

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
September 1, 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  
Al Bairos, Jr.  
Gary Osmundson  
Absent: Frank Clark  
Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary  
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager  
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

### **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 9:01 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

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

There being no public comment, Public Comment closed at 9:01 a.m.

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

### **ITEM NO. 2 APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2015 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2015-64, 2015-65, 2015-66 AND 2015-67**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2015 and Resolution Nos. 2015-64, 2015-65, 2015-66 and 2015-67.

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

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

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF**  
**CAPITOL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

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

<u>Facility No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order</u>
Schuller Lateral	Remove and upgrade 24"x5' slide gate	\$2,800	2015-031
Stone Pipeline	Remove and replace 8" in-line valve, install 20' of 18" & 8" PVC pipe, one 8" McCrometer MC Mag 3000 and misc. appurtenances	\$20,200	2015-032
Eaton Lateral	Modification of the existing headgate Structure to allow for the installation of a 24"x8" Rubicon slipmeter, and appurtenances	\$16,300	2015-033
Town "E" Pipeline	Remove 1,050 of 21" pipe and appurtenances, and install 1,200 feet of new 30" pipe, 30 slide gate, 15"x10' 101C slide gate, turnout structure with 1-18"x12' 101C slide gate, and appurtenances	\$249,800	2015-034
Crouch Lateral	Remove and replace 1-24"x5' 101C slide gate	\$3,000	2015-035
Claribel Lateral	Remove and replace 1-15"x19' 101C slide gate	\$1,900	2015-036
Claribel Lateral	Remove and replace 1-18"x9' 101C slide gate	\$2,400	2015-037
Faxon Pipeline	Remove and replace 60' of 15" pipe, inline and appurtenances	\$12,100	2015-038
Young Lateral	Remove and replace 1-5'x7' turnout structure, 1-18"x9' 101C slide gate, and appurtenances	\$12,100	2015-039
Brichetto Lateral	Replace and upgrade existing 15" turnout to a 24" turnout, installation of 1-5'x7' turnout structure, 1-24"x9' 101C slide gate, and appurtenances	\$14,100	2015-040
South Lateral	Remove and replace 1-5'x7' turnout structure, 1-21"x98' 101C slide gate, and appurtenances	\$13,400	2015-041
South Main Canal	Installation of flow measurement, 24" Rubicon FlumeMeter and appurtenances	\$23,500	2015-042

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE BOARD ATTENDANCE AT THE**  
**ACWA CONFERENCE IN INDIAN WELLS DECEMBER 1 - 4, 2015**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Board's attendance at the ACWA Conference in Indian Wells December 1 – 4, 2015.

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE REQUEST FOR NEW IRRIGATION SERVICE TO SUBSTANDARD**  
**PARCEL SERVED BY THE NORTH MAIN (APN: 002-066-015 – FIELDS)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve request for new irrigation service to substandard parcel served by the North Main (APN: 002-066-015 – Fields).

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF THE MILNES RECLAMATION**  
**PUMP, THE WEAVER RECLAMATION PUMP, AND THE**  
**WEAVER RECLAMATION POND (APN: 014-044-003 – BRICHETTO)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve Abandonment of the Milnes Reclamation Pump, the Weaver Reclamation Pump, and the Weaver Reclamation Pond (APN: 014-044-003 – Brichetto).

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE QUIT CLAIM OF THE MILNES RECLAMATION**  
**PUMP, THE WEAVER RECLAMATION PUMP, AND THE**  
**WEAVER RECLAMATION POND (APN: 014-044-033 – BRICHETTO)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Quit Claim of the Milnes Reclamation pump the Weaver Reclamation Pump, and the Weaver Reclamation Pond (APN: 014-004-033 – Brichetto).

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE FENCE AGREEMENT ON THE**  
**CAMPBELL LATERAL (APN: 002-013-033 – HOUGHLAND)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Fence Agreement on Campbell Lateral (APN: 002-013-033 - Houghland).

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**ITEM NO. 10, 11, 12**

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROVIDING**  
**ONE ROTATION IN OCTOBER – 2016 IRRIGATION SEASON**

New Melones is in relatively great shape from what was projected by the State Department of Water Resources back in April of this year. At that time, New Melones was projected to have 147,000 acre feet in storage on September 30<sup>th</sup>. With a projected dead pool of 80,000 acre feet that would have left a remainder of 147K – 80K = 67K of water in New Melones, all of which would belong to the two districts and no water to meet fish flows in the fall. Not a great prospect.

Today New Melones end of month storage for September 30<sup>th</sup> is looking to be 259,000 acre feet. There is sufficient water for fishery flows through the end of the year and a sufficient amount of water to allow for one (1) irrigation in October for those wishing to do so.

Staff therefore recommends a one-time irrigation be made available to OID water users. Water availability would not extend beyond Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The water cost for an October irrigation is about 11,000 acre feet.

Staff continues to work with the Bureau and other agencies on numerous end-of-season issues and matters related to; roll-over accounting, fish water, pulse flow water, water availability March 1, water availability in April for fish, etc. all under different winter hydrologic events. The remaining pool of water behind New Melones raises many issues which need to get resolved, and will, but as of yet nothing has been affirmed.

A member of the public, Linda Santos, commented on the item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to provide one rotation in the October – 2016 Irrigation Season.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE**  
**RESOLUTION DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO**  
**CONSOLIDATE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOS. 45 AND 49**

On February 4, 2015, a meeting was held with the Improvement District No. 45 (ID 45) and Improvement District No. 49 (ID 49) memberships to discuss:

- Instructions received from the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources and the State of California Department of Public Health to merge the two water systems, and
- Changes to the Operation & Maintenance and Capital Replacement Fund rates structures.

A letter was issued on March 2, 2015 (copy attached) informing the ID 45 and ID 49 memberships that it was the consensus of the members in attendance at the meeting to approve the merger of the two systems and to authorize OID to proceed with having legal counsel draft new formation papers for ID 45 which would include the merger of ID 49 and the new rate structures.

The consolidation process requires several steps:

1. Adoption of this Resolution of Intention to Consolidation and set a public hearing date.
2. Publish and posting of the notice of hearing once a week for two successive weeks.
3. Hold public hearing and adopt Resolution to Consolidate.
4. Publish and posting of the Notice of Adoption of Resolution to Consolidate once a week for two successive weeks.
5. The Resolution to Consolidation becomes final on the 91<sup>st</sup> day after the completion of publication and posting, and is then filed with the Secretary of State.

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution of Intention to Consolidate ID 45 and ID 49, and setting a hearing date on October 6, 2015 for Consolidation.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve Resolution Declaring its Intention to Consolidate Improvement District Nos. 45 and 49.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE GENERAL**  
**MANAGER TO FORWARD LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED**  
**PUBLIC GOODS CHARGE OR OTHER STATEWIDE TAX ON WATER BILLS**

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) reached out to its member agencies to take a formal position opposing the concept of a public goods charge or other water tax. ACWA has asked their members to take proactive action and prepare a letter and a resolution in opposition should a bill be introduced under the heading of drought response. Attached is the proposed letter and resolution for the Board's review. These will be forwarded to ACWA for use should a bill be introduced before the Legislature adjourns on September 11, 2015.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to forward letters in opposition to proposed public goods charge or other statewide tax on water bills.

## **ITEM NO. 13** **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

#### **Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 209 days without a lost time injury accident.

#### **Administration Activities**

1. GM made a "*Water Resources Management*" presentation to LAFCO August 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. Attended an Oakdale Business Merchants meeting. Congressman Denham was the speaker on a wide array of Washington issues, water being one of them. He complimented OID on many areas of water management and its ability to meet its farmer's needs during this drought.
3. Tulloch operations remain involved. There was no change in water operations last week. Will inform Board Tuesday what's in store for the remainder of the week and possibly over the Labor Day weekend.
4. GM will be out of the office on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
5. On-Farm Conservation Program meeting with CH2MHill in Sacramento on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
6. GM will be gone the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Construction Activities**

1. C&M crews and equipment operators are working on JSF's generated by Water Dept. staff.
2. Assisting Water Ops./Eng. 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. The OID Pest. Dept. continues to apply Magnacide H to District facilities. So far there has been 43 scheduled applications this year to date.
6. Completed the Support Services 2016 budget.
7. The OID Pest Dept. Herbicide/Pesticide RFP for 2016 was mailed out to seven vendors on 8/25, bid closing is on 9/8 at 2 pm and will be presented to the BOD at the 9/15 meeting.
8. The Notice to Proceed was sent to Hensley's Paving & General Engineering for the asphalt placement at the Oak Grove Cemetery.
9. Conducted an emergency repair to a turnout gate on the Sweet Lateral on 8/22.

#### **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 Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
3. Preparation of the legal description and maps of lands to be annexed continued.

4. Continued to respond and comment on several requests for information and proposed parcel splits and lot line adjustments.
5. Continued to assemble OID data for submittal to Davids Engineering as requested to initiate the update to OID's water balance and 2012 AWMP.
6. Documentation was resubmitted by OID to support an informal consultation process as part of the NEPA review for the 2 Mile Bar Tunnel easement acquisition across the USACOE's property. An update on their review and a timeline for completion is expected during the next conference call on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Aq Water**

1. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
2. Responded to and addressed misc. SCADA operation and control issues as they arose.
3. SCADA/IT staff continued to work with Water Operations personnel to make updates, modifications and corrections to the new STORM volumetric tracking and billing application data.
4. Interviews to fill the IT/SCADA Technician position were conducted on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. An offer was made and accepted on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The pre-employment process is now underway.
5. Mock bills for water usage and charges through July 31<sup>st</sup> based on the proposed water rate structure for 2016 were sent out in mid-August. Water Operations staff continued to respond to inquiries mainly regarding flow rates and hours.
6. Continued to process several Farmer to Farmer Transfer Program Application Agreements. Approximately 70 agreements have been process to date to allow water to move in-district from parcel to parcel.
7. City of Oakdale staff continued to work on drafting an out of boundary service agreement between the City and OID on behalf of ID 41 per LAFCO standards. Upon receipt the agreement will be reviewed by OID staff and legal before being presented to the Board for approval.
8. The twelfth rotation (thirteenth of the 2014/15 water year) is a 16 day rotation and started on or about August 28<sup>th</sup>. The thirteenth rotation will start on or about September 13<sup>th</sup> and will be 18 days to finish off the 2014-15 water season. Staff will be prepared for a rotation in October upon receipt of direction from the Board to do so.

### **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:
  - Continued to investigate water waste complaints.
  - Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, there was a fire in the river bottom bordering ID 46 & ID 51. The fire department drafted water from the ID 46 fire hydrants.
4. Rural Water System No.1 / Schwartz Subdivision:
  - WUD staff has been performing periodic flushing of the new water line to ensure there are no water quality issues. This procedure will continue until the Developer dedicates the new system to OID.

5. On-Call Activities:
  - Nothing to Report.
6. Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan:
  - a. The initial set of water quality samples were collected from the Sweet Lateral on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.
7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
  - WUD continues to perform routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
  - The repairs to the Birnbaum Deep Well Pump have been completed and the site was returned to service on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. Larsen's Pump completed a ride along with staff during the week of August 17<sup>th</sup> to maintain familiarity with OID's WUD system and remain effective in responding to emergencies should the need ever arise unexpectedly in the future.

### **Finance Activities**

1. Mock billing for water usage for the period June 1 through July 31 have been sent out.
2. The 2015 Employee Health Benefits Fair is schedule for Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. A Safety Luncheon will immediately follow the fair. All Directors, employees, and their families are invited to attend the fair and lunch.
3. Working with Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, etc. Law Firm on the consolidation process required for the ID 45 and ID 49 merger.
4. Consolidating department 2016 budget submittals and preparing a draft budget for the Finance Committee review in mid-October.
5. Continue to assist the Water Department on processing of the Farmer-to-Farmer Transfers. As of August 26<sup>th</sup> there have been 70 agreements processed for a total of 3,356 acre feet.

### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Meetings.

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

#### **Director Osmundson**

Director Osmundson had no comments.

#### **Director Bairos**

Director Bairos had no comments

#### **Director Doornenbal**

Director Doornenbal stated that he can see that staff has been doing a good job this year by the amount of water that is running in Lone Creek. He thanked everyone for their handling of the water during the fourth year of a drought.

#### **Director Webb**

Director Webb had no comments.



**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 14**

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:36 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Joint Board Meeting for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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Steve Webb, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary