

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
September 15, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Regular Session at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors:	Steve Webb, President Herman Doornenbal, Vice President Frank Clark Al Bairos, Jr.
Absent	Gary Osmundson
Staff Present:	Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer 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

Marsha Blomquist who resides at 137 Little Johns Creek Drive, Oakdale, was present representing the League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County. She was there to remind the Directors about the forum which will be held at the Gene Bianchi Community Center on September 29, 2015. She wanted to confirm that the Directors would be present. Directors Clark and Bairos confirmed that they would be present. General Manager Steve Knell confirmed that Director Osmundson stated at the August 18, 2015 Board Meeting that he would also be present.

Tom Orvis from the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau said that the Stanislaus County Spray Safe has been moved to the Stanislaus County Ag Pavilion on the MJC West Campus due

to the number of attendees. This year it will be held on November 20, 2015 starting at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further Public Comment; Public comment closed at 9:04 a.m.

Director Bairos requested that Item Nos. 7 and 8 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

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

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND
RESOLUTION NOS. 2015-68, 2015-69, 2015-70, AND 2015-71

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2015, and Resolution Nos. 2015-68, 2015-69, 2015-70, and 2015-71.

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

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

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

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

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

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE SERVICE
ABANDONMENT FEE (APN: 062-009-002- CARRERA)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the request to waive Service Abandonment Fee (APN: 062-009-002 – Carrera).

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE AWARD OF BID TO TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS FOR
THE PESTICIDE / HERBICIDE SUPPLY SERVICES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2016

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve award of bid to Target Specialty Products for the pesticide / herbicide supply services for budget year 2016.

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE PALMER
LATERAL (APN: 014-024-009/010 – MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Palmer Lateral (APN: 014-024-009/010 – Modesto Irrigation District).

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS 8, 7

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 TO GENERAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT 2015-GSA-003 WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN
CO. FOR WORK TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE OAKDALE DEEP WELL SITE

Director Bairos asked several questions concerning the condition of the well which were answered by Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn. Director Bairos asked why we are investing an additional \$76,000 on a deep well that was constructed in 1940 when for an additional \$30,000 we could drill a new well. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that the location and size of the property that the well is located on does not allow for another well to be drilled.

Members of the public Linda Santos and Ken Kraus commented on this item.

A motion was made by Director Webb and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve Work Release No. 001 to General Services Agreement 2015-GSA-003 with Layne Christensen Co. for work to be conducted at the Oakdale Deep Well Site and was voted on as follows:

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

The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2015-GSA-003
WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO. TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT
AND SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEEP WELLS
AND PUMPS AND AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

A motion was made by Director Webb and seconded by Director Clark, to approve the General Services Agreement 2015-GSA-003 with Layne Christensen Co. to provide technical support and services for domestic and agricultural deep wells and pumps and authorize General Manager to execute and was voted on as follows:

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

The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

DISCUSSION ITEM
ITEM NO. 11

ITEM NO. 11
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR
ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

This item was placed here for the Board to discuss Tri-Dam business items

Director Clark asked the Directors to be sure and review the capital projects list in the Tri-Dam Agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 12

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 223 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. The Tulloch drawdown schedule for this winter has been released. The reservoir finished the Labor Day weekend full and without impact to locals.

2. On-Farm Conservation Program meeting with CH2M Hill in Sacramento on the 8th. A Scope of work is being developed.
3. Participated in the Governor's Drought Task Force meeting held at Stanislaus State Wednesday the 9th.
4. Congressman Jeff Denham is holding a fundraiser to be held on September 21st. See Lori for more information if interested.
5. OID is contributing to the Stanislaus River Clean-up effort by sponsoring the BBQ. The event will begin Saturday, September 19th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the River Park in Riverbank.
6. OID sent in an "opposition letter" on AB 935 to our legislators. This bill was a last minute attempt to allow Friant Water User Authority to pick up their released SJ River water at Patterson and for it to be pumped back into the DMC for reuse.
7. GM will be out of the office the week of September 21st to the 25th.

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 Pesticide Dept. applied Magnacide H to the Comet/Fairbanks Laterals on 9/10. This application is the 47th for the year and I am not anticipating any future applications for this water season.
6. The OID Herbicide/Pesticide RFP for 2016 is included in this agenda to award to the lowest responsive bid.
7. Conducting landowner meeting for upcoming capital projects.
8. Hensley's Paving is scheduled to complete the paving portion of the Morrison Pipeline Project on 9/10.
9. Assisted Mr. Thorburn with a TCC presentation and field visit with a group from Mexico on 9/9 along with Rubicon.
10. The contractor working for the Martin/Loger borrow material site has completed the excavation of borrow material; a total of 40,498 yds³ of material is stockpiled.

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 AWMP.
6. Engineering staff attended LAFCO 101 training in Sacramento on September 2nd.
7. 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 11th.
8. The engineering intern, Greg Borba, finished his last day of the 2015 summer and will be returning to school at CalPoly SLO. This summer he helped confirm the correct turnout & parcel association in STORM, assisted the DSOs with data entry and review and completed a working KMZ file of OID facilities that is now being utilized as an overlay in Google Earth.
9. Engineering staff attended the Eastern SJ GW Basin Authority Workgroup meeting to discuss options for complying with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-Basin (ESJB). All of OID's service area north of the Stanislaus River is located within the ESJB while everything south of the Stanislaus River is within the Modesto Sub-Basin. The group is anticipated to meet once a month moving forward to brainstorm GSA formation and GSP alternatives.

Ag Water

1. The Water Operations Manager and Support Services Manager provided a TCC pilot project presentation and tour for a group of 29 water officials from Mexico on September 9th.
2. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
3. Responded to and addressed misc. SCADA operation and control issues as they arose.
4. 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.
5. SCADA/IT staff completed the TCC server migration on September 10th. A moscad software update was also performed remotely by Rubicon staff throughout the week of September 7th.
6. The pre-employment process continued for the IT/SCADA Technician position.
7. Continued to process several Farmer to Farmer Transfer Program Application Agreements. 91 agreements have been processed to date to allow a total of approximately 5000 acre-feet of surface water to be transferred in-district from parcel to parcel.
8. 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.
9. The thirteenth rotation (fourteenth of the 2014/15 water year) is an 18 day rotation and started on or about September 13th. The first rotation of the 2015-16 water season will start on or about October 1st. Water is anticipated to be pulled from the system on or about October 12th.

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:
 - Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Tuesday, September 1st. No problems were detected. All water systems under OID's jurisdiction are operating without restrictions.
 - Performed bi-annual fire hydrant inspections, servicing and flushing.
4. Rural Water System No. 1:
 - Serviced and tested the stand-by electrical generators.
 - Staff investigated a water quality complaint in the Hillsborough #1 Subdivision. Problem was an internal plumbing issue on the customer's side of the service connection.
5. On-Call Activities:
 - Saturday, August 29th, WUD Staff responded to a call of sparks coming from the PG&E transformer pole. PG&E was contacted and they repaired/replaced the transformer fuse clips.
 - Friday, September 4th, WUD responded to a call from the Water Department regarding Workman Pumps problem. PG&E was performing emergency repairs to a power line just down the street.
6. Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan:
 - a. The second set of water quality samples were collected from the Sweet Lateral on Tuesday, September 1st.
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:
 - Burnett Deep Well – Replaced control circuit transformer in MCP.
 - Wirth Reclamation Pump – Motor bearings are starting to fail. Will schedule for repairs at the end of the water season.

Finance Activities

1. The 2015 Employee Health Benefits Fair is schedule for Friday, October 23rd 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.
2. Working with Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, etc. Law Firm on the consolidation process required for the ID 45 and ID 49 merger.
3. Consolidating department 2016 budget submittals and preparing a draft budget for the Finance Committee review in mid-October.
4. Continue to assist the Water Department on processing of the Farmer-to-Farmer Transfers. As of September 9th there have been 88 agreements processed for a total of 3,781.5 acre feet.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Committee, September 1, 2015

- Request to Waive Irrigation and Disconnect Fees (APN: 062-009-002 – Carrera)
- Request by Landowner for the Installation of New Turnout by Private Contractor (APN: 062-024-023 – Esteves)
- Future Ownership of Facilities not Adopted by the District

Director Webb stated that staff is going to do some further investigation on the landowner's request for the installation of a new turnout and the future ownership of facilities not adopted by the District.

Director Webb also stated that the request to waive irrigation and disconnect fees was on the agenda under the Consent Calendar.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Clark

Director Clark had no comments.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos had no comments

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Webb

Director Webb asked Tom Orvis if the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau is facilitating any help with the animals that are being displaced by the fires. Tom Orvis stated that the Farm Bureau has not been facilitating assistance, but Kay Martinelli has been organizing help for the displaced animals.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 20

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 9:35 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary