

## **MINUTES**

Oakdale, California  
April 2, 2024

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

Directors: Tom Orvis, President  
Brad DeBoer, Vice President  
Linda Santos  
Herman Doornenbal  
Ed Tobias

Staff Present: Scot A. Moody, General Manager/Secretary  
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer  
Eric Thorburn, District Engineer/Water Operations Manager  
Joe Kosakiewicz, Construction and Maintenance Manager  
Kim Bukhari, Human Relations Manager  
Gabriel Santos, Safety Coordinator

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel  
Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel

### **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 9:02 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were two public comments, one from David Avila and one from William Lyons.

At the hour of 9:07 a.m. public comment closed.

Director Orvis read the item to be discussed in closed session; at the hour of 9:08 a.m. the Board convened to closed session.

### **CLOSED SESSION** **ITEM NO. 1**

1. Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Potential Exposure to Litigation – 1 case

At the hour of 9:19 a.m. closed session ended, and the Board reconvened to open session at the hour of 9:20 a.m.

Coming out of closed session, Director Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

**CONSENT ITEMS**  
**ITEM NOS. 2-6**

2. Approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2024
3. Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations
4. Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations
5. Approve the Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2024
6. Approve the Draft Financial Statements for the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2023

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to approve the above-noted Consent Items.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 7-9**

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE**  
**2024 OID AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the 2024 OID Agricultural Scholarships.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD BID TO ROLAND CONSTRUCTION, INC. AS THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER FOR THE GREGER FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE ASSOCIATED CHANGE ORDERS**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to award the bid to Roland Construction, Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder for the Greger Facility Construction Project and to authorize the General Manager to execute associated change orders.

At the hour of 9:27 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 8.

There was no public comment on Item No. 8; public comment closed at 9:28 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 2 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2024-PSA-002 WITH PROVOST & PRITCHARD, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES PHASES ONE AND TWO OF THE GREGER FACILITY PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to approve Work Release No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement 2024-PSA-002 with Provost & Pritchard, Inc. to provide construction management and quality assurance services phases one and two of the Greger Facility Project.

At the hour of 9:29 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 9.

There was no public comment on Item No. 9; public comment closed at 9:30 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**PRESENTATION**  
**ITEM NO. 10**

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**RECOGNITION OF GABRIEL SANTOS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ACWA JPIA**  
**OPERATIONS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

General Manager, Scot Moody, recognized Gabriel Santos for the completion of the ACWA JPIA Operations Certification Program.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**ITEM NO. 11**

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**DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT'S SURFACE WATER DIVERSIONS,**  
**DEEP WELL PRODUCTION, AND SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

Water Operations Manager/District Engineer, Eric Thorburn, gave a presentation on the District's surface water divisions, deep well production, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NOS. 12-15**

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

**Director DeBoer:**

Director DeBoer stated that he is thankful for the late rain received, for staff and for the presentation by Eric Thorburn; he is looking forward to a good year.

**Director Santos:**

Director Santos stated that she is pleasantly surprised by the late rain received. Director Santos congratulated Gabriel Santos for his completion of the ACWA JPIA Operations Certificate, as well as the students who were awarded the 2024 OID Scholarships. Director Santos expressed that the presentation was sobering and whether there might be a future for agriculture in this state.

**Director Doornenbal:**

Director Doornenbal congratulated Gabriel Santos and thanked him for all he does for the District. Director Doornenbal also thanked Eric Thorburn for the presentation and for making the well reports understandable and for all the work he and Emily do for SGMA.

**Director Tobias:**

Director Tobias thanked Eric Thorburn, Sharon Cisneros, Joe Kosakiewicz, and Gabriel Santos for all they do. Director Tobias said that he appreciates a healthy discussion of the issues that

were brought forward and that illustrates the operational practices that need to be implemented. He concluded by stating that he's looking forward to a good water year.

**Director Orvis:**

Director Orvis agreed with all comments by other Directors. Director Orvis reported that he and Scot Moody discussed with Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis regarding hydro versus solar. He also reported that he met with Congressman Lance and Mr. Duarte and discussed the relationship with the Farm Bureau; Mr. Duarte said if we have concerns to send them to congress. Director Orvis shared that the Annual Meeting of Members for Farm Bureau is on April 25, 2024, with Amberley Snyder as the speaker; later this week he, Scot Moody and Eric Thorburn have a tour with Senator Alvarado-Gill. Lastly, he asked former Director Altieri for a rain report in which she stated that her property received 17 9/10 inches of rain.

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports committee reports. However, Director Orvis reminded the Personnel Committee that the end of the General Manager's two-year anniversary is coming up on May 31, 2024, and requested that the Personnel Committee meet with the General Manager in either April or May to complete the evaluation on time.

Director Tobias reported that there was no Tri-Dam meeting, and that it's been postponed to April 8, 2024.

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES**

General Manager, Scot Moody, explained that the District is paying Stef to do legal work, but most directors have never met her; he plans to arrange for her come out for the next Board meeting. He concluded that if any Directors are interested in going to the Oakdale Rodeo or to the annual meeting for the Farm Bureau to let him know.

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**WATER COUNSEL REPORT**

Water Counsel expressed that his report would be addressed in closed session.

Director Orvis read the items to be discussed in closed session. Seeing no public comments, at the hour of 10:58 a.m. the Board took a recess and convened to closed session at the hour of 11:04 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NOS. 16-17**

16. Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Potential Exposure to Litigation – 1 case
17. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation – 2 cases

At the hour of 12:02 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

Coming out of closed session, Director Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

**OTHER ACTION**

At the hour of 12:04 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** Details can be obtained by calling (209) 847-0341.

The next Joint Board Meeting of the **South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts** serving the **Tri-Dam Project** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at the office of South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

Attest:

  
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Scot A. Moody  
General Manager/Secretary

  
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Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors