

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
October 1, 2013

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

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

Virgil and Joanne Thompson, who reside at 12311 Horseshoe Road, Oakdale, were present and stated that they had met with the Water Committee and reached an agreement allowing them to take water from the Tulloch Lateral and executed a Cattle Water Agreement. Mr. Thompson stated that it was discovered later that a prior agreement entitled "Grant of Easement" had been recorded September 16, 1985 giving the family the right to take water from the Tulloch Lateral with less contingencies than the current agreement. He requested that this item be placed on the Water Committee Agenda. General Manager Steve Knell stated that this would be put on the Water Committee Agenda and they would be notified of the date and time of the meeting.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:04 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

HEARING CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 2 **HEARING UPON THE PETITION FOR THE** **DISSOLUTION OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** **NO. 16 KNOWN AS THE MICHENER DITCH PIPELINE**

Improvement District No. 16 was formed in 1950 for the purpose of the construction and installation of a pipeline and necessary appurtenances and structures to provide a water distribution system to five parcels situated within the boundaries of the Oakdale Irrigation District.

The procedure for dissolving an improvement district is set forth in §§ 24100 et seq. of the *California Water Code* and shall be completed by the District as follows:

1. The receipt of a petition signed and acknowledged by two-thirds or more of the holders of title to the land within the improvement district. Completed
2. The debts of the improvement district have all been paid. Completed
3. The Order of Dissolution (Resolution) dissolving the improvement district. Attached

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Petition for the Dissolution of Improvement District No. 16 known as the Michener Ditch Pipeline.

Director Webb requested that Item No. 4 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; Director Alpers requested that Item No. 18 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; Director Clark requested that Item No. 6 be pulled from the Consent Calendar, and Director Doornenbal requested that Item No. 10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM NOS. 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20

ITEM NO. 3 **APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'** **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF** **SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2013-71,** **2013-72, 2013-73, 2013-74, 2013-75, 2013-76, and 2013-77**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2013 and Resolution Nos. 2013-71, 2013-72, 2013-73, 2013-74, 2013-75, 2013-76, and 2013-77.

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2013

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2013.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE PURCHASE OF
REPLACEMENT NETWORK COMPUTERS

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of replacement network computers.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS
WITH VARIOUS VENDORS AND/OR CONTRACTORS
(I. J. LARSEN PUMPS, INC. AND DON PEDRO PUMP)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreements with various vendors and/or contractors (I. J. Larsen Pumps, Inc. and Don Pedro Pump).

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT ON THE COMETA LATERAL
(APN: 002-001-054 – KISTLER – SANTO DOMINGO RANCHES INCORPORATED)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Cometa Lateral (APN: 002-001-054 – Kistler – Santo Domingo Ranches Incorporated).

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE COMETA LATERAL
(APN: 002-001-054 – KISTLER – SANTO DOMINGO RANCHES INCORPORATED)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Cometa Lateral (APN: 002-001-054 – Kistler – Santo Domingo Ranches Incorporated).

ITEM NO. 13
APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT ON
THE BRICHETTO PIPELINE (APN: 064-032-024 – DON VALK)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Brichetto Pipeline (APN: 064-032-024 – Don Valk).

ITEM NO. 14
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON
THE BRICHETTO PIPELINE (APN: 064-032-024 – DON VALK)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Brichetto Pipeline (APN: 064-032-024 – Don Valk).

ITEM NO. 15
APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE PERMIT ON THE
SCHULLER LATERAL (APN: 002-010-026 – MARIO PARODI)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Permit on the Schuller Lateral (APN: 002-010-026 – Mario Parodi).

ITEM NO. 16
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE
SCHULLER LATERAL (APN: 002-010-026 – MARIO PARODI)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Permit on the Schuller Lateral (APN: 002-010-026 – Mario Parodi).

ITEM NO 17
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ON THE
HIRSCHFELD PIPELINE (APN: 207-031-009 – PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO.)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Encroachment Permit on the Hirschfeld Pipeline (APN: 207-031-009 – Pacific Gas and Electric Co.).

ITEM NO. 19
APPROVE REQUEST FOR NEW IRRIGATION SERVICE
OFF THE GRAY PIPELINE (APN: 010-012-032 – VAN BOVEN)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve request for new irrigation service off the Gray Pipeline (APN: 010-012-032 – Van Boven).

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 4, 6, 10, 18, 20, 21, 22

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

Director Webb had a question regarding the Ahern Rentals invoice for the rental of padded rollers. Support Services Manager Jason Jones stated that the rollers have pads on them and are used to compact the dirt.

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

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

Director Clark asked why the Clark Pipeline Project was revised from \$47,500 to \$81,500. Support Services Manager Jason Jones stated that it was decided to replace the pipeline between the two structures, install an additional structure, and provide turnouts to two parcels which would result in a more complete project.

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

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Cavill Drain/Southwest Lat.	FlumeMeter Installation	\$38,400	2013-027
Albers No. 2 Lateral	Installation of two 5' x 7' MBI turnout structures with 18" 20-10C slide gate	30,569	2013-028
Cavill No. 2	Pump pipeline replacement – 2,000 LF of 15" 100 PIP PVC	112,100	2013-029
Moll Pipeline	Installation of 700 LF of 24" 100 PIP PVC, air vent and appurtenances	72,000	2013-030
Fairbanks Lateral	Installation of a 21" x 6' shop gate	5,600	2013-031
Garr Pipeline	Installation of one 12" inline valve	5,700	2013-032
Adams Lateral No. 2	Installation of a 12, 16", and 18" 101C slide gates with 9.5' frames	6,400	2013-033
<u>Revised work order</u>			
Clark Pipeline	Installation of a turnout structure, two 12" x 11.5' 101C slide gates with stilling wells	\$81,500 (revised from \$47,500)	2013-015

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE AWARD OF BID TO HELENA CHEMICAL CO. FOR
THE PESTICIDE / HERBICIDE SUPPLY SERVICES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2014

Director Doornenbal asked if the District ever obtained a bid from Mid Valley Ag who is a local company in Escalon. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that the District has never received anything from Mid Valley Ag, but they can be added to the list. Director Clark requested that the District contact them to see if they want to be added to the list.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to award the bid to Helena Chemical Co. for the pesticide/herbicide supply services for budget year 2014.

ITEM NO. 18
APPROVE DELIVERY OF CATTLE WATER IN THE
COMETA LATERAL (APN: 002-052-001 – HYACINTH GROUP, LP)

Director Alpers asked where the water is coming from at the end of the irrigation season. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the District pulls its gates and the water spills whether it is drainage, storm water, etc.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve delivery of cattle water in the Cometa Lateral (APN: 002-052-001 – Hyacinth Group, LP).

ITEM NO. 20
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND SAN FRANCISCO
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A ONE-YEAR OPTION
TO TRANSFER WATER AND AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

OID and its constituents have received great benefit over the years through the use of water transfer revenues to rebuild and modernize its water infrastructure. Since 2003, OID has invested \$50.7 million dollars into its water delivery and tunnel systems. That investment has paid great dividends to our constituents in the delivery of better water service by way of; offering greater flexibility in addressing timing and duration of deliveries, the ability to offer arranged deliveries to specialty crops, consistent flows to the headgate and increased drought reliability. Added flexibility and consistent flows to the headgate translates to better water control on-farm. Better water control on-farm means less farm waste and more conservation. All of this integrates to making a better water system for all. While the OID has done much, it has much more to do and will continue to rely on water transfer revenues to assist in making this work possible.

With that background, there is a problem that our State is facing. California could potentially be looking at its third critically dry / dry year hydrology in 2014. By accounts, the State can address a two year drought but has failed at protecting itself against droughts lasting longer than that. Both State and Federal water agencies have advised their contractors south of the Delta that if 2014 is an "average" hydrology, Federal water contractors will receive zero

allocation and State contractors will receive 25%. That is how dire the reservoir storage situation is; all runoff in 2014 would go to refill of reservoirs and not to delivery.

A third year drought has the potential to create economic hardship for both agricultural and urban areas. Because of OID's investments in its system, because of its strong water rights, OID is in a position to help offset some of that economic turmoil, should it develop.

This is the first of two agenda items to address two parties in such need of help; Westside water districts (either SLDMWA or WWD) and the City and County of San Francisco.

City and County of San Francisco

As reported at the September 3, 2013 Board meeting, the CCSF expressed in a July 23, 2013, letter their concern for the prospects of another dry year and the implications this would present to their constituents. In a follow-up communication, the CCSF is very interested in pursuing a 1-year 2,240 acre foot transfer in 2014. To that end, staff is providing in this agenda a draft contract for consideration. This is the identical contract provided for discussion at the September 1st Board Meeting.

As the draft contract indicates, the ability to meet a CCSF water need in 2014 is predicated on OID coming to agreement with MID and TID regarding "wheeling" this water through the two districts' inter-connected canal systems. Similarly, the CCSF needs to reach an agreement with MID and TID on the crediting of their Don Pedro Water Bank Account if and when this water is moved into New Don Pedro.

OID met with MID staff on August 20, 2013 to address the questions raised in their August 2, 2013 letter. OID provided answers to MID's questions, had great discussion with their staff and reiterated its interests in pursuing such a transfer with the CCSF for 2014. OID indicated that to meet the requisite CEQA deadlines for water to move in March, an agreement would need to be developed and agreed to by December of this year.

MID staff said they would be evaluating the issue in the coming weeks and get back with OID on any needed follow-up. OID has not heard back from MID Staff as of the preparation date of this agenda report.

Recognizing that much work still needs to be done, Staff is recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a water transfer agreement with the CCSF contingent upon acquiring a wheeling and storage agreement with MID and TID

There was discussion regarding the fact that there was no price written into the agreement. General Manager Steve Knell stated that at this point the District does not know what Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District will charge for a wheeling or storage fee. If and when a fee is established it will be brought back to the Board for approval of the fee

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Alpers, to approve the Agreement between Oakdale Irrigation District and San Francisco Public Utilities

Commission for a One-Year Option to Transfer Water and Authorized the General Manager to Execute said Agreement, and by roll call was voted as follows:

Director Webb	No
Director Alpers	Yes
Director Clark	Yes
Director Bairos	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes

Motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

ITEM NO. 21
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
DROUGHT IDLING AND ON-FARM
WATER CONSERVATION PILOT PROJECT PROGRAM

OID and its constituents have received great benefit over the years through the use of water transfer revenues to rebuild and modernize its water infrastructure. Since 2003, OID has invested \$50.7 million dollars into its water delivery and tunnel systems. That investment has paid great dividends to our constituents in the delivery of better water service by way of; offering greater flexibility in addressing timing and duration of deliveries, the ability to offer arranged deliveries to specialty crops, consistent flows to the headgate and increased drought reliability. Added flexibility and consistent flows to the headgate translates to better water control on-farm. Better water control on-farm means less farm waste and more conservation. All of this integrates to making a better water system for all. While the OID has done much, it has much more to do and will continue to rely on water transfer revenues to assist in making this work possible.

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PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO SLDMWA OR WWD

Whatever the water volume OID determines is available for transfer in 2014, if any, Staff is proposing that a portion of the water be bundled into a proposed Drought Idling and On-Farm Water Conservation Pilot Project as presented and discussed at its September 3, 2013 Board meeting and as modified in today's agenda, based on input from that meeting.

The benefit of the program is that it drives transfer revenues down into the farm to fix farm infrastructure that is in dire need of rehabilitation and modernization, as the OID system has experienced. The Pilot Project would incentivize the landowner to idle his land without loss of revenue, to pay for upgrades that have been difficult to justify financially thus far, and in the end returns the system a year later to a much higher state of water efficiency, providing a long term benefit to OID and its constituents.

While this is occurring in OID, the agricultural recipient of the water is avoiding economic hardship by keeping water-challenged permanent crops alive on the Westside.

Staff sees benefit in this farmer to farmer program and is seeking the Board's approve for its implementation.

A motion as made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the Drought Idling and On-Farm Water Conservation Pilot Project Program, and was voted by roll call vote as follows:

Director Webb	Yes
Director Alpers	Yes
Director Clark	Yes
Director Bairos	No
Director Doornenbal	Yes

Motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

ITEM NO. 22
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
PURCHASE OF NEW KUBOTA RTV FROM GARTON TRACTOR (UNBUDGETED)

On September 9, 2013 Oakdale Irrigation District (District) C&M crews arrived at their jobsite and discovered that the Kubota RTV had been stolen. To date, the Kubota RTV has not been recovered and the District is waiting for the California Highway Patrol (CHP) report to move forward with acquiring the cash value of the stolen RTV, less the deductible from the insurance company. The Kubota RTV was purchased in August of 2007 for \$15,854.00.

The Kubota RTV is a vital tool utilized in many different applications, such as: provides District staff the ability to access jobsites during inclement weather, provides Water Department staff to access OID facilities during storm events, patrol the District tunnels for inspection at the conclusion of and prior to the water season, and aids the C&M staff in the installation of fencing of District right of ways. Therefore, staff is requesting the replacement of the stolen Kubota RTV.

Support Services staff has received quotes from three separate vendors, with Garton Tractor from Modesto providing the lowest quote. The quote received from Garton Tractor includes a cash rebate which expires prior to today's Board meeting. The unbudgeted fiscal impact includes sales tax and excludes DMV fees estimated at \$68. The fiscal impact will

be minimized pending the cash value determined by the insurance company (less the deductible).

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve purchase of a new Kubota RTV from Garton Tractor (unbudgeted) in the sum of \$17,383.26 (delivery included, DMV excluded).

**DISCUSSION
ITEM NO. 23**

**ITEM NO. 23
DISCUSSION ON GROUNDWATER**

Director Clark requested that this item be placed on the October 1, 2013 agenda for discussion.

A member of the public, Tom Haggart was present and discussed the District's obligation to look into groundwater.

General Manager Steve Knell stated that as part of the District's Ag Water Management Plan there is an entire section that discusses the water balance in the District.

Following a lengthy discussion Director Clark requested that staff look into where the District is with groundwater and provide a presentation to the Board that discusses this issue in approximately sixty days.

**ITEM NO. 24
COMMUNICATIONS**

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 149 days without a lost time injury accident.
2. A "safety challenge contest" will be in effect until October 11th. A dinner and movie for 2 will be awarded to the top 5 job set up forms submitted that identify safety issues needing correction this winter. Selection will be by the new Safety Committee.
3. New OID Safety Committee members include; Lori Fitzwater-Presley (Administration), Brian Waters, Ace Anderson and Vince Rocha (C&M), Jason Anderson (Auto Shop) John Scheftic (Water Ops). Derek Davis, OID Safety Coordinator Chairs the Committee.

Administration Activities

1. The Shively bridge encroachment saga continues, but is nearing closure.
2. Alliance Workforce Keys testing program has proven to be very effective in screening job applicants for positions at OID.
3. Met (September 16th) with agencies on the SJ Tributaries Settlement for the Stanislaus River. Meeting schedule for October is as follows;
 - a. Water Management Group October 3rd, 9th, 21st

- b. Scoping Meeting October 9th
- c. Settlement Conf Calls on the 11th and 25th
- d. Plenary Session on the 23rd
4. OID Employee's Benefit Fair scheduled for October 17th
5. FishBio to be sharing floodplain data results on the Stanislaus with the fish agencies in Sacramento on October 15th.
6. Knights Ferry Salmon Festival is scheduled for October 26th.
7. CSDA Conference attended from September 16-19th.
8. Oakdale Education Foundation Dinner attended by Board and staff on September 28th.
9. SJRG Commission meeting and SJTA Commission meeting to be held September 30th at TID.

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. Two-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – CH2MHILL received word last week the final comments are still being circulated internally in the COE. There is one more department to provide their comments and then the draft EA will be finalized and posted for Public Comment. This will occur within the next few weeks. After it is posted, there is a 30-day review period. From the questions, the indication is the 30-day review period should not result in any significant comments from the public. Once the public comment closes and the comments have been responded to, if there are any, a final EA and the FONSI can be issued by the Corps. The indication is the permit will be ready to issue in early November.
2. Two-Mile Bar Tunnel Final Design – The design process has been completed and the drawings have been completed and issued for construction. The Cost Estimate has been reviewed and completed, and issued. The GBR is under final review and will be issued within the next month. Final contract documents and specifications are in final review and will be issued within the next month. The total cost with contingency, construction management, and other potential costs has been determined to be approximately \$15.0 million.
3. Beardsley Reservoir Recreational Improvements – Ford Construction completed the Black Oak Campground on August 29, 2013. On September 3, 2013, Ford commenced the Beardsley Day Use Area and Boat Ramp construction. The demolition and rough grading for both areas was completed. Fine grading was completed for the Day Use Area parking lot, new restrooms, trails and picnic areas. The underground drainage system was completed. AB base rock was placed at the Boat Ramp and the Day Use Area parking lot. The water system for the Beardsley Campground was completed, the Black Oak Flat Campground progressed to a 90% completion while the Day Use Area water system was 20% complete on the contract work and 0% on the out of scope work. There has been one claim submitted for the Beardsley Campground for additional earthwork in the amount of \$116,000. On July 25, 2013, Ford Construction provided the final "As-Built" topo for comparison for the Beardsley Campground. The documentation was forwarded to the Engineer for review and a response. The Engineer has acknowledged an error in the Engineer's take off which was included in the bid documents. Staff is reviewing the Engineer's comments and will prepare a response for the General Manager and the Board's review and approval. The Contractor has stated there will be two more claims to be submitted for additional earthwork on the Black Oak Campground and the Beardsley Day Use Area. The basis for these claims is the same used for the Beardsley Campground. The Project's position has been there is no basis

for a claim however; the position may change due to the errors in the bid document and a delay to the contractor due to SHPO investigation. Staff will prepare a response for review.

4. Willms Ranch Access Easement – The Willms continue with their legal issues and again no action occurred this period. The Willms are waiting on court decisions before moving forward and stated they would advise us when a decision is forthcoming.
5. Wyatt Deep Well Pump and Motor Replacement Project – Don Pedro Pump completed the pump and motor installation and PG&E completed their work as well. The project was operational on September 10, 2013.
6. District Standard Specifications – No activity this period.
7. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

Construction Activities

1. Conducting landowner meetings for upcoming construction projects.
2. Field review being conducted on future projects with Water Ops. Manager.
3. Preparing and conducting employee evaluations.
4. Assisting as needed with Engineering Dept. tasks.
5. C&M forces are conducting routine maintenance tasks and JSF's completed by Water Dept. staff.
6. Wills Pipeline Extension Project – OID forces have completed the installation of 95% of the new pipeline. The tie-ins will be conducted after the completion of the water season.
7. Posted for the vacancy of one (1) Welder/Fleet Equipment Mechanic position.
8. Completed the draft 2014 Budget for the Support Services Dept. and forwarded all documentation to the CFO.
9. Kobelco 210 repairs – Support Services staff contacted Price Enterprises and obtained a quote to conduct the repairs to the excavator. Labor to conduct the repairs was comparable to staff's estimate, but parts were considerably cheaper. The repairs have been completed and the machine has been returned to service.
10. Interviews have been completed for the vacant C&M Worker. The quality of the candidates was exceptional. An offer letter has been sent and returned from the one candidate for the C&M Worker position, the candidate is currently completing the pre-hire testing.
11. Met with Steve Fields on 9/17 to further discuss the potential project of rehabilitating the North Main Canal. OID is currently awaiting a revised estimate from Mr. Field's dirt contractor.
12. Support Services staff is working on preparation for the upcoming construction season. Safety refresher training has been scheduled to begin on October 16th.

Engineering Activities

1. Completed draft 2014 Budget for review by the CFO and General Manager.
2. Land use Conversion – Continuing to work with landowners, tenants, irrigation design companies and Support Services/Water Operations concerning ongoing and future land use conversion projects. Standard land use conversion letters going out on an as needed basis.
3. Processed several Encroachment, Ag. Discharge and Fencing Agreements for Board approval.
4. Continued to work with landowners on encroachment signage and project close-out.

5. Engineering staff and Support Services Manager conducted various landowner meetings to notify landowners of property adjacent to or within the project boundaries of proposed 2013-14 winter projects.
6. Engineering staff attended the Groundwater Ordinance Meeting on September 30th to review and provide input on the revised draft ordinance. The October 1st Groundwater Ordinance presentation to the Board of Supervisors has been postponed until October 29th.
7. GIS Asset Management data input and organization neared completion and was put on hold until repairs to the Lieca Unit were conducted. Engineering staff continued review of the turnout affiliation to parcels served as it was completed by the DSOs.
8. Finalized small parcels analysis and flow calculations to complete pipeline, SlipMeter and FlumeGate design for applicable 2014 construction projects.
9. Completed several Requests for Work Approvals and Estimates for proposed 2014 winter construction and maintenance projects.

Water Operations Activities

Aq Water

1. Completed draft 2014 Budget for review by the CFO and General Manager.
2. Continued to research and respond to irrigation inquiries regarding new connection possibilities, disconnects and past irrigation practices.
3. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues. Completed documentation and coordinated repairs to OID facilities with the C&M Department as necessary.
4. SCADA/IT Coordinator worked with CFO and Water Operations Manager to began preliminary planning for implementation process and requirements of STORM during the winter.
5. SCADA/IT Coordinator began planning for winter SCADA maintenance work.
6. The SCADA IT Technician position was posted and closed on September 27th.
7. North and South Side DSOs continued to assist in affiliating turnouts listed in the inventory data acquired last summer with the parcels they current serve.
8. Pest Department staff continued to fill-in for DSOs on an as needed basis. Mag-H applications continued and along with post-emergent and berry control applications.
9. Interviews were conducted and offers were made to four (4) applicants for the DSO/C&M position. The pre-employment screening process is currently underway.
10. The seventeenth rotation in 2013 (eighteenth of the 2012-13 irrigation season) started on or about September 17th and was a 14-day rotation. An additional opportunity for water will be provided in October and the system will be dewatered on or before October 12th.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41:
 - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
 - Continued to monitor small leak on the water storage tank at the Well No. 1 Station. The tank remains in service and under observation.
 - A membership meeting was held on Wednesday, September 11th to provide an update on ID41 options for future water supply (annexation into the City of Oakdale or remain a standalone system). Meeting materials were sent to those

- who were unable to attend and the committee is expected to provide a general consensus on or about September 30th for a future vote.
2. Improvement District No. 49:
 - Continued to monitor leaks on the water storage tank at Pumping Station No. 1. The tank remains in service and under observation.
 - A membership meeting was held on Wednesday, September 18th to select a course of action.
 - Ballot packets for approval to replace the water storage tank were mailed out on Wednesday, September 25th.
 3. Improvement District No. 46:
 - An afterhours call out on Monday, September 16th revealed the pump at the Pumping Station No. 1 had failed.
 - A new pump was installed and disinfection procedures began on Tuesday, September 17th.
 - Pump was returned to service on Wednesday, September 25th.
 4. Rural Water System No. 1:
 - The stand-by emergency electrical generator located at the Sierra Sunset Pumping Station was returned to service on Friday, September 20th. The unit had been out of service while undergoing repairs.
 5. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Finished bi-annual fire hydrant inspection and flushing.
 - Finished bi-annual street valve exercising and inspection.
 6. Aquatic Pesticide Sampling:
 - The initial set of water quality samples were collected at the Fairbanks Lateral on Tuesday, September 17th.
 - The back-up water quality samples were collected on the Fairbanks Lateral on Tuesday, September 24th.
 7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Furtado Deep Well Pump – The VFD has been removed and was sent in for evaluation on Thursday, August 8th. The site remains operational by using the MCP.

Financing Activities

1. Attended CSDA Conference the week of September 16-19th.
2. All District employees were provided with the New Health Insurance Market Place Coverage Notice on September 13th.
3. Annual Improvement District Rate Review committee meeting set for the week of October 7th.
4. Finance Department continues to operate with one employee out on California Family Rights Act (CFRA) leave and one employee on CFRA one day every two weeks.
5. A temp agency employee is being trained on accounts payable to cover for the Finance Department's Account Clerk's leave beginning October 7, 2013. Continue to cover the payroll function with a District retiree.
6. Assisting in obtaining the proper additional insured endorsement from the Shively's insurance broker.
7. Continue to work with Chicago Title on the Eakin, Valencia, and Oakdale Cemetery easement acquisitions.

8. Review of 2013 network hardware and software needs to be presented for approval on October 1st.
9. Preparation of the 2014 budget.
10. Routine accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billing, reconciliations, etc.)
11. Routine accounting functions (AP, PR, UB, account reconciliations, etc.)

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Meetings.

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Webb

Director Webb asked if the Knights Ferry Project was going to be started this winter. General Manager Steve Knell replied yes. He also asked about the VFD having to be replaced for a second time on the Furtado Deep Well and if it was going to be an ongoing problem. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn briefed the Board on the problems with the device and the District's plan to correct the problem during the off season.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers made the following Comments:

- He attended the River Group meeting yesterday and stated that it is obvious that the State wants to take more water and the only option is to sue them, but that there is some reluctance with the other River Group members.
- He stated that the District has spent \$187,000 in defending the lawsuit with ID52 and thinks that the District needs to evaluate the District's role in managing the improvement districts. He would like this item brought to the Water Committee for discussion.
- He stated that the District does not furnish water to the City of Oakdale or to the City of Valley Home for free so why should we supply water for free to Knights Ferry. He stated that the District charges \$5.00 per lot and they were not even willing to pay that. This will be discussed at the Water Committee Meeting this afternoon.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos discussed Tri-Dam and the Investment Policy.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal complimented the DSOs and stated that they are a pleasure to work with and did a good job this irrigation season.

Director Clark

Director Clark stated that he hopes that the District considers giving its employees something at Christmas.

At the hour of 11:15 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

ITEM NO. 25
CLOSED SESSION

- A. Government Code §54956.8** Conference with Real Property Negotiator
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| Negotiating Parties: | OID and Westlands Water District |
| Property: | Water |
| Agency Negotiators: | General Managers and Counsel |
| Under Negotiations: | Price and Terms |

At the hour of 11:42 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Clark stated that there was no reportable action.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 26

The Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:42 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15, 2013 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, October 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120 Street, Manteca, CA.

Frank Clark, Vice President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary