

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
July 19, 2011

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: Al Bairos, Jr., President  
Frank B. Clark, Vice President  
Jack D. Alpers  
Steve Webb  
Herman Doornenbal

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary  
Gary Jernigan, Contract/Special Projects Manager  
John Davids, District Engineer  
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager  
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer  
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

Also Present: Timothy O'Laughlin, Esq.

### **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.

At the hour of 10:30 a.m. Director Bairos re-opened Public Comment so that Don Jackson could make a public comment.

Don Jackson of V. A. Rodden was present and stated that over the last several months they have had ongoing negotiations with the District and he wanted to thank the General

Manager, Directors, Engineers, and office staff for taking care of them. Director Doornenbal stated that the Board has enjoyed working with them as well.

Director Webb requested that Item Nos. 8 and 10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT ITEMS**  
**ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12**

**ITEM NO. 2**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES**  
**OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 5, 2011**  
**AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2011-32, 2011-33, AND 2011-34**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2011 and Resolution Nos. 2011-32, 2011-33, and 2011-34.

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

A motion was made by Director Webb, 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 Webb, 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 JUNE 30, 2011**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2011.

**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH**  
**VARIOUS VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS (KLEINFELDER**  
**WEST, INC., BUMGARDNER BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING, MOORE**  
**BIOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS, WATERMARK ENGINEERING, INC.,**  
**STRANGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, MIKE THIELEN ADVERTISING,**  
**INC., DBA CATALYST MARKETING, INC., AND COGDILL & GIOMI, INC.)**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Professional Services Agreements with Various Vendors and Contractors (Kleinfelder West, Inc., Bumgardner Biological Consulting, Moore Biological Consultants, Watermark Engineering, Inc., Strange Resource Management, Mike Thielen Advertising, Inc., dba Catalyst Marketing, Inc., and Cogdill & Giomi, Inc.).

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 01 TO GENERAL**  
**SERVICES AGREEMENT 2011-GSA-005 WITH**  
**ALLIGARE, LLC FOR FREIGHT CHARGE ADDITION**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 01 to General Services Agreement 2011-GSA-005 with Alligare, LLC for Freight Charge Addition.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 001 TO**  
**ARTHUR & ORUM FOR FINAL ACCOUNTING AND**  
**CLOSEOUT OF CONTRACT FOR THE FURTADO GROUNDWATER WELL**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Change Order No. 001 to Arthur & Orum for Final Accounting and Closeout of Contract for the Furtado Groundwater Well.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE DEFERRED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**  
**AGREEMENT (APNS: 207-027-012/013/014 – FERREIRA)**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Deferred Conditions of Approval Agreement (APNS: 207-027-012/013/014 – Ferreira).

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE EASEMENT AGREEMENT ON THE SOUTH**  
**MAIN CANAL (APN: 010-011-033 – MONTPELIER FARMING CORPORATION)**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Easement Agreement on the South Main Canal (APN: 010-011-033 – Montpelier Farming Corporation).

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**ITEMS NOS. 8, 10**

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 004 TO PROFESSIONAL**  
**SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-002 WITH CH2M HILL**  
**FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS REGARDING ANNEXATIONS AND**  
**WATER TRANSFERS AS OUTLINED IN THE WATER RESOURCES PLAN**

Director Webb asked if CH2M Hill's rates changed for Work Release No. 004. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the rate has already been approved by the Board through their current Professional Services Agreement. Contracts and Special Projects Manager Gary Jernigan stated that CH2M Hill's rates have not changed since 2009 and will not change for this work release.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 004 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-002 with CH2M Hill for Economic Analysis Regarding Annexations and Water Transfers as Outlined in the Water Resources Plan.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION**  
**FOR THE FURTADO GROUNDWATER WELL PROJECT**

Director Webb asked at what rate the new groundwater well was going to pump. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the well is complete, but before we go out for bid on a pump the District will meet with the Water Committee to decide what type of pump should be installed based on its intended use, i.e., going to a fixed speed pump at 1,800 gpm or a VFD and getting 2,400 gpm. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the pump that will be purchased will pump no less than 1,800 gallons per minute.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion for the Furtado Groundwater Well Project.

**DISCUSSION  
ITEM NOS. 13, 14**

**ITEM NO. 13  
DISCUSSION ON RIVER PUMP  
OPERATIONS AND PIPELINE REPAIRS**

Issues have arisen concerning the operations of the OID' River Pumps and the repair of pipelines in that area being serviced by the pumps. A discussion of those items will be presented to the Board. Landowners may be present to participate in these discussions.

There were several landowners who utilize the River Pump present to participate in the discussion.

The Board will evaluate the replacement needs here as part of the budget process, but Support Services Manager Jason Jones will bring cost options to the Board at the next meeting.

**ITEM NO. 14  
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS AS THEY APPEAR  
ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011**

This item is placed here for the Board to discuss Tri-Dam agenda items.

The Board of Directors discussed the upcoming Tri-Dam Meeting to be held in Strawberry.

**ITEM NO. 15  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

**Safety Activities**

1. OID has gone 222 days without a lost time injury accident.

**Administration Activities**

1. Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> OID and SSJID representatives and councils met with the Bureau of Reclamation on our continued efforts to seek a Warren Act Contract to store water in New Melones.
2. Field tour with LAFCO staff on Paulsell Valley ag developments.
3. Rubicon owner, Gordon Dickerson and wife Alex were here from Australia to see the improvements made under our partnership arrangement.
4. Continued discussions/negotiations with Paulsell ag interests.
5. Operating Engineers Local No. 3 meeting Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> on upcoming negotiations.

### **Contract and Special Project Activities**

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – A Letter of Offer was sent to the Co-Partners of the Hodgdon Enterprises, LP for their review. The Partners will be on vacation until August 1, 2011.

The Corps of Engineers have advised the District the person responsible for the permitting in their real estate division retired on June 1<sup>st</sup> and a new candidate is being selected to take over this department. Also, the Corps is preparing the application for the easement to be sent to their real estate department for processing.

Surveying for the access road to the downstream portal began on July 5, 2011. The surveying field work was completed on July 15, 2011. The topo map will be completed by July 22, 2011 for the design development to begin. The design will be an engineering approach to determine which side of the canal would be best suited for an access road. There are advantages and disadvantages for each. The design development will require 4 months to complete and is tentatively scheduled to be completed around November 1, 2011.

2. Cashman Dam Rehabilitation Project – Again, received Statements of outstanding balance due and another rejection letter was sent on July 12, 2011.
3. Cross Valley Conveyance System – No Activity to report for this period.
4. Beardsley Recreational Improvements – No Activity to report this period other than the Tri-Dam GM is in discussions with the U.S. Forest Service to discuss the agreement.
5. Furtado Deep Well Project – The project was completed on June 24, 2011. The project close out has been completed with the Board Approval of the Notice of Completion. The final accounting on quantities indicated an over run of \$3.75. However, there was three back charges for OID provide services amounting to \$1,073.67 for a final cost of \$159,996.33. The original contract amount was \$161,070.00.
6. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
7. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

### **Construction Activities**

1. District crews and equipment operators are currently working on routine maintenance, JSF's prepared by Water Department Staff, chaining District Laterals, cleaning Board approved drains and gaining back drive able access.
2. Received correspondence from Karen Eakin in regards to the Knights Ferry Delivery System. Letter was given to GM for his review.
3. Assisting Engineering Department with the preparation of the draft agreement for the Wills Lateral project with Ms. Boatright.
4. Preparing a lateral cleaning program for all District laterals.
5. Hired a temporary employee to fill the vacant C&M Worker position.
6. Eric Thorburn and I met with Mr. Rissetto & Mr. Belleto on July 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss issues concerning the Crawford Pipeline.
7. Assisted Mr. Davids with a tour group interested in the TCC operations on July 13th.

### **Engineering Activities**

1. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – Extension to March 18, 2013 has been granted by Corp. Meeting in Sacramento with CVFPB set for 7/27/11.

2. Montpelier Farming Corporation – DRAFT Easement Agreement complete and reviewed by Water Committee on 7/5/11. To Board for approval today.
3. Rubicon (TCC) – Assisting Water Operations Department as necessary. Counterbalancing valves installed on new actuators by Rotork on 7/1/11. Oil leak has been repaired through the installation of a new hose. Actuator seems to be holding position and functioning well in “auto”. Second actuator install date to be determined by Water Ops and dictated by rotation, etc.
4. SBX7-7 – Approved by Office of Administrative Law. 45 day public review period forthcoming. Next phase of SBx7-7 will be the “Methodology for Quantifying of Water Use Efficiency”. Preliminary meetings being set up now.
5. Long Term Irrigated Lands Program – Delta Coalition and others filed a petition challenging the EIR process completed by the State Board for the Long Term Program. Delta Coalition meeting for July was cancelled. Next meeting set for 8/8/11.
6. STRGBA – JBD attended meeting held at MID on 7/7/11. Next meeting date TBD.
7. Annexation Policy – Staff working on revisions to Annexation Policy.
8. Engineering Department Staff currently processing numerous CEQA Early Consultations.
9. Boundary Outflow numbers being processed for the month of June.
10. Reviewing multiple applications for the Assistant Engineer position. Posting expired 6/30/11. JBD currently proceeding with establishment of selection criteria.
11. Knights Ferry Billing Analysis has been completed and distributed to CFO for review and subsequent action as necessary.
12. Union Slough Enhancement Project – MND sent to Clearing House. Public hearing to be held at 8/2/11 Board meeting and comment period to close on 8/5/11. Design Criteria Memo complete and preliminary design drawings reviewed and comments sent to CH.
13. Draft Boatright Agreement concerning Wills Lateral Pipeline Extension to Board today.
14. Environmental Tech Memo on Frymire Lateral Improvements prepared by CH and reviewed by Staff. Document to be finalized and filed.
15. Engineering/Support Services met with Mrs. Eakin on 6/28/11 to discuss potential pipeline alignments. Subsequent correspondence has been received and is being processed by Staff for subsequent review by Board.
16. Riggs Townhill Pipeline Encroachment Request – Soliciting surveying bids per Water Committee direction.
17. TCC Tours given to Rubicon Chairman on 7/11/11 and group from Arizona on 7/13/11.
18. Final Joslin/Rodden Annexation Resolutions recorded 7/11/11. Final correspondence being sent out to both parties.

## **Water Operations Activities**

### **Aq Water**

1. Continued Fringe Parcel monitoring, review and field investigation.
2. Cometa Lateral working well in full TCC operation. Claribel Lateral remains in TCC Mode to Drop 6 (upstream of Claribel Road).
3. Remote operation of the first hydraulic actuator has been transferred to the TCC SCADA system. The required step test was completed at the RVL head gates. Working with Rubicon to initiate TCC mode and control of RVL outflows.

4. Conducting various landowner meetings and field review as necessary.
5. Completing Job Setup Forms and coordinating various repairs with Support Services Department as necessary.
6. Pesticide Department conducting Magnacide treatments as necessary and concentrating on post emergent and squirrel control throughout the District.
7. Preparing for annual Aquatic Pesticide sampling events for the 2011 Annual Report.
8. The third consecutive 10 day rotation started on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. The next 10 rotation will conclude at the end of the month and the possibility of moving back to 12 day rotations at that point will be reviewed.

### **Water Utilities**

1. Improvement District No. 41: Still waiting on a response from the City of Oakdale on the DRAFT set of construction plans. In the meantime, Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Pumping Stations: Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection and servicing of the domestic water pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
3. OID's Rural Water System No. 1:
  - Investigated several water quality complaints. No problems were found in the distribution system. Problems appear to be an internal issue, advised the homeowners to contact a plumber.
  - Hunter Ranch Estates: Replaced bad disconnect switch in the motor control panel.
4. On-Call Activities:
  - Nothing to report.
5. Domestic Water Systems:
  - 26 monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. No problems were detected. All 7 domestic systems under OID's jurisdiction are operating without restrictions.
6. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
  - Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection and servicing of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
    - Snedigar #2 Drain Pump – The motor was pulled for bearing repairs. This pump is one of three located at the site. The site remains operational.
  - Staff continues performance testing on all the irrigation pumping stations. Information collected during the testing procedure is used to select which pumps will need to be repaired or replaced during the non-irrigation season.
7. Furtado Deep Well Project: Staff has been working with PG&E on the new electrical power requirements for the site.
8. Safety & Training Activities: As of Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, the WUD has gone 3944 days without a lost time injury.



**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water/Engineering Committee Meeting, July 5, 2011

- Discussion on Zelstra Pond Request
- Review Encroachment Agreement Request on the Townhill Pipeline (APN: 064-028-003 – Riggs)
- Review Easement Agreement Request on the South Main Canal (APN: 010-011-033 – Crecelius/Montpelier Farming Corporation)
- Review Request for Deferred Conditions of Approval Agreement (APN: 207-031-034 – Yates)
- Review Wills Lateral Pipeline Extension Project
- Review Request for Deferred Conditions of Approval Agreement (APN: 207-027-120/013/014 – Ferreira)
- Water Issues of Eaton Road Residents
- Discussion on District's Cost for Fabrication and Installation of Trash Racks

Director Webb stated that the Water/Engineering committee is going to suggest that the District have a workshop to discuss the issue of the ponds. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the District needs to draft a policy that deals with ponds within the District.

**C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Webb

Director Webb stated that he felt that the water season is going well.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers stated that the Board needs to be careful regarding labor concessions at Tri-Dam as they may impact negotiations here.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Clark

Director Clark stated that he read an article on SBX7-7 in the Farm Bureau Ag Alert which stated that the ag economy is going to spend millions of dollars to get the measurable turnouts in place.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos had no comments.

At the hour of 10:32 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 16**

- A. Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
Negotiating Parties: OID, Trinitas, LLC,  
Property: Water  
Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Counsel  
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- B. Government Code §54956.9** - Existing Litigation  
*Eakin v. Oakdale Irrigation District*
- C. Government Code §54956.8** – Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
Negotiating Parties: OID and Boatright  
Property: Acquiring Pipeline Easement through  
APN: 002-063-003/004/021/038  
Agency Negotiators: General Manager  
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- D. Government Code §54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator**  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager  
Unrepresented Employee Organizations: Exempt Management, Supervisory  
Exempt, Confidential Employees, and Operations Employees
- E. Government Code §54957**  
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

At the hour of 12:25 p.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out Closed Session President Bairos reported that by a vote of 4-0, with Director Bairos abstaining, the Board agreed to move forward with the Boatright Agreement.

There was no other reportable action.

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 17**

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 12:30 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 2, 2011 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, July 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Tri-Dam Project, 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, CA.

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Al Bairos, Jr., President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary