

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
March 15, 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
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: Brandy L. Barnes, 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 was no action taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:01 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Robert Frobose commented on the Minutes of October 5, 2016, Consent Item No. 8 not reflecting that Director Webb abstained from voting. Mr. Frobose asked if the Minutes were not accurate and Director Webb replied that the Minutes were not correct.

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:02 a.m.

Director Santos requested that Item Nos. 2, 7, 8, and 12 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 7, 8, 12

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2016 AND
RESOLUTION NOS. 2016-22, 2016-23, 2016-24, 2016-25, AND 2016-26

Director Santos stated at the March 1, 2016 meeting the Board agreed to bring the CH2M Amendment No. 03 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-002 back to this Board Meeting with a comparison of what other engineering firms are charging. Director Santos asked why this item was not on the agenda. General Manager Steve Knell stated that it will be on the agenda for the Board Meeting on April 5, 2016.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2016 and Resolution Nos. 2016-22, 2016-23, 2016-24, 2016-25, and 2016-26.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE DONATION REQUEST
OF AG UNITE IN THE SUM OF \$1,000

Director Santos stated that she is not against donating to Ag Unite, but she would like some additional information. Tom Orvis with the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau gave some additional background information on Ag Unite.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the donation request of AG Unite in the sum of \$1,000.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR THE SUPPORT
SERVICES MANAGER AND SUPPORT SERVICES FIELD
SUPERVISOR CLASSIFICATIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE
PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 5.305(II)

Director Santos asked if these positions are a salaried position. General Manger Steve Knell responded yes. She stated that she felt that this is an occasional request and they received a raise in January and she feels that they are compensated. She stated that this is expected during the normal course of their responsibilities. She stated that if this was an emergency than that would be different and they should be compensated. General Manager Steve Knell stated that they are performing private work on their day off for out-of-district landowners. The constituents of the District should not have to pay for this work to be done. They will track their time and will be billed accordingly.

Director Altieri asked what their normal work day schedule is. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the District works a 9/80 schedule.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the extra compensation for the Support Services Manager and Support Services Field Supervisor classifications as provided for in the Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section 5.305(II).

The above consent items passed 5-0 by the following votes:

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

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF A SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE ON
THE LAUGHLIN DRAIN (APN: 015-003-016 – GARY B.
AND AMY A. OSMUNDSON REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST)

Director Osmundson abstained from voting on this Consent Item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and was seconded by Director Santos to approve the Encroachment Permit for the installation of a substandard structure on the Laughlin Drain (APN: 015-003-016 – Gary B. and Amy A. Osmundson Revocable Family Trust), and was voted as follows:

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

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

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11

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

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

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2016

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2016.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

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

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Riverbank Lateral	Remove and replace 1-16" x 6.5' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 062-025-008)	\$2,400	2016-025
Sonora Spill	Remove and replace 1-30" x 10' Fresno 101C slide gate. (APN: 002-063-030)	\$5,000	2016-026

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 001 TO PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-020 WITH CONDOR
EARTH TECHNOLOGIES INC. TO INCREASE THE RATES

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 001 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-020 with Condor Earth Technologies, Inc. to increase the rates.

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE WORK RELEASE 002 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-020 WITH CONDOR EARTH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SERVICES
FOR AN INSPECTION OF THE SOUTH MAIN CANAL & TUNNEL SYSTEM

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 002 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-020 with Condor Earth Technologies, Inc. for an inspection of the South Main Canal & Tunnel System.

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATION OF
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 45 AND IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT 49 INTO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 45 AND QUITCLAIM DEED

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Statement of Consolidation of Improvement District 45 and Improvement No. 49 into Improvement District No. 45 and Quitclaim Deed.

The above consent items passed 5-0 by the following votes:

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

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS NOS. 13, 14, 15, 16

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ONE-YEAR PILOT ON-FARM
CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND TRANSFER OF CONSUMPTIVE
USE WATER PROJECT NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ASSOCIATED
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

A Draft Negative Declaration (DND) and Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the One-Year Pilot On-Farm Water Conservation Program and Transfer of Consumptive Use Water Project (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under the proposed project, up to 3,000 acres in the OID could be voluntarily idled during the 2016 irrigation season. The consumptive use water, based on the ETAW of the crop, saved by the idled lands is estimated to be up to 9,000 AF of water, which would be transferred to SLDMWA and SWC south of the Delta to pay for on-farm water conservation measures on the idled OID lands. Those lands would be put back into agricultural production for the 2017 irrigation season. The proposed Project would allow OID to make water available for release to the Stanislaus River at Goodwin Dam during the April-May pulse flows, then to the San Joaquin River, to be exported at the Jones and Banks Pumping Facilities.

Based on the information evaluated in the IS, staff prepared a DND. The documents were posted at the County Clerk-Recorder offices within the Project area and circulated to trustee, responsible and other agencies for CEQA review via the State Clearinghouse and direct mailing for 55 days. A Public Hearing was noticed in the Modesto Bee, Fresno Bee, and Bakersfield Californian and held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. The comment period began on January 20, 2016 and ended on March 11, 2016.

Comments made at the public hearing and the written comments received along with OID responses to those comments are attached as Exhibits A and B. The comment letters and DND/IS Referral Distribution List are attached as Exhibit C. After consideration of all the comments and information provided, OID has prepared a Statement of Findings. The

Statement of Findings, Exhibits A, B, C, and the DND/IS, incorporated by reference, are included as part of the Final ND. The Final ND will be made available at the OID office to all interested parties for review.

In light of the fact that there are no significant or adverse impacts to the environment as a result of the Project, Staff recommends approval of the Resolution adopting the DND and associated CEQA findings for the Project.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously approved to open this item up for public comment.

Attorney Elizabeth Pollack with the Law Firm of Remy Moose Manley was present representing Robert Frobose and Louis Brichetto and commented negatively on this agenda item.

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

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director Osmundson to approve the Resolution Adopting the On-Year Pilot On-Farm Water Conservation Program and Transfer of Consumptive Use Water Project Negative Declaration and Associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings, and was voted as follows:

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

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE
ONE-YEAR PILOT ON-FARM CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND
TRANSFER OF CONSUMPTIVE USE WATER PROJECT
AND THE ON-FARM WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

As of Wednesday, March 9th, OID has received Solicitation of Interest Forms covering 96 parcels for a total of 3,632 acres that have shown an interest in the Program.

The statistical breakdown of enrollment is as follows:

- 34 of the 96 parcels include lands of between 1 to 10 acres in size encompassing 243 acres total.
- 42 of the 96 parcels include lands of between 10 to 40 acres in size encompassing 844 acres total.
- 20 of the 96 parcels include lands of between 40 to 534 acres in size encompassing 2,545 acres total.

15 parcels are hay,
5 parcels are almonds or walnuts,

2 parcels are rice,
20 parcels are double cropped with oats and corn,
and the remaining 54 parcels are pasture.

Of the 96 parcels, 67 are converting to permanent crops.

Only consumptive use (CU) water on the historically irrigated acreage proposed to be idled within each parcel is eligible for transfer under this Project. Under that limitation, assuming all 96 parcels enrolled with approximately 1200 idled acres, a total of 3,300 acre feet of CU water is anticipated to be marketed at \$400 an acre foot. This will generate an influx of \$1.32 million into the community, of which 75% will be applied to on-farm conservation projects, generating just under \$1 million in direct economic stimulus to pipe/pump suppliers, land levelers, seed providers, etc. and upwards of \$3-4 million in total regional stimulus.

Being the first year to have such a Program, based on the feedback that has come from participants during individual consultations, there is strong community interest and support for this Project. Staff is comfortable with the size and scope of the submittals and feels confident it can manage the Program efficiently and with minimal, if any, outside assistance.

If the Board approves the Project for the 2016 Water Season, staff requests the following:

- Setting the final cut-off date for Solicitation of Interest Forms for March 18, 2016.

A motion was made by Director Osmundson, seconded by Director Doornenbal and unanimously approved to open this item up for public comment.

Members of the public, Robert Frobose commented negatively on the project. Members of the Public, Manuel Vierra, John Brichetto, Brian Lemons, and Travis Dovala, commented positively on this agenda item.

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

General Manager Steve Knell requested that the Board authorize the General Manager to make the necessary amendments to the agreement to conform to the landowner's individual necessities.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and was seconded by Director Osmundson to approve the One-Year Pilot On-Farm Conservation program and Transfer of Consumptive Use Water Project and the On-Farm Water Conservation Program Agreement and to authorize the General Manager to make the necessary amendments to the agreement to conform to the landowner's individual necessities, and was voted as follows:

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

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
DRAFT TOLLING AGREEMENT WITH CALAVERAS
WATER DISTRICT, OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT AND SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Calaveras County holds permits for appropriative rights for both diversion and storage of water from the Stanislaus River but have never perfected those rights. The time to do so ran out at the end of 2015 and CCWD petitioned the State Board to extend the development of those rights.

SSJID and OID have been long time opponents of CCWD's permit applications due to the vagueness and uncertainty of their impacts in the basin to their rights.

To allow time for the parties to understand the issues and potentially arrive at a settlement they have agreed to sign a Tolling Agreement. Such an Agreement (attached) will allow CCWD, SSJID and OID a one year period to do so.

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

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to approve the Draft Tolling Agreement with Calaveras Water District, Oakdale Irrigation District, and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE DISTRICT TO PURCHASE A USED KUBOTA RTV 1100 FROM JPIA

In September 2007 the Oakdale Irrigation District (District) purchased a new Kubota RTV 1100 for the amount of \$15,854.80 from Industrial Equipment Sales. The Kubota RTV was stolen on September 9, 2013 while parked on the Lower Cometa Lateral. Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) paid the District the actual cash value in the amount of \$13,838.21 less the District's insurance deductible of \$1,000.00. On December 7, 2015 the District's Support Services Manager received a call from the San Joaquin County Sherriff's

Department advising that the stolen RTV was recovered. The District picked up the stolen RTV and brought it to the District yard. Upon advising JPIA of the recovery, they advised the District that the District could buy back the RTV for the cash value paid at the time it was stolen. After further discussion with JPIA and providing them with the estimated salvage value of the machine based on the findings from Garton Tractor, Inc. (attached), JPIA authorized the purchase of the Kubota RTV for the estimated salvage value of \$4,975.00.

The District utilizes the RTV for operational needs to access facilities during the water season when access is limited due to precipitation events, for maintenance tasks where drivable access is limited, for inspections of the tunnels and main canals and many other tasks where the RTV is beneficial to use. Therefore staff is recommending that the Board authorize the District to purchase the RTV for the estimated salvage value of \$4,975.00. This is an unbudgeted expense for 2016.

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

There was no public comment.

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

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri, and unanimously supported to authorize the District to purchase the used Kubota RTV 1100 from JPIA in the sum of \$4,975.00.

The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION
ITEM NOS. 17, 18, 19**

**ITEM NO. 17
DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ON MANAGE "MYWATER" ACCOUNT**

Information Technology / SCADA Coordinator Michael Ballinger gave a presentation on how to use Manage "MyWater" Account on the District's web site.

ITEM NO. 18
DISCUSSION ON START OF 2016 IRRIGATION
SEASON AND CURRENT HYDROLOGY

Unfortunately the snow survey data for March was completed at the end of February and prior to the beginning of a series of storm events that has brought rain and snow into the watershed.

Current inflow into New Melones since October 1st to March 1st has been 311,000 AF.

DWR's March 1 snow data at the 90% exceedance level for UIF runoff from Apr-July is 500,000 AF.

Combined with EOM storage from last year, New Melones will have approximately a 1 MAF pool of water to meet flow obligations in 2016.

With that scenario OID/SSJID will get their full allocation of water.

Accounting for rainfall through March 14th, and assuming no additional rains, OID anticipates the start of the 2016 irrigation season to begin on March 28th. OID will not have any allocation restrictions on water.

2016 Water Budget (Estimated)

Allocation	300,000 AF
Tiered I Customers (April-Sept TDP historical)	(215,000 AF)
Tiered II Customers	(15,000 AF)
On Farm Conservation Water	(10,000 AF)
On Farm Conservation Ops Water not delivered (65% eff)	5,000 AF
Gross Unallocated (Surplus) Water	65,000 AF
Out of District (Local Ag)	(5,000 AF)
Net Unallocated (Surplus) Water	60,000 AF

Note: The two district's Conservation Account is full in New Melones and has no ability to store unallocated district water at the end of September.

Pending is still the approval of a 2016 Operations Plan for the Stanislaus River by the Bureau of Reclamation. This has yet to be approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. That document will substantiate the actions to be taken by Reclamation in meeting RPA flows on the Stanislaus River and water quality and flow objectives on the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. That Operations Plan will be readied and reviewed next week by the two districts.

As of March 1st, all the water in New Melones will belong to the districts and no water for fish flows will be available by Reclamation. That issue is part of the Ops Plan for New Melones.

Added precipitation, while good, also pushes up the Vernalis Flow objectives in the San Joaquin River which will need to be met from New Melones storage.

- The Bureau will submit a change petition asking for some forbearance in this obligation.
- Tuolumne and Merced River dams will be in refill operations and making little to no water available at Vernalis to help meet the flow standards.

Curtailments of water to storage by the State as of yesterday appear to be off the table this year.

The State will be setting an end of year storage target at New Melones but currently looks to be no greater than 300 AF.

High probability of La Nina conditions (dry weather) returning to California are escalating and a dry fall and winter may return.

ITEM NO. 19
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR
ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

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

ITEM NO. 22
COMMUNICATIONS

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 409 days without a lost time injury accident.
2. A Safety Acknowledgement BBQ for this milestone of consecutive days of no lost time injury accident was held on March 11th.

Administration Activities

1. Jeff Dove is retiring from OID. Jeff has served 18 years and 8 months as a Distribution System Operator/Construction Maintenance Worker. His last day is March 16th. We wish Jeff the best in his retirement and thank him for his service to OID.
2. The GM attended an ACWA Water Management Committee meeting on March 8th in Sacramento.
3. The GM attended a settlement meeting on Stanislaus River flow issues with Department of Fish and Wildlife in Sacramento on March 10th.
4. Reviewing Knights Ferry case files on historical water issues.
5. Attended the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau's East Stanislaus Regional farm meeting on March 10th.
6. An SJTA/Exporter meeting to craft a SJ River settlement plan has been scheduled for March 23rd in Sacramento.
7. The Board's May 3rd Board meeting will have a JPIA and ACWA conflict for attendees. Need to consider options.

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. Briefs by both parties have been filed with Court of Appeals. 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, file for writ of mandate on the action. Trial date has not yet been set.
3. SJTA has filed as an interested party in the BBID/WSID Curtailment Case. Testimony and preliminary motions have been submitted.
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.

Construction Activities

1. C&M crews and equipment operators continue to work on maintenance and capital projects on OID facilities. Crews are nearing completion of multiple capital projects and maintenance tasks in preparation for the upcoming water season.
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. Currently reviewing all required refresher training material for 2016.
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. Out of District Turnouts – Staff has contacted all parties involved with the OOD turnouts, 7 stated they are willing to pay overtime for the construction of their associated turnout(s), 2 stated yes they want to move forward without paying overtime and we are currently awaiting an answer on whether to move forward or not. Construction has begun on five of the turnouts.
7. Stanislaus County Dept. of Environmental Resources conducted a surprise inspection of the hazardous materials utilized by OID reported in the CERS submittal. The inspection went well with only a few minor adjustments that need to be made.

Water Operations Activities

1. Continued to process several 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. Meetings and field review continued with those who have submitted interest forms for the On-Farm Conservation Program. Project estimates and fund allocation distribution along with project site maps delineating the area proposed to be idled during their participation in the program will be assembled based on these meetings.

5. An updated draft of the monitoring and measurement program for determining ETAW in OID's service area was submitted to DWR for review and approval.
6. Met with DWR staff and the landowner where the Oakdale CIMIS station is currently located on March 3rd. The property surrounding the CIMIS station is proposed to be converted to trees. As such, OID is working with DWR, the property owner and Verizon Wireless to relocate the station to an area of the property that will remain as irrigated pasture.
7. The City of Oakdale's draft out of boundary service agreement with OID on behalf of ID 41 was reviewed by legal counsel and comments were returned to the City for their review. Staff will now work with the City to get final costs together to proceed with preparation of the 218 process that will be required as part of the proposed new rate structure.

Ag Water

1. Modifications to the STORM volumetric tracking and billing software user interface continued.
2. SCADA integration and commissioning of new SCADA sites continued where construction and gate/meter installation has been completed.
3. Storm water and winter water operations continued.
4. Preparations for the 2016 water season continued and DSO orientation was held on March 11th.
5. Staff attended the TAC and STRGBA meetings on March 10th. The DWR draft GSP regulations were discussed as well as the progress in drafting STRGBA GSA formation and application paperwork.
6. Staff attended the SJGBA work group meeting on March 9th. DWR's draft GSP regulations were discussed along with any associated impacts, compliance and concerns. Adoption of the final regulations is anticipated in May 2016. GSA and GSP discussions also continued. The group as a whole is leaning toward one GSP for the basin with formation of a JPA and one or multiple GSAs. Enforcement procedures could remain specific to each individual GSA/member in their respective areas by providing guidelines in different chapters of the GSP.
7. The pre-employment process was initiated for the two successful candidates selected to fill the vacant DSO positions.
8. Staff is in the process of acquiring quotes for destruction of the Oakdale Deep Well.
9. Bob Nielsen, OID Water Utilities Supervisor, announced his plan to retire effective March 18th after almost 26 years at OID. We wish the Bob the best in his retirement.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41:
 - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Water Systems:
 - a. Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Tuesday, March 1st. No problems were detected. All water systems are operating without restrictions.
 - b. ID 46 – Located 2 water services and installed meter boxes as part of OID's ongoing water service identification program.
 - c. Started bi-annual fire hydrant inspections and flushing.
 - d. Started bi-annual street valve inspections and exercising.

3. Rural Water System No. 1:
 - a. Hand Delivered 48 Hours notices on Wednesday, March 2nd.
4. On-Call Activities:
 - Sunday, February 28th, Staff responded to a report of a problem at the Olive Ranch Pumping Station in OID's RWS. The well head air vent was malfunctioning.
6. Knights Ferry Pumping Station:
 - a. The KFWTP was switched over to gravity water on Monday, March 7th.
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 was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
 - Lambuth Reclamation Pump remains in use as a winter drain pump as per Water Department instructions.
 - Thompson Pond Reclamation Pump remains in use as a winter drain pump as per Water Department instructions.
 - Root Reclamation Pump remains in use as a winter drain pump as per Water Department instructions.
 - WUD started performing weekly routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations in preparation for the start of the 2016 Water Season. There was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.

Finance Activities

1. Customer newsletter regarding the "MyWater" on the OID website was mailed on March 4th. The District has been received several inquiries from customers asking for help.
2. Continue to prep for auditors.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water/Engineering Committee, March 1, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Cessation of Water Payments in Knights Ferry
- Redistricting

Director Doornenbal stated that the Committee discussed cessation of water payment by Knights Ferry. Director Santos stated that she asked if stopping the payment of the billing will hurt their water right. General Manager Steve Knell stated that this would not hurt their water right.

Personnel Committee, March 7, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

- Health Insurance Benefits

Director Altieri stated that the Committee discussed two options and that this item will be discussed further in Closed Session.

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Altieri

Director Altieri thanked the District for the Safety BBQ.

Director Santos

Director Santos stated that she wanted to express a thank you to the office staff and the employees out in the field for all of their hard work. She stated that she wants to be a part of this District. Director Santos stated that she attended the Stanislaus Farm Bureau Regional Meeting and that Andrea Fuller with FISHBIO gave a very informative presentation and she and Director Altieri attended the TuCARE dinner in Sonora with the Tri-Dam Board members and staff and that it was a nice event. She also attended the Safety BBQ and had a chance to address the staff out in the field.

Director Osmundson

Director Osmundson stated that he showed up later for the Safety BBQ, but was fed and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal stated that he was thankful for the last series of storms.

Director Webb

Director Webb had no comments.

At the hour of 10:53 .m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 21**

- A. *Government Code §54957.6*** – Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Unrepresented Employee Organization: All Bargaining Groups

At the hour of 11:13 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Webb stated that the Board directed staff to meet and confer with the Union on the Health Insurance Benefit change.

**OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 22**

At the hour of 11:14 a.m. the Board meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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 **March 17, 2016 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