

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
April 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

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

Tom Orvis from Stanislaus County Farm Bureau was present and stated that rural crime has become an epidemic, particularly on the east side. He wanted to thank the District for distributing the information to its staff. Director Clark asked the General Manager Steve Knell if this information is being distributed to the Distribution System Operators. General Manager Steve Knell stated that he has been forwarding the information to the Managers and Supervisors, but could certainly post the information as well.

At the hour of 9:04 a.m. there being no further public comment, public comment closed.

Director Clark requested that Item Nos. 13, 14, and 15 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; Director Bairos requested that Item No. 11 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2011
AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2011-12, 2011-13, and 2011-14

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2011 and Resolution Nos. 2011-12, 2011-13, and 2011-14.

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

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, 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 Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, 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 MARCH 31, 2011

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2011.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, 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>
South Lateral	Replace & upgrade 12" Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$2,100	2011-017
Hirschfeld Pipeline	Replace & upgrade 1-20" & 1-24" with new Fresno 101C slide gates.	\$5,400	2011-018
Furtado Groundwater Well	Remove Kamper groundwater well and install new groundwater well on District property.	\$235,000	2011-019

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE DISMISSAL OF FEES ASSESSED TO THE
CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
FOR A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve dismissal of fees assessed to the California State Department of Industrial Relations for a public records request for information.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT THE 2011
APPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve attendance at the 2011 APPA National Conference in Washington D.C.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR
VARIOUS VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS (CALIFORNIA
CONCRETE PUMPING, DBA ASSOCIATED CONCRETE PUMPING)

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreement for various vendors and contractors (California Concrete Pumping, dba Associated Concrete Pumping).

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 01 TO GENERAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT 2011-GSA-025 WITH
SPRAY & SONS TO ADD THE CLEANING
OF THE NEW DAY ROOM TO THE SCOPE OF WORK

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 01 to General Services Agreement 2011-GSA-025 with Spray & Sons to add the cleaning of the new day room to the scope of work.

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE ABANDONMENT
OF THE POPLAR STREET PIPELINE

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Abandonment of the Poplar Street Pipeline.

**ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS NOS. 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**

**ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE ONE YEAR WAIVER OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT
IRRIGATION FEES FOR ORANGE BLOSSOM
PARK OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE ARMY
CORP OF ENGINEERS, STANISLAUS RIVER PARKS**

Director Bairos asked if the Army Corp of Engineers have been cooperating with the District since the District has been waiving their water charges. General Manager Steve Knell stated that he needed to correct his statement made to the Water Committee Meeting wherein he stated that the District has waived the water charges for the Army Corp of Engineers in the past. He stated that the Army Corp of Engineers has been paying their water charges every year, but in answer to Director Bairos' questions, the Army Corp of Engineers has been very cooperative with the District on its projects.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve a one-year waiver of out-of-district irrigation fees for Orange Blossom Park owned and operated by the Army Corp of Engineers, Stanislaus River Parks.

**ITEM NO. 13
APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF FIFTH AVENUE
PIPELINE (APNS: 019-010-018/081, 129-021-006)**

Director Clark asked if any of the facilities being abandoned serve the City's storm water runoff or are a pass through line for the City. District Engineer, John Davids, responded no. District Engineer John Davids stated that these were being abandoned as a matter of housecleaning so that the District would not have to deal with them on any future developments by the City. District Engineer John Davids further stated that the City Water Department told him that they were all inactive.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Abandonment of Fifth Avenue Pipeline (APNS: 019-010-018/081, 120-021-006).

**ITEM NO. 14
APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF THE FIRST
AVENUE PIPELINE (APNS: 19 PARCELS LISTED IN EXHIBIT "A")**

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A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously approve the Abandonment of the First Avenue Pipeline (APNS: 19 parcels listed in Exhibit "A").

ITEM NO. 15
APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA
AVENUE PIPELINE (APNS: 18 PARCELS LISTED IN EXHIBIT "A")

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A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Abandonment of the California Avenue Pipeline (APNS: 18 parcels listed in Exhibit "A").

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING
GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AUCTION
AGREEMENT WITH THE AUCTION PARK MODESTO

Three years ago, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) requested quotes from three (3) auctioneer services, Huisman Auctions, Mulrooney Auction Company and Ernst Auction Park. Of the three companies, only Mulrooney Auction Company and Roger Ernst of The Auction Park responded and submitted quotes. The last two years, the two auction companies, Mulrooney Auction Co. and The Auction Park, have provided quotes and the quotes were the same as the previous years.

Quotes received this year from The Auction Park are the same as last year. Mulrooney's provided a quote with changes for markups on tangible items and light cleaning being included. Transportation would be extra.

For comparison; Mulrooney Auction charges ten (10) percent on vehicles and rolling stock and fifteen (15) percent on all tangible items with an additional charge on a case by case basis for transportation. OID could deliver all items to Mulrooney's yard in Lodi at its cost to avoid these fees. The Auction Park charges ten (10) percent on vehicles and twenty-five (25) percent on all tangible items. The Auction Park will pick up and transport all items to their yard located in Modesto free of charge. Also, The Auction Park will clean the vehicles prior to the auction which is included in their markup while Mulrooney Auction will only provide light cleaning; major cleaning would be extra.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the Auction Agreement for The Auction Park to auction off the District's surplus items.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute an Auction Agreement with The Auction Park Modesto.

At the hour of 9:15 a.m. Water Counsel, Tim O'Laughlin arrived at the meeting.

ITEM NO. 17
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION
TO APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE AGREEMENT

The attached DRAFT Agricultural Discharge Agreement was created by Staff and reviewed by the Water Committee at their April 5, 2011 meeting. Staff and the Committee see this Agreement as a mechanism for permitting agricultural drainage occurring on farm to enter Oakdale Irrigation Districts (OID) conveyance system. The intent of the Agreement is to cover both the previously permitted drain water discharges at the tail end of fields in addition to discharges from filter stations. That being said, the Agreement includes specific provisions related to location of chemical injection and backflow prevention in addition to the maximum rate of flow acceptable.

Staff and the Committee recognize the need to be dynamic and account for recent trends in land use conversion from irrigated pasture, corn and oats to walnuts and almonds. Staff and members of the Water Committee will be available to answer any additional questions that they Board may have.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Agreement.

DISCUSSION
ITEM NOS. 18, 19, 20

ITEM NO. 18
DISCUSSION ON THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP
COUNCIL'S SECOND DRAFT DELTA PLAN

Attached to the Discussion Item was a letter prepared and sent to the Chair person of the Delta Stewardship Council, Phil Isenberg. It's provided here to show the direction and potential problems being created by this Council's direction and/or misdirection over what the authorizing legislation intended.

General Manager Steve Knell stated that the letter has already been signed and forwarded and this item was on the Agenda as a matter of information. Water Counsel Tim O'Laughlin discussed the letter with the Board.

ITEM NO. 19
DISCUSSION ON LONG TERM IRRIGATION LANDS
REGULATORY PROGRAM AND EAST SIDE
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS' INTENT TO JOIN THE COALITION

For the last seven (7) years Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and the other four (4) Eastside Irrigation Districts (IDs) (Merced, Turlock, Modesto and SSJID) have complied with the Irrigated Lands Program through monitoring and reporting as individual dischargers. With implementation of the much anticipated Long Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program in the near future, representatives from the IDs met to consider our options for compliance. Following a lengthy options analysis, discussions with the Regional Board, meetings with the respective General Managers (via the River Group) and ultimately with the Coalitions themselves, Staff feels that it is in the best interests of the IDs to join the Coalition(s) as an "equal" member. By virtue of the fact that OID serves lands both in Stanislaus and San Joaquin County, we will have to be members in both the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition and the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition. Since OID does not irrigate any of the lands that we own in fee, we are not subject to the annual per acre assessment but will simply pay the annual membership dues which currently stand at \$50. While we have agreed in concept to assist the Coalitions with some in-kind services as set forth in the attached documentation, membership in the Coalition will come with a substantial cost savings. In 2010 alone, OID spent approximately \$30,000 on testing and legal fees associated with compliance. This does not include Staff time associated with sample collection, general administration or time spent preparing the Annual Report.

OID's membership in the Coalition(s) by no means alleviates the need for individual growers to be members and as such, Staff suggests that we continue to educate our growers on the benefits and necessity for being part of the coalition.

ITEM NO. 20
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR ON THE
TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

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

Director Alpers and Director Webb stated that the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee discussed the following topics:

1. Richardson & Company Audit
2. Beardsley Project
3. Tri-Dam Revenues

ITEM NO. 21
COMMUNICATIONS

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 132 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. Met with ASTONE on District's phase II approach to the SavetheStan outreach program.
2. Spent Tuesday through Thursday traveling and meeting with the Central Valley Congressional Delegation, plus Senatorial staffs in Washington, D.C.
3. GM will be in Albuquerque, N.M. next week at the USCID conference

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – A Letter of Offer was sent to the Marie A. Atherton Trust on March 30, 2011. There have been no comments received from the Trust. A letter outlining the Scope of Work, CEQA process and status, and the proposed construction schedule for the 2-Mile Bar Tunnel and Access Road was hand carried to the Corps of Engineers' Park Manager located at Knights Ferry. The letter was read and discuss for all the necessary content needed to proceed. Staff was advised the letter would be forward to the appropriate departments in Sacramento. The CTS Exclusion Fence monitoring is ongoing, no activity of significance to report.
2. Cashman Dam Rehabilitation Project – Again, received Statements of outstanding balance due and another rejection letter was sent. However, the District did receive a "Summons, Complaint, and Notice of Case Management Conference" which the District must respond to in thirty (30) days from April 5, 2011.
3. Cross Valley Conveyance System – Provost & Pritchard (P&P) provided a Draft report of a number of options and costs to be considered. The report is presently being reviewed.
4. Beardsley Recreational Improvements – The District received a "Collection Agreement between the Tri-Dam Project and the USDA, Forest Service" to be reviewed and comments provided to the District's GM.
5. Furtado Deep Well Project – The Notice of Award was issued on April 7, 2011. The contract documents with Bonds and Insurance Certificates were received on April 13, 2011. The Notice to Proceed was issued on April 18, 2011 with the start of construction set to begin on April 25, 2011.
6. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
7. The development of a Project Management and Construction Administration Manual continued.
8. Continued with the developing the Manual of Forms was started for various aspects related to the contract management and documentation of projects.
9. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

Construction Activities

1. Processing Job Set Up Forms provided by Water Department Staff.
2. Preparing and conducting employee evaluations.
3. Support Services Department staff working on preparation and implementation of a lateral cleaning program that will start after the 2011 water season.
4. California Highway Patrol rescheduled the BIT (Biannual Inspection of Terminal) inspection. Inspection now scheduled for April 20th.
5. Met with Mrs. Eakin on April 8th to discuss the Knights Ferry Water System.

6. District crews are currently working on minor issues relating to the system being charged with water and routine maintenance jobs.
7. District equipment operators are grading access roads and canal banks.

Engineering Activities

1. V.A. Rodden – On agenda for April 27th LAFCO meeting. Staff has been advised that item will appear as a consent item, but JBD will attend in case there are any questions.
2. Joslin – On agenda for April 27th LAFCO meeting. Staff has been advised that item will appear as a consent item, but JBD will attend in case there are any questions.
3. Furtado Deep Well Site Project – Pre-construction meeting held 4/13/11.
4. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – Continuing to press forward with permitting issues. Flows in the Stan may prohibit construction efforts this summer.
5. Fringe Parcel Analysis – Next round of parcels to Water Committee on 5/3/11. Out of District irrigation and billing adjustment letters have been sent out. Staff fielding calls as necessary.
6. Rubicon (TCC) – Last step tests were run on the Cometa on 4/14/11. Step testing on the Claribel continues. TCC being implemented on Cometa. TCC won't be initiated on the Claribel until the new Rotork actuators arrive.
7. SBX7-7 – Extensive comment package submitted to DWR on 4/6/11. Signed by approximately 34 different entities. No follow up correspondence received from DWR as of 4/14/11.
8. Irrigated Lands PEIR – To be discussed today.
9. STRGBA – Next meeting set for 5/5/11.
10. Agricultural Discharge Agreement – To be reviewed and approved today.
11. JBD participated in the Business and Youth Day Scholarship Job Shadowing Program on 4/15/11 facilitated by the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce. Greg Borba, and aspiring Agricultural Engineer was showed around the District.
12. JBD to host Mexican Group Study Exchange team on May 4, 2011. Group consists of Water Engineers from Mexico and a tour of OID's conveyance system will be given in the afternoon.

Water Operations Activities

Aq Water

1. Assisting Engineering Department with Fringe Parcel Analysis.
2. Processing Out of District Water Requests.
3. Assisting Rubicon with Step Testing Claribel and Cometa Laterals.
4. Preparing for Upper Cometa Lateral going into TCC Mode.
5. Water Operations personnel continue TCC training.
6. Conducting various landowner meetings.
7. Pest Department concentrating on thistle control throughout the District.
8. Pre-emergent application complete.
9. Rotation 2 (first rotation this irrigation season) is almost complete. Lots of passes. Next rotation due to start Wednesday, April 20.
10. The highest flows we have had during this rotation were as follows: South Main 220 cfs and North Main 150 cfs.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41: OID is still waiting for 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 the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
 - ID 45, Pump #1 – The electrical coil on the automatic oiler had failed. The coil was replaced and the pump returned to service. There was no interruption in water service.
3. Domestic Water Distribution Systems: Staff completed the exercising and flushing of the blow offs located at the ends of the main water lines. This procedure is done every two months.
4. On-Call Activities: On Saturday, April 2nd, staff responded to a customer call out in ID 46. The landowner sheared off the operating handle on his service connection while attempting to turn off his water service. Temporary repairs have been made. The cost to complete the repairs will be included in the ID 46's 2012 O&M budget.
5. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Monday, April 4th. No problems were detected. All seven domestic water systems under OID's jurisdiction are operating without restrictions.
 - Staff has starting working on OID's 22nd Annual Consumer Confidence Report for each of OID's water systems. Every domestic water customer must receive a copy of their specific report no later than July 1st.
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:
 - Cavill #1 Drain Pump – Replaced the old malfunctioning float switch assembly.
7. OID's Rural Water System No. 1: One customer was locked out for non-payment.
8. Furtado Deep Well Project: Staff has been working with engineering our contracts administrator. The destruction of the old well and the drilling of the new well is schedule to start sometime during the week of April 25th.
9. The Water Utilities Office has moved into the C&M Field Office located inside OID's main yard.
10. Safety & Training Activities: As of Friday, April 8th, the WUD has gone 3776 days without a lost time injury.

Financing Activities

1. It is that time of the year for our health insurance renewal which has consumed much of my time meeting with brokers and employees. We anticipate that insurance cards will be sent out prior to May 1st.
2. Beginning to prepare 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Anticipate completion and submittal to Board on May 17, 2011.
3. The District's new Network Coordinator has been reviewing the network for vulnerability and operability. Recommendations will be submitted to the Network Administrators for review.
4. Routine accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billings, account reconciliations, etc.)

B. WATER COUNSEL'S REPORT ON WATER ISSUES

Water Counsel Tim O'Laughlin was present and gave a status on water issues and discussed his recent trip to Washington D.C. with the General Manager Steve Knell.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Committee Meeting, April 5, 2011

- Deferred Conditions of Approval Agreement (APN: 002-004-007 – Milazzo)
- Sub-Standard Parcel Irrigation/Deferred Conditions of Approval (APNS: 207-029-073/074/075/076/077 – Baglietto)
- Stanislaus River Parks Request to Waive Fees
- Review of Draft Agricultural Discharge Agreement
- Fringe Parcel Update

Director Webb stated that the deferred conditions of approval agreements were agreed to by the Committee. All other matters were previously discussed on the agenda.

Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting, April 11, 2011

This was discussed under Discussion Item No. 20.

D. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Webb

Director Webb had no comments.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers had no comments.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Clark

Director Clark stated that the Finance Committee met before the Board Meeting to discuss the amount of interest that is being charged by the District on annexations. The Committee instructed the General Manager Steve Knell to revise the Annexation Agreement eliminating the District's financing of the annexation fee. Once this has been completed it will be brought back to the Finance Committee for review and then to the Board for approval.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos had no comments.

At the hour of 11:00 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

ITEM NO. 13
CLOSED SESSION

- A. Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Negotiating Parties: OID, Westlands Water
District, and Semi Tropic Water District
Property: Water
Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Counsel
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- B. Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Negotiating Parties: OID and Jose Vigil
Property: APN: 002-020-005
Under Negotiations: Price and terms

At the hour of 12:03 p.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session President Al Bairos, Jr. stated that there was no reportable action.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 14

At the hour of 12:03 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 3, 2011 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, April 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Al Bairos, Jr., President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary