

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
March 4, 2008

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

Staff Present: Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager/Secretary  
Kevin King, Water Operations Manager  
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer  
Gary Jernigan, Support Services Manager  
John Davids, Assistant, Engineer/Support Services Manager

Also Present: Tim 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

Director Alpers stated that due to time constraints on the District's Water Counsel, Closed Session was going to be heard first on the Agenda.

At the hour of 9:01 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

### CLOSED SESSION ITEM NO. 21

**A. Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator**

**Negotiating Parties:** OID, Stockton East Water District, City of Stockton, Westside Interests, and City and County of San Francisco

**Property:** Water

**Agency Negotiators:** General Managers and Counsel

**Under Negotiations:** Price

At the hour of 9:19 a.m. the meeting moved back to open session.

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

At the hour of 9:20 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**ITEM NO. 1**

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:20 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Director Alpers requested that Item No. 2 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT ITEMS**  
**ITEM NOS. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10**

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

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

**ITEM NO. 4**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE**  
**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANTI-FRAUD POLICY**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Adopting the Oakdale Irrigation District Anti-Fraud Policy.

**ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF**  
**CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the following capital work order numbers:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>W. O. No.</u>	
<i>New assignment of Work Order Numbers</i>				
Joint Main Supply	Joint Main Supply Capital rehabilitation project	\$250,000	0820	
<i>Re-assignment of Work Order Nos.</i>				
Reed Pump Discharge Line	Replace 160 LF of 12" 100 PIP PVC, install one (1) air-vent assembly.	\$29,000	<u>2007 W.O. No. cancelled</u>	<u>2008 W.O. No. issued</u>
			0756	0821
Droge Pump	Installation of 100 LF of 15" 100 PUP PVC, Two (2) 15" in-lines valves and a road crossing.	\$45,000	0760	0822
Diliberto Drop	Installation of a long-crested weir.	\$47,796	0762	0823

Little John Creek	Installation of new slide gates, automatic gate actuators and a reprofile flume downstream.	\$292,000	0764	0824
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**ITEM NO. 6**  
**APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**  
**FOR VARIOUS VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS**  
**(SPRAY & SONS JANITORIAL, NETLOGIC SOLUTIONS,**  
**AND BJ'S CONSUMERS CHOICE PEST CONTROL)**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreements for various vendors and contractors (Spray & Sons Janitorial, Netlogic Solutions, and BJ'S Consumers Choice Pest Control).

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**FOR INTERNAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR**  
**A PORTION OF OID'S LOCAL AREA NETWORK**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreement for Internal Technology Support for a portion of OID's local area network.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE REVISED RATES FOR PROFESSIONAL**  
**SERVICES AGREEMENT 2006 PSA-005 WITH CH2M HILL**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the revised rates for Professional Services Agreement 2006 PSA-005 with CH2M Hill.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE PURCHASE OF MEZZANINE-STORAGE**  
**SYSTEM FOR OID WAREHOUSE**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of Mezzanine-Storage System for the OID warehouse.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE PURCHASE**  
**OF OSHA SIGNAGE EQUIPMENT**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of OSHA signage equipment.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEMS NOS. 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16**

**ITEM NO. 2**  
**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES**  
**OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2008**  
**AND RESOLUTION NO. 2008-05**

Director Alpers stated that under Directors' Comments, he would like his comment changed under the third bullet point to state, "There is an item on the Agenda regarding Woodbridge Water District selling water to the City of Stockton for \$200 per acre foot for 6,500 acre feet."

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 February 19, 2008 and Resolution No. 2008-05 once the above correction has been made to the Minutes.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON**  
**AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS WATER FOR ANNEXATIONS**

Section 2.2 of the District's Annexation Policy ". . . reserves the right to accept or reject all Applications for Annexation based on a case-by-case determination of the availability of District conveyance capacity and surface water supplies to provide irrigation service and the need for subsurface and terminal agricultural water return flow drainage."

Under the District's Guiding Principles for Use of Surplus Water and Service Area Expansion, adopted by the Board in October 2006, the requirement to expand into the SOI shall not negatively impact existing OID customers as it relates to water supply reliability, cost of service, availability of service, etc.

Under those Board policies, staff finds that there is no surplus water available for annexations and that any proposed annexations would negatively impact OID's existing customer base by diminishing their water supply reliability and increasing OID's cost of service.

Please refer to the enclosed chart entitled Oakdale Irrigation District Historical Inflows 1981–2006. The fact that OID still periodically exceeds the current 259,000 acre foot diversion limit (self imposed) (300K – 41K in water sales) is evidence of OID's inability to take on additional agricultural lands. Surplus water is NOT determined by "average diversions" over a period of time. It is determined by looking at diversions in each year over a period of time and NEVER exceeding the diversion limit available. OID is not there yet.

Example: Using the same chart and assuming the same operating conditions and constraints as OID has today, and assume OID wished to declare 9,000 acre feet of water surplus for annexations. To reach the No Harm provisions of its policy (and LAFCO's) OID

should have at least a 10 year period of NO exceedances of 250,000 acre feet during any one year of that 10-year period of time. Ten years is chosen because, statistically you would have experienced most all influencing weather patterns (critically dry, dry, etc.) California has to offer, in order to support that position.

There were several members from the public present at the hearing who expressed an interest in annexing into the District.

Andrew Katakis asked several questions related to the cost of water, services, and annexation of lands into the District which were answered by the Board and the District's Water Counsel, Tim O'Laughlin.

David Zwald stated that twenty-five years ago the District shut down the Eugene Irrigation District stating that the District would provide them with service. Director Alpers stated that he did not remember any resolution to that effect.

Steve Sperry stated that he has had an application on file since 1996 for annexation and he would like to annex into the District.

Grover Francis stated that last year was dry year and that there were two water sales to Stockton East and VAMP. He asked if the District had made two additional water sales and if so, that water could have served some people with annexation.

Joe Bavaro stated that he manages a piece of property that is right on the border and it seems that his property is very similar to the Jackson annexation; they only use tailwater, they have wells on the property, and everything is on micros, which they do not use unless the tailwater does not come through. They are very interested in being a part of the District.

After a lengthy discussion Director Clark stated that he would like to know how many people are seriously interested in annexing in to the District and he would like to give them the opportunity to apply for annexation. Not meaning that we are going to annex one single piece of property, but I would like to know how much is out there that people are really interested in annexing and then he would like to look at those including the Jacksons, Hoekstras, Mr. Bavaro, and anyone else. He would like to look at those on a case by case basis and the Board coming to some resolution on it. He would like to have more information on it and a better and longer Board discussion about specific annexations.

Director Webb – I think that this District needs to go forward with some specific annexations right now, ones primarily that will benefit the customer as well as the OID and again I will use the Jacksons as an example. He stated that the District has places, even according to the new master water plan that we are going to have to curtail some of our tail water. If we could annex lands into the district that are currently using or could use tail water to begin with; annex those people back to keep us from not only using our tailwater, but correct a problem the District has. It is a cheaper solution than trying to build tailwater ponds at the end of the District and try and pump water back up. I think that is what we need to do start there and move forward.

Director Clark - Let's find out how many people want to annex, what their situations are, and on an individual basis are their advantages to the District to annex these properties that's my motion.

Director Bairos – I think right now for the Jackson and the Naraghi properties that tailwater is already there and they are going to get the water regardless of whether or not we bring them in or if we don't bring them in, but what we need to look at is the annexations of other people in the District and see what is out there because I think the only way that we are going to be able to treat everyone fair and reasonable is to see what everyone has and put everything out on the table and look at it from there.

Director Alpers – I think the Water Committee should take a look at each of the individual projects and go on from there. I just can't promise them that because they are putting their name in the hat that they are going to get water.

Director Clark – I think this issue is so big that I don't think it's something that two board members and I love both of them, which are on the Water Committee should look at. I think the whole Board, I think that you need to have a special session so that the whole Board is on board from beginning to end on what the issues are and we are all equally informed and not just have two Board members getting all of the data and information and then they make a recommendation. I would like the whole Board visit, it is long overdue and we have talked about reviewing our annexation policy and looking at annexation. We have been talking about it ever since I have been on the Board so I think we need to move forward and get something done and get off the dime.

A motion was made by Director Clark and seconded by Director Bairos that the District get the word out to the community that if you are interested in annexing into this district then you should come in and at least make that initial step of filing the initial form for annexation and review the applications and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Director Webb, Clark and Bairos  
Noes: Director Alpers, Taro

General Manager Knell summed up the Board's direction as, "In short you are sending it to the Water Committee to work with staff to come up with a fact finding mission." There were no comments made by any Directors to the contrary.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ON AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS**  
**WATER FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT LANDS**

As provided by policy, OID makes a determination on the availability of "surplus" surface irrigation water for "out-of-District" annual agreements at the first board meeting in March. Staff and Water Counsel have never supported the practice of making available out-of-district water and have pointed out the disadvantages of making such a program available.

As shown by the last agenda item, the allowing of out-of-district water and having a use exceedance in entitlement is a risk to OID's water right. The allowing of out-of-district water and not requiring compliance with CEQA is a legal risk to the district. To staff, these risks to OID exceed the benefit of the program.

In another light, the legislated water shortage south of the Delta presents an economic opportunity to advance and fund OID's modernization and rehabilitation programs. The Board may wish to consider this in its discussions.

OID does not make Out-of-District Applications available until the Board determines if it will offer a program, however, to date, OID has had no inquiries for out-of-district water, yet.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to send out the out-of-district applications and process the applications pending a decision on the availability of surplus water.

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON**  
**RESOLUTION SETTING 2008 WATER RATES FOR IRRIGATION**  
**OF LANDS OUTSIDE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

As provided for in the District's Agreement for Irrigation of Lands Outside District Boundaries, surplus irrigation water is determined to be available (surplus) or not at the first meeting in March. Rates for the delivery of water to lands outside district boundaries are set before the determination of surplus water, hence the purpose of this agenda item.

Based on the attached rate analysis, the "unsubsidized" rate for water in 2008 is \$63 per acre foot (flow rate) or \$316 per acre based on the OID's 2008 budget.

In 2007, the per-acre charge for out-of-district water was as follows:

- \$19.59 per acre foot, or
- \$79.30 per acre for those landowners owning less than 10 acres, and
- \$62.40 per acre for those landowners owning 10 acres or larger.

The Board is requested to set a rate for the *per acre* receipt of water and a *per acre-foot* rate for all applicants who are required to pay for the volume of out-of-district water they receive.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Setting 2008 Water Rates for Irrigation of Lands Outside Oakdale Irrigation District Boundaries with no changes made to the water rates.

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON**  
**AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER**  
**INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED**  
**TELECOM SOLUTIONS OF STOCKTON FOR**  
**TELEPHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE**

The District is currently utilizing a private branch exchange (PBX) telephone system. In order to accommodate the new offsite offices the District needs to upgrade a portion of this system and integrate new technology with the existing system in the main office building. Mixing the two systems is doable but not necessarily cost effective. In addition, the current system is known as a legacy system, no longer being developed, and replacement parts are scarce and becoming more costly. As a result, the District has asked three vendors to provide quotes for a whole system upgrade and conversion to an IP Telephony system. Part of going to an IP based system means that the network and telephone systems will be merged as one. The new single network is easier to maintain, manage and can be easily upgraded in the future without a lot of expense. A down side of the current system is that anytime a person moves offices we call a service tech out, for a fee, to move the phone extension into the new office. With an IP based system we can handle such a change in house and not be billed for a service call.

District staff has evaluated the proposals provided by the three vendors and recommends selection of Integrated Telecom Solutions for this upgrade and replacement. A proposal summary is provided below.

Proposal Summary

	Totlcom	ITS	Netlogic
IP System	\$39,875	\$37,785	\$57,505
Annual Maintenance Agreement	\$1,400 minimum.	\$2,250	\$3,564
Service Calls	Not included	Included	Included

This was an anticipated expenditure and was included in the 2008 Budget. However, only \$7,000 was budgeted based on an estimate to incorporate the new office space only.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Integrated Telecom Solutions of Stockton for the telephone system replacement and upgrade.

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**AUTHORIZING GRANITE CONSTRUCTION TO**  
**SHOTCRETE ADDITIONAL 575 FEET OF**  
**BRICHETTO/CLARIBEL CONTROL STRUCTURE**

Provost & Pritchard designed the shotcrete to be applied upstream of the new control structure for a distance of 170 feet with the remaining 575 feet to be added to the next phase of the South Main/Riverbank Diversion Control Structure Modification Project next



year. However, the canal has been shaped and trimmed as part of the Brichetto/Claribel Control Structure Modification Project this year. Next year, the bank will require the canal to be re-shaped and trimmed again for the Shotcrete. Granite has provided a price for Johnson Western to apply the Shotcrete at a reduced rate and no additional cost for mobilization if applied next week with the contract work. The difference is \$0.50/Sq. Ft. saving \$10,100 on the shotcrete cost and about another \$25,000 to shape and trim the canal bank next year.

The contract unit rate is \$5.50/Sq. Ft; Granite is quoting \$5.00/Sq. Ft. to apply the shotcrete now with bank prepared in the existing contract and Johnson Western's mobilization also included with the present contract work. The work can be performed and completed prior to the start of water season. The additional amount of shotcrete to be applied would be approximately 20,200 Sq. Ft. at a cost of \$5.00/Sq. Ft would amount to an increase of \$101,000. The net savings for the next project would be approximately \$35,000.

Staff recommends the Board approve the additional shotcrete to be applied by Johnson Western for an amount of \$101,000 and authorize the General Manager to execute a change order with Granite Construction for the additional shotcrete.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Taro, and unanimously supported to authorize Granite Construction to shotcrete the additional 575 feet of Brichetto/Claribel Control Structure.

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ON START OF 2008 WATER SEASON**

We see no need to start the irrigation season until the later part of March and will better be able to confirm a date at the Board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to address the start of the 2008 water season at the next Board meeting on March 18, 2008.

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

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**DISCUSSION ON CONDE ANNEXATION**

The Conde's received their addendum to the Annexation agreement on December 10, 2007 and executed the agreement on January 18, 2008. As a condition of the addendum (see item 3), the Conde's were to execute an Encroachment Agreement for a bridge crossing on the North Main Canal.

We understand that a bridge now exists across the canal and has so for many months. OID has no encroachment agreement and no plans for the bridge as is required by policy. The Conde's were notified by letter on February 26, 2008 that they were deficient in their

contract compliance and not being compliant could jeopardize receipt of water this year and a reconsideration of their annexation agreement.

The Conde's came to OID last Thursday with hand drawn plans of the bridge which are being reviewed. The Engineering Department staff will work with the Conde's in getting signatures to an Encroachment Agreement. Staff will not deliver water to the Conde's and will not process their annexation application until all contract provisions are completed.

Mr. Conde was present and asked a few questions that were answered by staff.

General Manager Steve Knell discussed the Conde Annexation and stated that the only item remaining is execution of the encroachment agreement and then the annexation will be fully compliant. The annexation will probably take approximately one year to get through LAFCO.

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**DISCUSSION ON END-OF-SEASON WATER USE IN 2007**

Staff provided a summary of water usage at the end of the 2007 water season.

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ON**  
**CONSULTANT'S CONTRACT STATUS**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT ON ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The District has issued Professional Services Agreements to Consultants for Engineering Services for general engineering services and engineering support for the WRP implementation. The Professional Services Agreements are issued on an "on-call" basis for "Get Ahead" engineering services and general engineering needs. The Board originally approved \$500,000 for this work in 2007 and 2008 and made separate authorizations for additional work as the year progressed. Attached is a list of engineering consultants with their Professional Services Agreement scope description and project status for each.

As a summary of each consultant's activities, the following is provided:

Giuliani & Kull – Provides general engineering services on smaller projects, surveying, construction inspections and geotechnical work.

Condor Earth Technologies – Provides engineering services for the South Main and North Main Tunnels, and the South Main Improvements between Goodwin Dam and Tunnel 7. They also perform engineering services on the Joint Main under the direction of SSJID.

Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. – Provides general engineering services, surveying, construction management, WRP support services and GIS development.

CH2M HILL – Provides engineering, planning services and project specific CEQA compliance for the WRP implementation. They are presently working on two major

projects; the OID to Modesto Reservoir Conveyance System Feasibility Study and the WRP CEQA implementation and compliance.

Gary Jernigan Contract/Special Projects Manager was present to answer questions. The Board stated that they would like to see the total cost of the project upon completion. Gary Jernigan stated that he will prepare and submit this information for the next Board meeting.

## **ITEM NO. 20** **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

#### **Safety Activities**

1. 655 days without a lost time injury accident.

#### **Administration Activities**

1. Legal Issues;
  - a. Goad –Still no change. The judge has set a date in April (?) for the parties to show cause why this case has not been settled.
  - b. Knight's Ferry dec relief – Nothing new.
  - c. Chappell Drain- C&A continues to pursue.
  - d. Annexations – Mr. Conde in on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to submit some paperwork.
2. Admin Issues;
  - a. CCSF / Modesto Reservoir Feasibility Study – Closed session on that issue today.
  - b. Negotiations with SEWD – Still no meeting scheduled.
  - c. P.R. &R. review status –GM has been going through policies and finalizing them as time permits.
  - d. Revising OID's Strategic Plan – No activity.
  - e. OUSD WET Program – No activity
  - f. Personnel Matters- Going outside to hire a DSO.
  - g. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Work Center meeting attended on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Escalon. Assembly Candidate Bill Berryhill was the speaker.
  - h. Stanislaus Northeast Work Center meeting attended on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Suzy Belen's Restaurant in Oakdale.
  - i. Rotary Club presentation given at the County Club on Oakdale's water future. Lots of interest and questions.
  - j. SDS meeting on results of Employee Survey scheduled for Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - k. Stanislaus Water Discussion VIII scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - l. March 20<sup>th</sup> is the Chamber's Ag Scholarship luncheon.

#### **Finance Activities**

1. The annual audit and the auditors consumed most of accounting's time last week.

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

1. The Campbell Pipeline – RTC resumed work on the repairs to the pipeline on February 28, 2008. Also, started the Hydro/Leak test preparation first indications are the system will not pass a pneumatic leak test. Continuing to repair leaks.
2. Grider Pipeline Recapture Project bridge will be set on Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

3. CH2MHILL issued a draft of the Work Release for the Scope of Work to perform the investigation and production of the CEQA documents required for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 work seasons.
4. Conco West completed the installation of the grating and handrails for the Burnett/Tulloch Control Structure Modifications. Fencing for the Control Structure started with instillation to complete on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Final grading and clean up to be completed by March 7, 2008.
5. Granite Construction resumed work on February 28, 2008 to complete the grading and concrete work on structure. Shotcrete scheduled to start on March 5 and complete on March 8, 2008. All work will be completed on or before March 14, 2008.
6. Cunningham & Sons has completed the bridge and pipe installations for the Reed Pipeline Crossing over the SSJID Main Canal. The final clean up and finish grading for the Reed Pipeline project will be completed on or before March 7, 2008.
7. Mazingo Construction completed the Kearney Pipeline Replacement project before the last series of rain started. Punch list items and clean up remains with completion on or before March 7, 2008.
8. Contract Administration activities on issued contracts, contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.
9. Bid Packages for the 2008 Vehicle/Equipment purchases started and will be sent out on March 5, 2008

#### **Construction and Engineering Activities**

1. Vandalism at Langworth Pipeline Project job site. Numerous heavy equipment windows were broken on 2/26/08. Sheriffs Department was notified.
2. South/Palmer project nearly complete. Turnout installation and gate installation pending.
3. Working towards completion of "priority" job set-up forms before the start of the 2008 Water Season.
4. Normal winter C&M duties.
5. Eric Thorburn and Sally Davis will be attending an ITRC short course at Cal Poly.
6. Water Committee meeting scheduled for to discuss Mr. Sikkema's and Mr. Ohe's property.
7. Misc. Suspense Forms.

#### **Water Operations Activities**

1. Working on a drip irrigation / education program for local tree growers for mid March.

#### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Bairos stated that the Water/Engineering Committee is going to meet with Mr. Ohe and Mr. Sikkema today. Director Bairos also stated that the Finance Committee met with the Auditors on February 22, 2008.

#### **C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

##### Director Webb

Director Webb had no comments.

Director Clark

Director Clark stated that he attended the Rotary meeting where Steve Knell gave a presentation and there was a lot of positive feedback from some of the members who stated that they were on board with what the District is currently doing. Director Clark also asked about the status of the Employee Survey.

Director Taro

Director Taro stated that he has been reappointed to the San Joaquin Water Conservation Flood Control Committee.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos commented on the committee meetings.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers stated that he felt that there was a lot of posturing going on during the annexation discussion and people need to go back to the reality that if we annex we are going to have higher water costs, less improvements in the District, and we are going to damage constituents if we are not careful. No annexation means inexpensive water, system improvements that will eventually save more water enabling the District to move forward with annexation. He stated that he thinks that it is totally impossible to have annexation at this juncture. When someone states that they are for annexation they are saying that you are for higher water costs, less improvements, and a worse District.

**OTHER ACTION**  
**ITEM NO. 27**

At the hour of 11:17 a.m. the meeting was adjourned to the next **Board of Director's Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Oakdale Irrigation District Office, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA 95361.

The next **Joint Board Meeting for the Tri-Dam Project** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 20, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Board Room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1201 East F Street, Oakdale, California.

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Jack D. Alpers, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary