

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
April 19, 2016

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
Gail Altieri
Linda Santos

Absent: Gary Osmundson

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

Also Present: Jim Oliveira, 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 9:01 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Kenneth Frias heard that we have plenty of water this year and asked why are we pumping water if we don't need it. Director Webb stated we will provide him an answer.

Tom Orvis from the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau reminded everyone of the upcoming Ag Unite Luncheon on May 12th at Modesto Junior College Ag Pavilion from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:05 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

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

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2016 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2016-29 and 2016-30

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2016 and Resolution Nos. 2016-29 and 2016-30.

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

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

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 001 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2015-GSA-002 WITH SIERRA CONTROLS, LLC FOR REVISED RATE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 001 to General Services Agreement 2015-GSA-002 with Sierra Controls, LLC for Revised Rate Schedule.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF STRUCTURE REVIEW APPLICATION FEE (APN: 207-390-71 – DYKXHOORN)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve request for reimbursement of structure review application fee (APN: 207-290-71 - Dykxhoorn).

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE REQUEST FOR NEW IRRIGATION SERVICE TO
SUBSTANDARD PARCEL SERVED BY THE BURNETT LATERAL PIPELINE
(APN: 006-003-045 – SHERRI L. BETTENCOURT AND PAUL E. JONES)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the request for new irrigation service to substandard parcel served by the Burnett Lateral Pipeline (APN: 006-003-045 – Sherri L. Bettencourt and Paul E. Jones).

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE FAIRBANKS
LATERAL (APNS: 207-220-05/06 – PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve Encroachment Permit on the Fairbanks Lateral (APNS: 207-220-05/06 – Pacific Gas and Electric).

The above consent items passed 4-0 by the following votes:

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

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 9, 10, 11, 12

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING OF
OJUSD FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SALMON STUDIES PROGRAM

The Oakdale Irrigation District has supported the Fourth Grade Salmon Project for several years. This consisted of a project that 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. Krista Smith, the Salmon Coordinator for Oakdale Joint Unified Salmon Studies heads up this project for the OJUSD. Ms. Smith has submitted a letter requesting the District's support in paying or the bussing costs for the 2016 Fourth Grade Salmon Project. Ms. Smith will be present at the Board Meeting and will give a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015 Salmon Project. Set forth below is a breakdown of the bussing 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
2015	1,889.86

The 2016 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.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Santos and unanimously supported to open this item up for public comment.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to approve the funding of OJUSD for continued support of Salmon Studies Program.

The motion passed 4-0 by the following vote:

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

ITEM NO. 10
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE AND
TRANSPORT CRUSHED ROCK FOR THE OJUSD SCHOOL FARM SITE

The Oakdale Joint Unified School District (OJUSD) owns a 26 acre parcel adjacent to Brady Road and is working towards developing 13 acres into an orchard and 13 acres into animal barns, a hoop barn, row crops, irrigated pasture, parking lot and a restroom facility. The site will enable FFA and 4-H members that do not currently have a facility to raise animals to do so along with a vast amount of agricultural related educational activities that go along with farming and raising animals. OID staff is actively engaged with the committees associated with this project. Currently the sub-committee is acquiring in-kind and cash donations with a goal to have the southern 13 acres developed into an almond orchard by the spring of 2017. A site meeting was conducted on April 6th to discuss breaking ground on the northern 13 acres commencing with Rivera & Son Earth Moving Co. donating time and equipment to start "roughing in" the access road, parking lot and pads for the barns. The access roads and parking lot need to be rocked so that access to the site can be year round

for construction and also for general access by school staff and participating students as the site develops. There has been discussions that a donation wall will be constructed recognizing all of those individuals and companies that were instrumental to the development of the school farm site, the exact location and design of the wall have not yet been determined.

Staff is requesting that the Board approve the donation of approximately 720 tons +/- of $\frac{3}{4}$ crushed rock and the transportation of the rock to the site. The rock will be graded by the dirt contractor noted above while he is on site. It is estimated that the rock and trucking will cost approximately \$22,000.00, final costs will be determined upon delivery to the site. This donation is an unbudgeted item for the community outreach program.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Altieri and unanimously supported to open this item up for public comment.

Member of the public Tom Orvis commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously supported to cap the cost and shipping of the rock at \$22,000 and to check with local contractors to get donations or lower prices for the rock and bring it back to the Board.

The motion passed by a 4-0 by the following vote:

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

ITEM NO. 11

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXECUTE WORK RELEASE NO. 014 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-002 WITH CH2M FOR A DESKTOP REVIEW OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND SITE VISITS FOR THE 2016 ONE-YEAR PILOT ON-FARM CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Up to 3,000 acres in the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) may be voluntarily idled during the 2016 irrigation season as part of the One Year Pilot On-Farm Conservation Program. During the CEQA review period, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) submitted comments which expressed concern over a number of special-status species that have the potential to occur in the project area. These species, their special-species status, and habitat requirements are outlined in Table 1 of the attached Assessment Plan (AP).

To comply with State and Federal laws, applicants intending to idle land and subsequently implement on-farm improvement projects would be screened, and those

applicants with lands that have a potential for special-status species to occur, according to a CNDDDB review, cursory wetlands review, and critical habitat mapping, would progress to the screening process. Following the initial screening, a pedestrian survey would be conducted by a qualified biologist to further eliminate applicants with potential to adversely impact special-status species. Three initial screening criteria would be implemented including:

- Potential elimination of or Avoidance and Minimization Measures of any project that directly or indirectly impacts wetlands or vernal pools
- Potential elimination of or Avoidance and Minimization Measures of any project that may impact anadromous waterways or result in any take of listed fish species
- Potential elimination of or Avoidance and Minimization Measures of any project that would impact known critical habitat or listed species

In addition to the screening process, project-related impacts to the special-status species with even a minor potential to occur within the Project area would be minimized through the implementation of Avoidance and Minimization Measures. Table 2 in the attached AP summarizes survey requirements, avoidance buffers, and work windows for each species.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the Work Release No. 014 for Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-002 for a desktop review of biological resources and site visits for the 2016 On-Farm Conservation Program.

Director Webb requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting due to the fact that there are a few questions that need to be answered.

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND
THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION ORGANIZATIONAL
CHART TO ADD A WATER UTILITIES TECHNICIAN

The OID Water Utilities Technician position was on OID's Organizational Chart as recently as 2013, but had been vacant for several years prior to that and was removed as a result. Based on the current technical needs within the department, management is recommending that this position be reestablished. While this position is unbudgeted in 2016, the Water Utilities Supervisor will be retiring on July 7th. Given management does not anticipate filling the Water Utilities Supervisor position in the immediate future and the position is anticipated to be filled by in-house staff, there will be a net savings in workforce expenses to the District over the remainder of the year.

The proposed Water Utilities Technician position and job description has been revised to reflect the current wages, expectations and requirements. These revisions were minor and mainly included only incidental updates for physical activity durations

and general responsibilities for the position as well as standard wage increases that have occurred since 2013 according to union negotiations.

Staff recommends amending OID's Organizational Chart to add a Water Utilities Technician Position.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Santos and unanimously supported to open this item up for public comment.

There was no public comment.

A motion as made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to close public comment.

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to amend the Oakdale Irrigation Organizational Chart to add a Water Utilities Technician.

The motion passed 4-0 by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 13, 14

ITEM NO. 13
DISCUSSION / UPDATE ON
IN-DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS FOR FRINGE PARCELS

Fringe parcels are properties in which only a portion of the total parcel acreage lies within the boundaries of OID's service area. The original boundaries of the OID are thought to have initially been established generally based on the contour and the only means of irrigation at the time was by gravity flow. With modern irrigation practices and pressurized irrigation systems, lands outside and above this contour are now able to be irrigated. An analysis of all fringe parcels was completed in 2011 to address this issue around OID's service area and at the December 20, 2011 Board Meeting, the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) Board of Directors moved to provide a one-time opportunity for annexation of several groups of these fringe parcels. Those that were not provided the option of annexation, or those who chose not to move forward with the option of annexation by the October 1, 2012 deadline, were notified that they would be provided the volume of water for the in-district acreage each irrigation season determined to be reasonable for their specific crop. Once that crop allocation had been reached, the turnout would be locked shut and an Out of District Service Agreement would be required before any additional deliveries were made.

As further development along OID's boundaries occurs, the number of fringe parcels continues to increase along with the questions of the process used to determine the maximum allocation for the in-district acreage of these fringe parcels. Staff's definition of a reasonable in-district allocation for each crop has been, and is proposed to continue to be, based on a minimum 70% irrigation efficiency. The expectation to maintain a minimum 70% irrigation efficiency is consistent with OID's Annexation Policy and OID's Out of District Service Agreement. This irrigation season, crop specific demand will be in accordance with the "normal year" crop evapotranspiration (ET) values between March and October from the new ET tables created for OID's service area. The values in these tables were determined by satellite imagery calibrated with data from the Oakdale CIMIS station as part of the water balance from OID's 2015 Agricultural Water Management Plan. The table of "normal year" Monthly ET by Crop in OID's Service Area has been attached for reference. OID staff proposes to continue to enforce maximum allocation to all fringe parcels using this process and these parameters unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors.

Director Webb suggested that staff start working on formulating a Policy for Fringe Parcels and bring it back to the Board.

ITEM NO. 14
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR ON
THE TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

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

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 15

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 423 days without a lost time injury accident.
2. Robin Flynt, ACWA-JPIA presented OID with a Rate Stabilization Fund check for OID's reduced property losses in 2015. Much of this is due to both Eric Thorburn and Jason Jones oversight and management that garnered those reductions in losses.

Administration Activities

1. The Oakdale Chamber of Commerce Ag Scholarship luncheon, of which OID is a sponsor, was a well-attended success.
2. Numerous meetings with DWR, CFW have occurred with staff regarding the On Farm Program.
3. GM attended and supported the FFA Cake Auction on March 22nd. All proceeds were merrily consumed by staff the next day.
4. OE3 meet and confer on health insurance scheduled for April 7th.

5. Stanislaus County Farm Bureau's Annual Membership meeting is April 14th. See Lori for reservations.

Legal Activities

1. ID 52: ID52 Plaintiffs sued OID over ownership issue of facilities used to serve their parcels. Plaintiffs lost in Superior Court. OID has filed suit to recoup its attorney's fees. Waiting for hearing date to be set by the court.
2. Curtailment Case involving the SJTA and State Water Board: OID and SSJID water rights curtailed in 2015. SJTA, of which both district are members, filed for writ of mandate on the action. Trial date is in abeyance until the BBID/WSD case is settled.
3. SJTA has filed as an interested party in the BBID/WSID Curtailment Case. Testimony began and a non-suit motion has been submitted by BBID/WSD counsels. Motion is under consideration.
4. OID is one of a number of agencies filing a test claims case against the State of California's issuance of unfunded mandates, i.e. SBx7-7. The matter was heard on February 5th. The judge's ruling came in last week against the agencies. The group is evaluating next steps. CSDA is one of the agencies supporting the groups' action.
5. A CEQA suit was filed by parties claiming injury if OID's On-Farm Conservation Funding Program Pilot Project is allowed to be implemented. A case management conference is scheduled for August 13.

Construction Activities

1. C&M crews and equipment are currently working on maintenance activities and JSF's completed 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. Conducted the employee orientation for the new DSO/C&M Worker on 4/13 and annual Respirator Fit Test Training on 4/14.
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 misc. landowner meetings in regards to capital projects and maintenance issues.
6. Out of District Turnouts – With the water being pulled from the South Main Canal last week, C&M was able to install one additional out of District turnout on the South Main Canal.
7. Members of the School Farm subcommittee, OID staff and OJUSD staff conducted a site visit on 4/6 to review and discuss the start of the development of the upper 13 acres of the parcel.

Water Operations Activities

1. Continued to process Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
2. Staff continued to prepare and process several deferred conditions of approval agreements, encroachment agreements and easements in accordance to OID's

requirements for continued irrigation on recently completed lot line adjustments and parcel split projects.

3. The ACOE draft easement documents for the proposed tunnel as well as the 2 Mile Bar access road continue to be reviewed by ACOE staff.
4. 2016 OFWCP estimates were finalized and agreements have been distributed to nearly all applicants. Fully executed agreements have started to be returned.
5. Staff attended the East SJ GW Basin Association and Workgroup meetings on April 13th. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) data collection and modeling options were discussed. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) discussions amongst those with overlapping boundaries continued independently from the group.
6. Working with Davids Engineering to select appropriate fields and contacting landowners for permission to temporarily stage ETAW stations for the 2016 ETAW monitoring and measurement program in OID's service area.
7. The Oakdale CIMIS station has been relocated and is actively reporting data. Information from the site is available to the public online at www.cimis.water.ca.gov/.
8. OID's comments on the City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 is under review by City of Oakdale staff.

Ag Water

1. SCADA integration and commissioning of new SCADA sites continued.
2. Josh Soares, one of the two recently hired DSOs, started on April 12th.
3. Water deliveries came to a halt after the storm hit on April 8th. DSOs that were scheduled to work were provided the option to assist with C&M duties.
4. With the storm near the end of the first rotation, the second rotation was delayed 3 days to start on or about April 17th. This second rotation will be a 14-day rotation and is anticipated to be followed by another 14-day rotation starting on or about May 1st.

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 was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
 - Monthly Coliform Bacteria samples were taken on Monday April 4th. No problems were detected.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
 - All water systems are operating without restrictions.
 - Continued bi-annual fire hydrant inspections and flushing.
 - Continued bi-annual street valve inspections and exercising.
 - Conducted inspections of all well head seals and began replacing them as needed.
4. On-Call Activities:
 - There have been no call outs to report.

5. Knights Ferry Pumping Station:
 - a. The KFWTP is de-energized at this time. Surface water is being provided and treated until further notice.
6. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - The Moulton Reclamation Pump was locked out for C&M repairs.
 - WUD has been performing weekly routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations. There was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.

Finance Activities

1. Testing was done on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 for the Account Clerk position.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Altieri

Director Altieri had no comments.

Director Santos

Director Santos stated that she and Gail met with the folks at Knights Ferry. Jim Mangante took them on a tour through the system and it was nice to visually see how Knights Ferry receives their water.

Director Santos also stated how much she liked Krista Smith's presentation and the importance of getting the community involved.

Director Santos also thanked everyone who has been coming to the meetings and those who have stepped up to help her and Gail get up to speed on the District.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Webb

Director Webb wanted to thank the water department for a good start to the year. He knows the first rotation is often rough, but should be smooth from here on.

OTHER ACTION **ITEM NO. 16**

At the hour of 9:46 a .m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA. The **May 3, 2016** Board Meeting has been cancelled.

The next Joint Board Meeting of the **South San Joaquin** and **Oakdale Irrigation Districts** serving the **Tri-Dam Projects** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary