED release which is now scheduled for April/May.
7. Planning and Public Relations Committee meeting on the 10th.
8. Speaking at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau – Northeast Regional Meeting on the 19th.
9. Speaking at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau – Escalon Regional Meeting on the 19th.
10. GM is and invited speaker at the California Water Policy Conference being held at the Claremont McKenna Colleges in Pomona, March 20th.

Construction Activities

1. Assisting Water Ops./Engineering Dept. with various assigned tasks including field and plan review of capital projects.
2. OID forces are working on maintenance tasks and capital projects including turnout replacements, gate replacements and other misc. projects.
3. Currently conducting joint interviews for the vacant C&M Worker and DSO/C&M positions with the Water Ops. Manager.
4. Conducting Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued and work releases.
5. Assisted Water Ops. Manager on 2/9 with a tour and discussion of the Rubicon TCC System with Solano Irrigation District.
6. Assisting Water Ops. Manager on various landowner meetings regarding the On-Farm Conservation Program and providing additional assistance as directed.
7. Conducting safety related tasks and working with Condor on the five year RMP Update, a draft of the RMP update has been received, reviewed and provided to Condor with comments.

Water Operations Activities

Engineering

1. Land use Conversion – Continued to work with landowners, tenants, irrigation design companies and Support Services/Water Operations concerning ongoing and future land use conversion projects.
2. Processed several Encroachment, Ag Discharge and Deferred Conditions of Approval Agreements.

Ag Water

1. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
2. Integration of new SCADA sites continued.
3. SCADA/IT staff continued to make substantial progress with the development of the new STORM volumetric tracking and billing application for deployment during the 2015 water season.
4. Preparation for 2015 irrigation season (DSO orientation, division assignments, schedules, etc.) continued.
5. Numerous calls and landowner meetings were conducted along with the assistance of the Support Services Manager to answer questions regarding their potential participation in the proposed OID On-Farm Conservation Program. Engineering staff is continuing to proceed with finalization of project maps and costs prior to issuance of the Board approved contract.
6. DSO/C&M interviews were conducted on February 10th and 11th. Additional interviews will be conducted on February 18th before the successful candidates are selected.
7. Water Operations Manager attended a Groundwater Workshop hosted by Stanislaus County and Turlock Irrigation District on February 5th. Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation approaches, options and considerations were discussed.
8. Standard winter water operations continued.
9. Water Operations Manager assisted in hosting and presenting OID's implementation of the TCC Pilot project for Solano Irrigation District Staff on February 9th.

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:
 - Staff 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. Improvement Districts No. 45 & 49:
 - A general meeting of the two memberships was held at on Wednesday, February 4th to discuss the merger of the two systems. Only 6 ID members showed up for the meeting and the consensus of the group was to progress with the merger as recommended by their respective committees.
4. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Finished spring servicing procedures to pumping stations. Several minor problems were discovered and corrected.
5. Knights Ferry Community Services District:
 - Staff continues to conduct multiple weekly inspections, servicing and security checks on the pumping station.
6. On-Call Activities:
 - Nothing to Report.
7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continued to conduct routine inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations in use as winter storm water pumps. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
 - North Main #1 Deep Well Pump was tested and placed into service for the 2015 Irrigation Season.
 - Furtado Deep Well Pump was activated for landowner rental use from Monday, February 2nd thru Thursday, February 5th.
 - Tennant Deep Well Pump was activated for landowner rental use on Monday, February 2nd.
 - Finished spring servicing procedures to pumping stations. Several minor problems were discovered and corrected. All irrigation pumping stations are ready for the 2015 Water Season.

Financing Activities

1. Continue with the preparation of closing entries for 2014 year-end, in addition to route accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billings, account reconciliations, etc.)
2. Processed and monitoring deep well pump rental agreements.
3. Follow up of unprocessed reconnection, new connection, and service abandonment agreements.
4. Provided employee census to TSM Insurance for 2015 health insurance renewal.
5. New Account Clerk to start work on February 26, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Committee, February 3, 2015

- Miscellaneous On-Farm Conservation Funding Program Questions
- Evaluation of Funding Request of the East Stanislaus Resource

**C. Government Code §54956.9 - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) and (3) of Subdivision (d) of §54956.9
One (1) Case**

At the hour of 11:36 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

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

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 21

At the hour of 11:36 a.m. the Board meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary