

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
May 6, 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 Frank B. Clark Tony Taro
Absent:	Steve Webb
Staff Present:	Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager/Secretary Kevin King, Water Operations Manager Gary Jernigan, Contract/Special Projects Manager John Davids, District Engineer Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

### **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. 2**

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:01 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Director Alpers showed the Board Members and the public the Small Utilities Award that was presented to Bob Nielsen on behalf of the Oakdale Irrigation District at the AWWA Conference in Hollywood, California on April 22, 2008.

Director Bairos requested that Item Nos. 3, 9, and 10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar, and Director Clark requested that Item Nos. 8 and 11 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**ITEM NOS. 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**

**ITEM NO. 2**

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
APRIL 15, 2008 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2008 and Resolution No. 2008-15.

**ITEM NO. 4**

**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
2008-PSA-002 WITH HOLDREDGE & KULL,  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS & GEOLOGISTS**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 2008-PSA-002 with Holdredge & Kull Consulting Engineers & Geologists.

**ITEM NO. 5**

**APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
2006-PSA-003 WITH PROVOST &  
PRICHARD ENGINEERING GROUP**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 2006-PSA-003 with Provost & Prichard Engineering Group.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW OFFICE  
FURNITURE AS QUOTED BY JHL INTERIORS, INC.**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve purchase of new office furniture as quoted by JHL Interiors, Inc.

**ITEM NO. 7**

**APPROVE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS FOR  
VARIOUS CONTRACTORS (JHL OFFICE FURNITURE  
AND C & I INTERIORS, INC., DBA ABBEY CARPETS)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Construction Agreements for Various Contractors (JHL Office Furniture and C & I Interiors, Inc., dba Abbey Carpets).

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON**  
**THE LOWER COMETA PIPELINE**  
**(APN: 002-001-053 – SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Agreement on the Lower Cometa Pipeline (APN: 002-001-053 – South San Joaquin Irrigation District).

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION ON THE**  
**REED PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**(2007-CA-08) (APNS: 002-053-002/011 AND 002-008-011)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion on the Reed Pipeline Replacement Project (2007-CA-08) (APNS: 002-053-002/011 and 002-008-011).

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION**  
**ON THE GRIDER PIPELINE RECAPTURE**  
**PROJECT (2007-CA-07) (APN: 229-009-002)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion on the Grider Pipeline Recapture Project (2007-CA-07) (APN: 229-009-002).

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION**  
**ON THE BURNETT/TULLOCH CONTROL**  
**STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**(2007-CA-009) (APNS: 002-051-007/008)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion on the Burnett/Tulloch Control Structure Replacement Project (2007-CA-009) (APNS: 002-051-007/008).

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION**  
**ON THE BRICHETTO/CLARIBEL CONTROL**  
**STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (2007-CA-010)**  
**(APNS: 064-029-011/15, 064-013-023, AND 064-031-027).**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion on the Brichetto/Claribel Control Structure Replacement Project (2007-CA-010) (APNS: 064-029-011/015, 064-013-023, and 064-031-27).

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**APPROVE RESOLUTION FINDING THE FAIRBANKS**  
**LATERAL CROSSING THE SSJID MAIN CANAL**  
**REPLACEMENT PROJECT EXEMPT UNDER**  
**THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Finding the Fairbanks Lateral Crossing the SSJID Main Canal Replacement Project Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEMS NOS. 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25**

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

Director Bairos had a question regarding Machado Backhoe. He asked if the District had used them before. John Davids, District Engineer, stated that this was the first time that we had used them this year.

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

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**APPROVE RELEASE NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL**  
**SERVICES AGREEMENT 2008-PSA-001 WITH**  
**COGDILL & GIOMI, INC. FOR REAL PROPERTY**  
**APPRAISAL (APN: 064-029-011 – LUBBERS)**

Director Clark asked for further explanation on the purpose of the appraisal on this property and why we are getting it appraised. General Manager Steve Knell stated this purchase would benefit the district with its rehabilitation of the Riverbank Lateral Heading scheduled for next year to serve as a staging area.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve Release No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 2008-PSA-001 with Cogdill & Giomi, Inc. for real property appraisal (APN: 064-029-011 – Lubbers).

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO CONDOR**  
**EARTH TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE FINAL**  
**DESIGN AND BID DOCUMENT PREPARATION**  
**FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE CAPE HORN TUNNEL**

Director Bairos asked for a further explanation regarding the Change Order to Condor Earth Technologies in the amount of \$53,000. Gary Jernigan, Contract/Special Projects

Manager, stated that the District had issued a contract to Condor Technologies to perform all of the preliminary work and design to the 90% level. This change order is for the remaining 10% for the final design and preparation of the contract documents for bidding purposes.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve Change Order No. 3 to Condor Earth Technologies for the final design and bid document preparation for the rehabilitation of the Cape Horn Tunnel.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**APPROVE WRITE-OFF OF**  
**UNCOLLECTIBLE RURAL WATER ACCOUNTS**

Director Bairos asked if these accounts are usually turned over to the County for placement on their taxes. General Manager Steve Knell stated that these individuals have left the property and the banks have foreclosed on these properties and the banks will not pay the remaining balance on these accounts.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve write-off of uncollectible rural water accounts.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON**  
**THE CHAPPEL PIPELINE (APN: 229-022-039 – ROCHE)**

Director Clark withdrew his request to discuss this item further.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Agreement on the Chappel Pipeline (APN: 229-022-039 – Roche).

**ITEM NO. 18**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON**  
**REQUEST OF BAR BARTONI FOR WAIVER**  
**OF DISCONNECTION FEE (APN: 062-007-025)**

Oakdale Irrigation District has received an application for abandonment of irrigation water service from Mr. Bart Bartoni in regard to his property located at 4978 Hwy 108 (APN 062-007-025). Mr. Bartoni's property is 2.52 acres and is currently not connected, nor does it receive water from an OID facility. Mr. Bartoni wishes to disconnect from the OID system such that he does not have to continue to pay the annual water service fee. To do that, District Policy allows all landowners the option to disconnect from the OID system upon payment of a \$50 processing fee, which covers Staff time in processing the application. Mr. Bartoni does not wish to pay the processing fee and yet wishes to still disconnect from the OID system.

Mr. Bartoni took his request to the Water Committee on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 wherein he requested to have the \$50 application fee waived. The Committee agreed to recommend

Mr. Bartoni's request at the next Board meeting, where the matter will be brought before the full Board.

A motion was made by Director Clark and seconded by Director Bairos to waive the disconnect fee (APN: 062-007-025 – Bartoni), and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Clark, Alpers, Bairos  
Noes: Director Taro

**ITEM NO. 19**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ON RELOCATION OF DELIVERY BOX**  
**TO JIM CAMELIO FROM**  
**LANGWORTH PIPELINE (APN: 062-007-024)**

The Board has previously been apprised of the Langworth Pipeline replacement project west of Richardson Road. Staff and OID's Engineering consultant, Guilliani and Kull, had numerous landowner meetings in order to meet their needs regarding the work to be done. G&K notes indicate the meeting dates and those in attendance and what was discussed and or advised to each landowner.

After the project was completed, Mr. Jim Camelio submitted a letter requesting changes and concerns on the finished product. The Water Committee met with Mr. Camelio on April 22, 2008 and instructed him to get back with Mr. Knell when he decided on what course of action he wished to take based on the Committee's comments to him. That has not occurred and staff understands that Mr. Camelio wishes to address the whole Board.

Mr. Camelio was present to discuss his request.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Director Clark and seconded by Director Alpers to deny Jim Camelio's request to relocate the delivery box from the Langworth Pipeline (APN: 062-007-024), and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors Clark, Alpers, Bairos  
Noes: Director Taro

**ITEM NO. 20**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR DRAINAGE**  
**DISCHARGE WITH SCONZA CANDY**  
**COMPANY (APN: 063-028-024)**

In Correspondence dated, April 9, 2008, Sconza Candy Company has requested that Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) waive the annual drainage discharge fee to OID facilities as was previously assessed to Hershey's Chocolate (reference the attached Discharge Agreement with Hershey). In 2003, when Hershey signed the Discharge Agreement, the fee was assessed at \$4,445 annually. That agreement is 5 years old and the basis of the fee structure needs to be updated.

In discussions with Sconza Candy Company, OID Staff has been informed of certain operational changes for the new plant operators, those being;

1. Hours of Operation: 2 – 8 hour shifts/day for 5 days/week (closed on weekends) and off on all major holidays. This equates to approximately 260 working days within any given year.
2. Average Discharge (GPM): Approximately 500 gpm (1.11 cfs)

The assessment of fees for users of OID facilities are outlined in OID's Release of Liability and Temporary Permit for Use of District "Conveyance Channels". Using that document, the fee for discharge today would be assessed". On top of that, a charge of 1 hour per week for the operation and oversight of the canal during as outlined in section 10; allotting 2 hours per week at the Assistant Watermaster wage plus "overhead" over a 52 week period equates to \$5,647.72 as the cost of the "retainer. On top of that, a charge of 1 hour per week for the operation and oversight of the canal during the 5 month winter period is \$2,172.20. The revised discharge fee would be \$7,819.92.

Staff does not believe a waiver of fees is in the best interests of the District. Fees cover the time requirements of OID employees managing a use of the water system. Staff was present to answer any further questions that the Board may have.

Eric McDonald was present at the hearing to discuss Sconza Candy's request for a wavier of drainage discharge fees.

After discussion, a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Alpers, and unanimously supported to enter into a one year operating agreement from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009 with no fees assessed, and after the one year the issue of drainage discharge fees would be revisited.

**ITEM NO. 21**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ON OUT-OF-DISTRICT WATER AGREEMENTS**  
**IN LIGHT OF WATER SHORTAGE**  
**NOTIFICATION FROM BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

The 2007/08 water year has turned from above-normal to dry based on the lack of any snowfall in March and April. OID has been verbally advised by the Bureau of Reclamation that New Melones inflow will be around 583,000 acre feet, split between SSJID and OID. While that impact to OID is about an 8,500 acre foot reduction, the lack of rain adds an additional loss burden of 15,000 acre feet. Add to that water OID still owes to MID plus the water used in October 2007 and OID's water budget for this year is about 40,000 acre feet short.

Those shortfalls have removed all "surplus water" designations from OID's water budget for this year. Without surplus water, the availability to fill Out-of-District Agreements is negated. It would be unreasonable to pump OID groundwater to supply Out-of-District

water users with water while potentially shorting OID constituents. Out-of-District water users should be instructed to pump their own water resources in this water short year and for OID to reserve all water resources it has to the benefit of OID constituents.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported that all out of district agreements be rescinded effective May 31, 2008, exclusive of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Condes, any fees paid will be prorated and reimbursed, and all out of district water users can petition the Water Committee for further consideration. Kevin King Water Operations Manager will contact each out of district water user advising them of the Board's action and follow-up with a letter.

**ITEM NO. 22**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT WITH BOUTIN**  
**GIBSON DIGIUSTO HODDELL, INC.**

Ms. Julia Jenness, Principle of Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell, Inc. made a presentation to the Board of Directors in the April 1, 2008 Directors meeting. Staff was instructed to contact Ms. Jenness and obtain a proposal for providing the District with employment law legal services on an as needed basis. A proposal was provided by Ms. Jenness and a Professional Services Agreement was developed for legal services to be provided on an "As Needed" basis.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell, Inc.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Boutin Gibson DiGiusto Hoddell, Inc.

**ITEM NO. 23**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**CONTRACT WITH WATERMARK ENGINEERING FOR**  
**SERVICES TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE**  
**THREE GAUGING STATIONS ON THE**  
**SOUTH MAIN DURING THE 2008 IRRIGATION SEASON**

Watermark Engineering performed Flow Measurement Services on the South Main for the past two years. However, in 2006 the information was distorted and in 2007 additional services were provided. The results from the additional services in 2007 were more consistent and reflected more realistic results. For 2008, Staff has obtained a quotation from Watermark Engineering to provide the same services for 2008 as was provided in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2007.

Watermark Engineering will take current-meter measurements an average of three times per month at approximately 10-day intervals. One visit per month, two hydrographers will



take separate measurements to insure the data is accurate on the conditions being measured. After the last set of measurements is taken, Watermark Engineering will evaluate the data and present a monthly report to the District for review.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Watermark Engineering for the 2008 Water Season.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Watermark Engineering to maintain and operate three gauging stations on the South main during the 2008 irrigation season.

**ITEM NO. 24**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER**  
**TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO**  
**ELIMINATE A NUISANCE AND/OR TRESPASS**  
**ON THE ADAMS NO. 1 PIPELINE (APN: 020-039-033 – CAHOON)**

Mr. Merrell Cahoon was caught using an OID pressure box to apply farm chemicals to his farming operation. See accompanying photos.

Mr. Cahoon's actions are egregious on a number of accounts;

1. Mr. Cahoon violated OID Rules and Regulation No. 3042 in that he did not receive written permission to discharge his farm chemicals into an OID facility.
2. Mr. Cahoon's actions by their very nature violated numerous public health and safety code regulations in the manner in which he chose to discharge (unsecured palletted platform without associated OSHA fall protection measures in-place).
3. Mr. Cahoon's actions jeopardized the health and safety of OID DSO's in the performance of their duties.
4. Mr. Cahoon's lack and disregard for both State and Federal Laws related to water quality contamination puts OID and all its constituents at jeopardy for damages resulting from such errant and unlawful behavior.

OID has had a history of safety and health related incidents created by Mr. Cahoon along the OID's Adams No. 1 Pipeline west of Wren Road. OID's property in this area needs to be fenced to protect OID and its employees from further incidents. The General Manager is requesting the Board authorize the use of district resources, including legal, to abate this problem and to pursue reimbursement of expenses if applicable.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to take any necessary corrective action to eliminate a nuisance and/or trespass on the Adams No. 1 Pipeline (APN: 020-039-033 – Cahoon)

**ITEM NO. 25**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO TAKE**  
**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE A NUISANCE**  
**AND/OR TRESPASS ON THE WEST PUMP PIPELINE**  
**(APN: 020-038-001 – OAKDALE AUTO RECYCLERS)**

The Oakdale Auto Recyclers, located at 10649 Sierra Road were found to be discharging accumulated water waste from their operation into the West Pump Pipeline. Their actions were egregious on two counts;

1. The business employees knocked a hole in the West Pump Pipeline while water was out of the system and then failed to repair the hole before water was turned back in. The pipeline system flooded and precluded the delivery of water to OID customers for a number of days, inconveniencing both paying customers and impacting OID water operations.
2. Their lack and disregard for both State and Federal Laws puts OID and all its constituents at jeopardy for damages resulting from such errant and unlawful behavior.

We understand now that there may be a history of repeated violations that have occurred. These actions are inexcusable and immediate remedy needs to occur to protect OID constituents from the health and safety hazards their actions can potentially cause.

The General Manager is requesting the Board authorize the use of district resources, including legal, to abate this problem and to pursue reimbursement of expenses if applicable.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Taro, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to take any action necessary to eliminate a nuisance and/or trespass on the West Pump Pipeline (APN: -010-038-001 – Oakdale Auto Recyclers).

**DISCUSSION ITEM**  
**ITEM NO. 26**  
**DISCUSSION ON AVAILABLE**  
**TRAINING FOR SMALL DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS**

OID has an opportunity to receive a certain amount of free training so as to better educate the Board and its employees regarding the requirements of owning and operating small domestic water systems. Staff will discuss with the Board their interest in receiving any needed training in areas of interest at this Board meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS** **ITEM NO. 27**

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

#### **Safety Activities**

1. 12 days without a lost time injury accident.
2. Experiencing a rash of illegal discharges to OID water systems.
  - a. Oakdale Auto Recyclers on Sierra Road
  - b. Adams lateral No. 1 – Merrel Cahoon

#### **Administration Activities**

1. Legal Issues;
  - a. Goad –Still no change.
  - b. Knight's Ferry – no items to report
  - c. Chappell Drain- moving to reclaim relocated system
  - d. Clark Pipeline-looking at a quiet title action to secure rights
  - e. Moushilou v. OID: no items to report.
  - f. Ed Perez and OE3 vs. OID and Steve Knell: a demur hearing is set for May 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Admin Issues;
  - a. Negotiations with SEWD – awaiting material from City of Stockton.
  - b. Met with MID on inter-tie to Modesto Reservoir
  - c. P.R. &R. review status – No activity
  - d. OUSD WET Program – No activity
  - e. Ohe: their attorney, Dambacker from Sonora, slow in responding.
  - f. Delta Vision responses to Public Trust and Reasonable and BU being prepared and reviewed by SJ River Group
3. Committee Meetings-upcoming
  - a. Harmelink addendum to original claim rejected by JPIA.
  - b. Surface Water Shortage Policy- Met with Tim O and will be going back to Committee with a draft version.
4. Personnel
  - a. SDS survey being reviewed for recommendations.
  - b. Finalized the Equipment Operators Training Manual. Now to be sent to OE3.

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

1. The Campbell Pipeline – Still operating without any apparent leaks. Will continue to monitor. Completed the summation of the Backcharges to RTC. Kathy prepared and invoice in the amount of \$74,521.16. This has not been submitted to RTC as of yet this date. Will set up a meeting with RTC to discuss payment and options for system integrity.
2. Grider Pipeline Recapture and the Reed Pipeline Crossing Replacement Projects have been completed and are in the process of contract close out and final report writing.
3. Bricchetto/Claribel and the Burnett/Tulloch Control Structure Modification Projects have been completed and are in the process of contract close out and final report preparation.

4. Burnett/Tulloch Control Structure Modification Project has been completed and is in the process of contract close out.
5. CH2MHILL continues with is preparing the documents for the Cape Horn Tunnel and the North Side Reservoir CEQA process.
6. Provost & Pritchard started the North Side Reservoir detail design phase of the project. Kleinfelder completed the Geotech work on May 2, 2008. Provost & Pritchard has also started the lot line adjustments for the site purchase during the discovery period.
7. Mzingo Construction was issued a Work Release to perform the emergency work on the East Stubb Pipeline replacement. The work was completed in two stages. After the initial work was completed, leaks developed further downstream and a change order had to be issued to Mzingo in the amount of \$8,156 to install another 125 feet of 24" PVC Pipe.
8. Contract Administration activities on issued contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.
9. Project coordination with Engineering Consultants

### **Construction and Engineering Activities**

1. Routine irrigation season construction maintenance activities
2. New Auto Shop Supervisor started April 15, 2008.
3. Posted In-house for one (1) C&M II position.
4. Will be posting for vacant Auto Shop position in the coming weeks.
5. Interviewed five (5) Support Service Manager Applicants on 5/2/08.
6. Draft Structure Permit complete and being reviewed internally.
7. Moving forward with Lubbers property appraisal.
8. Working on Draft Master Agreements for all agencies within OID's service area (PG&E, MID, SSJID, etc.).
9. Cape Horn, Peart Lateral Hazard Assessment complete and being reviewed internally.
10. Conde addendum and encroachment agreement complete and recorded. Waiting for recorded encroachment agreement to be returned from County and then the package will go to G&K.
11. Working on preparing an OID standard SWPPP for use on all OID projects.
12. Met with P&P and Joslin on 4/25/08 to discuss lot line adjustments, existing drainage, existing irrigation and site access.
13. Met with the City of Oakdale to discuss storm drainage. City of Oakdale working on a comprehensive map showing any and all City connections to OID facilities.
14. John Davids to present two (2) OID scholarships on May 6, 2008.

### **Water Operations Activities**

1. Held Testing & Interviews for vacant DSO position – an offer has been made.
2. Bob Nielsen attended the AWWA Conference on April 22 in Hollywood to accept the Small System Award of Excellence – Congrats to Bob and his crew!
3. Met with the RWQCB on April 22 regarding the Long Term Irrigated Lands Program
  - a. Discussion centered on how the Irrigation Districts will fit into the future program
  - b. Discussed proposed State Fee increases ( could be as high as \$5,000 for 2008-2009)
4. Attended the AWMC meeting on April 23 in Sacramento
5. Sally Davis represented OID at the AG-Day Roundup on April 25

6. Rotation 5 started on May 2 and will be a 14 day.
  - a. Soil Moisture remains high and ET is below normal
7. Met with Water Counsel regarding draft Surface Water Shortage Policy – revisions are being made and will a revised draft policy will be made available to the Board committee shortly
8. Telephone & Internet service switch over occurred on May 1.
9. Working on finalization of Rubicon Gate Automation
10. Coordinating with MID on delivery of VAMP true up water
11. Met with H2O Tech on May 1 in regard to the operation & maintenance of Boundary Outflow Sites
12. Performing follow up and safety meetings as a result of the liquid fertilizer incident
13. Responding to various landowner issues and complaint as they arise

### **Finance and Accounting Activities**

1. The annual report is typically submitted in April; however, due to working with new auditors this year and re-formatting of the report the 2007 Comprehensive Annual Report will be submitted at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. It is anticipated that ID52's loan documents and resolutions will be submitted for approval on May 20th.

### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Water/Engineering Committee**

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Discussion of Joe Camelio's Request Regarding Installation of Turnout on Langworth Lateral (APN: 061-007-024).
- Request of Jim Myers to deliver water to his pond.
- Bart Bartoni's Request to waive Abandonment Fee (APN: 062-007-025).
- Discussion on Possible Purchase of Lubbers' Property (APN: 064-029-011).
- Stormwater Master Planning.

#### **Personnel Committee**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Communication of Safety Issues in the Field
- Heavy Equipment Operators Training Manual

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

#### **Director Taro**

Director Taro had no comments.

#### **Director Bairos**

Director Bairos asked if the Personnel Committee was reviewing the employee survey. He stated that he read the results of the survey and that the comments were not very positive

regarding communication. General Manager stated that his objective is to develop a work plan that addresses the comments and to bring that back to the Board.

Director Clark

Director Clark asked if there was a provision in the water transfer agreements with SEWD and the Bureau of Reclamation for dry years whereby we do not have to transfer as much water. General Manager Steve Knell stated for VAMP there is no such provision, but for SEWD there are two incremental step downs.

Director Clark stated that there was a meeting with MID concerning the inter tie with Modesto Reservoir and he wondered how the meeting went. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the meeting did not go well. MID is requesting that the District pipe further along the perimeter of the Modesto Reservoir and outfall the pipeline into the deep water pool of the reservoir.

Director Clark also stated that in the billing for Curtis & Arata there was a charge for research on condemnation. Director Clark asked if the District is considering a condemnation action. General Manager Steve Knell stated that this research was being done with regards to the acquisition of the North Side Reservoir.

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

At the hour of 11:25 a.m. the meeting was adjourned to the next **Board of Director's Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 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, May 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Board Room of the Tri-Dam Project, 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, California.

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Jack D. Alpers, President

Attest:

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Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary