

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
July 7, 2015

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

Directors: Steve Webb, President
Herman Doornenbal, Vice President
Frank Clark
Al Bairos, Jr.
Gary Osmundson

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of agenda items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:01 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Carol Davis, who resides at 17707 Highway 120, Oakdale, was present and stated that she did not agree with the Water Committee's decision and would like her matter scheduled before the entire Board of Directors. Director Webb requested that her matter be placed on the agenda for July 21, 2015.

Ken Krause, who resides at 8806 Wamble Road, Oakdale, was present and stated that he was disappointed that the Board has not responded to any of the public complaints made during public comment.

Robert Frobose, who resides at 4333 Claus Road, Modesto, was present and stated that recent statements contained in the Modesto Bee suggested that he is a water waster and he stated that there is no basis and no factual information that would substantiate this statement.

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:08 a.m.

Director Bairos requested that Item No. 5 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; and Linda Santos of the Public requested that Item No. 6 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2015
AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2015-52, 2015-53, AND 2015-54

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 June 16, 2015 and Resolution Nos. 2015-52, 2015-53, and 2015-54.

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS WITH
STANISLAUS AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES FOR PLACEMENT OF
DELINQUENT FIXED CHARGES ON THE 2015/2016 TAX ROLLS

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolutions and Contracts with Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties for Placement of Delinquent Fixed Charges on the 2015/2016 Tax Rolls.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT 2015-PSA-002 WITH RUBICON WATER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL
SUPPORT AND SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 001 to Professional Services Agreement 2015-PSA-002 to provide technical support and services and authorize General Manager to execute.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2015-GSA-002
WITH SIERRA CONTROLS, LLC FOR SCADA TECHNICAL SUPPORT
AND SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve General Services Agreement 2015-GSA-002 with Sierra Controls, LLC for SCADA technical support and services and authorize General Manager to execute.

ACTION ITEMS
NOS. 5, 6, 9, 10, 11

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE DONATION REQUEST OF
CHILDREN GUARDIAN FUND FOR THE SUM OF \$1,350

Director Bairos asked if the District's finances had changed. Director Webb stated the District's finance had not changed; however, the District had reduced the budget for donation requests substantially, but the Committee did agree to this request.

A motion was made by Director Clark and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the donation request of Children Guardian Fund for the sum of \$1,350 and was voted on as follows:

Aye: Directors Clark, Doornenbal, Osmundson, Webb
Noes: Director Bairos

The motion passed by 4-1.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 02 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-002 WITH CH2M HILL TO INCREASE THE RATES

Linda Santos asked if this amendment would change the Work Release issued for the redistricting and what experience CH2M Hill had in redistricting. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the Work Release will remain the same in a not to exceed sum of \$30,000 and that CH2M Hill did have prior experience in redistricting.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment No. 02 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-002 with CH2M Hill to increase the rates.

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND AGREEMENT BETWEEN OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND FIELDS' RANCH FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE NORTH MAIN CANAL AND AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

On January 21, 2014 the Board of Directors approved the Agreement between the OID and Fields' Ranch for maintenance of the North Main Canal. In 2014 Fields' Ranch Contractor (Contractor) completed approximately 40% of Task No. 3 which entailed gaining back drivable access to the southeast bank of the North Main Canal. During the 2014/2015 construction season, OID staff completed the task of "splitting the bank" in nine locations to repair the leaks in advance of the Contractor returning in 2015 to complete the remaining portion of Task No. 3. The Contractor mobilized to the site the first week in June and on June 18, 2015 four areas within a 300' section of the North Main Canal started seeping through the bank as the water level increased in the North Main Canal due to downstream demands. On Friday, June 19, 2015 OID's Support Services Manager met with the Contractor and Fields' Ranch to discuss options regarding the seeping canal bank. It was determined that the best course of action was to have the Contractor conduct the repair since the equipment was on site. This option was the most feasible and most cost effective solution. Because the next Board of Directors meeting was not occurring until July 7th and the contractor anticipated completion of the project by July 3rd Staff discussed the issue with the General Manager. The General Manager recommended that the Contractor move forward with the additional work immediately without obtaining prior Board approval as the cost would increase by an estimated \$8K for an additional mobilization. Staff is now requesting approval by the Board of Directors to amend the agreement to reflect the additional costs of \$17,632.50.

Staff was available to answer any additional questions that the Board may have.

A member of the public, Linda Santos, commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to amend the Agreement Between Oakdale Irrigation District and Fields' Ranch for Maintenance of the North Main Canal and authorized the General Manager to execute said Agreement.

ITEM NO. 10
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADDITIONAL ANNEXATION PROJECT AND THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ADDITIONAL ANNEXATION PROJECT NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ASSOCIATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

A Draft Negative Declaration (DND) and Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the Additional Annexation Project (project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) is considering the proposal to annex ±740 acres of land consisting of four Stanislaus County parcels and one San Joaquin County parcel into the OID service area. The project proposes to annex the out-of-district acreage of each parcel such that the OID boundary is aligned with the parcels' property lines. The annexed

property would be considered Tier II acreage, meaning the property would have an interruptible supply of irrigation water for the annexed land that may be reduced in water-short years.

Based on the information evaluated in the IS, Staff prepared a DND. The documents were circulated to trustee, responsible and other agencies for CEQA review via the State Clearinghouse and direct mailing for 30 days. A Public Hearing was noticed in the Modesto Bee on May 4, 2015 and held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. The comment period began on April 30, 2015 and ended on May 31, 2015.

Comments made at the public hearing and responses to those are attached in Exhibit A. Written comments were received and OID responses to those comments are attached as Exhibit B. The comment letters and DND/IS Referral Distribution List are attached as Exhibit C. After consideration of all the comments and information provided, OID has prepared a Statement of Findings. The Statement of Findings, Exhibits A, B, C and the DND/IS, incorporated by reference are included as part of the Final ND. The Final ND is available to all interested parties for review.

In light of the fact that there are no significant or adverse impacts to the environment as a result of the project, Staff recommends approval of the project and the adoption of the attached Resolution.

Should the Board concur with Staff's opinion after its review of the evidence in the record, Staff requests that the Board approve the project and adopt the attached Resolution.

A member of the public Robert Frobose commented on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to approve the additional Annexation Project and the Resolution Adopting Additional Annexation project Negative Declaration and Associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings.

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FRINGE PARCEL
ANNEXATION PROJECT AND THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FRINGE
PARCEL ANNEXATION PROJECT NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
ASSOCIATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

A Draft Negative Declaration (DND) and Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the Fringe Parcel Annexation Project (project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) is considering the proposal to annex ±330 acres of land consisting of nine parcels and five owners into the OID service area. The project proposes to annex the out-of-district acreage of each parcel such that the OID boundary is aligned with the parcels' property lines. The parcels have historically received OID irrigation water for their in-District acreage, and there is capacity in the existing OID conveyance system to supply the project area with irrigation water. The annexed property would be considered Tier 1 acreage, and would have the same right to OID water service as existing Tier 1 parcels within the District boundary.

Based on the information evaluated in the IS, Staff prepared a DND. The documents were circulated to trustee, responsible and other agencies for CEQA review via the State Clearinghouse and direct mailing for 30 days. A Public Hearing was noticed in the Modesto Bee on May 4, 2015 and held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. The comment period began on April 30, 2015 and ended on May 31, 2015.

Comments made at the public hearing and responses to those are attached in Exhibit A. Written comments were received and OID responses to those comments are attached as Exhibit B. The comment letters and DND/IS Referral Distribution List are attached as Exhibit C. After consideration of all the comments and information provided, OID has prepared a Statement of Findings. The Statement of Findings, Exhibits A, B, C and the DND/IS, incorporated by reference are included as part of the Final ND. The Final ND is available to all interested parties for review.

In light of the fact that there are no significant or adverse impacts to the environment as a result of the project, Staff recommends approval of the project and the adoption of the attached Resolution.

Should the Board concur with Staff's opinion after its review of the evidence in the record, Staff requests that the Board approve the project and adopt the attached Resolution.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Osmundson, and unanimously supported to approve the Fringe Parcel Annexation Project and the Resolution Adopting the Fringe Parcel Annexation Project Negative Declaration and Associated California Environmental (CEQA) Findings.

COMMUNICATIONS **ITEM NO. 16**

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 153 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. Working on Save the Stan outreach program. Billboards up and radio ads are hitting the airways.
2. Spoke to the Morning Rotary Club on Friday the 19th on water issues.
3. Attended the consolidated hearings on the Stay by the irrigation districts and the Change in Venue filed by the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Banta-Carbona ID in San Joaquin Superior Court on Tuesday the 23rd, the Patterson ID hearing in Stanislaus Superior Court on Wednesday the 24th and the OID/SSJID hearing in Stanislaus Superior Court on Thursday the 25th. OID's Water Counsel represented both districts and did a great job at our hearing. In all cases the Change in Venue ruling trumped any hearing on the Stay.
4. Attended a Knights Ferry Town hall meeting on Thursday the 25th. The meeting was supposed to be about groundwater issues in the foothills but morphed into a whole host

of matters involving deer, scenery impacts, jake brakes, night lights, traffic, etc. OID took its typical pot shots about its groundwater pumping despite being the least pumping district in the SJ Valley. The Modesto Bee has created an ignorance factor despite the facts on the record. Trinitas took hits on issues not even germane to their operations. Little education value was provided to the attendees.

5. Attended a Jeff Denham/Bureau of Reclamation meeting on federal water operations for 2015 in Tracy on the 30th.
6. Domestic Water Committee meeting on July 1st.
7. Community Relations Committee meeting on July 1st.
8. Staff met with the City of Oakdale on ID 41 annexation on July 2nd.

Construction Activities

1. C&M crews and equipment operators are working on JSF's generated by Water Dept. staff.
2. Assisting Water Ops/Eng. Dept. with various tasks and field review of potential projects.
3. Conducting Safety Coordinator tasks pertaining to all hands training, Safety Committee meetings and review of weekly tailgate safety meetings.
4. Conducting Contract Administration tasks pertaining to contracts that need to be renewed and work releases that need to be completed with the assistance of Lori.
5. The OID Pest. Dept. continues to apply Magnacide H to District facilities.

Water Operations Activities

Engineering

1. Land use Conversion – Continued to work with landowners, tenants, irrigation design companies and Support Services/Water Operations concerning ongoing and future land use conversion projects.
2. Processed Encroachment and Ag Discharge Agreements and continued field inspection during installation of the associated facilities.
3. The Public comment period for the Fringe and Additional Annexations closed on May 31st. Staff prepared a response to comments for approval of the Negative Declaration and associated CEQA findings by the Board on July 7th.
4. Responded to and commented on several requests for information and proposed parcel splits and lot line adjustments.
5. Completed several RFWAs and cost estimates for proposed capital improvement projects.

Ag Water

1. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
2. Responded to and addressed misc. SCADA operation and control issues as they arose.
3. SCADA/IT staff continued to work with Water Operations personnel to make updates, modifications and corrections to the new STORM volumetric tracking and billing application data.
4. OID's new Assistant Water Operations Manager, A.J. Borba, started his first day on June 22nd. AJ is a Cal Poly graduate and comes to OID with several years of private irrigation design experience from his previous employment with Lodi Pump and Irrigation.

5. Continued to process Farmer to Farmer Transfer Program Application Agreements. Approximately 18 agreements have been process to date to allow water to move in-district from parcel to parcel.
6. OID Engineering Intern, Greg Borba, returned on June 16th. Greg is assisting Water Department staff in updating, correcting and modifying data input into the STORM software.
7. The seventh rotation (eighth of the 2014/15 water year) is a 12 day rotation and started on or about June 24th. The eighth rotation will start on or about July 7th and will be another 12 days as well.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41:
 - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
 - WUD continues to conduct weekly inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Continued annual testing of backflow assemblies.
 - Continued to investigate water waster complaints.
 - 2014 CCR's were mailed out to all OID's domestic water customers on June 19th. Hard copies were supplied to the State & County Health Departments and were also posted to the State's website as required by law.
4. Rural Water System No. 1 / Schwartz Subdivision:
 - Monitored and inspected the installation of a new addition to OID's drinking water system being extended off of Wild Oak Drive.
5. On-Call Activities:
 - Saturday, June 20th, WUD responded to a call of a strange sound coming from the Hillsborough No. 1 Pumping Station.
 - Sunday, June 28th, WUD was called out to reset the VFD at the Clavey Booster Pump.
6. Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan:
 - a. 2nd set of water quality samples were collected from the South Main Canal on Thursday, June 11th.
 - b. 1st set of water quality samples were collected from the Fairbanks Lateral on Tuesday, June 16th.
 - c. 2nd set of water quality samples were collected from the Fairbanks Lateral on Tuesday, June 23rd.
7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - WUD continues to perform routine inspection, servicing and security checks on the irrigation pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
 - The flow meter at the Thornton Deep Well Pump is malfunctioning; it will be pulled and sent in for repairs. The site will remain operational.
 - The Brady River Pump has been removed from service due to low river water levels.

Finance Activities

1. The “mock” volumetric billing for the period 03/15/15- 05/31/15 was sent out for Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5. Billing for the remainder divisions for this period will be sent out the week of July 13th.
2. Evaluating accounting processes and procedures that need to be updated.
3. Assisting Water Operations in processing Farmer to Farmer Water Transfer Agreements.
4. Staff met with the City of Oakdale representatives and ID41’s committee to discuss the status of ID41’s annexation into the City.
5. Beginning the 2016 budget process and discussions.
6. CFO will be on vacation the week of July 6th.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Domestic Water Committee Meeting, July 1, 2015

- Status of Improvement District No. 41 Connection to the City of Oakdale
- Drought Water Use Enforcement for Domestic Water Users

Planning and Public Relations Committee Meeting, July 1, 2015

- Donation Request of Children’s Guardian Fund

Director Webb stated that the Domestic Water Committee met and discussed the status of Improvement District 41’s connection to the City and that it was in the final stages and should be completed soon. Director Webb also stated that the District would be the interface between ID41 and the City. Director Webb also stated that the Committee will be suggesting to the Board that it adopt the Governor’s Declaration for the enforcement of water use for domestic water users during the drought and the District will work with the County to enforce these rules.

Director Webb stated that the Planning and Public Relations Committee met and discussed the donation request of Children’s Guardian Fund which was previously discussed on the Agenda.

C. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Clark

Director Clark stated that Trinitas should not be the major concern of the constituents of this District. He stated that the big concern should be all of the people who have put in and activated deep agricultural wells which are potentially more damaging to this community than anything that this District can do. Director Clark stated that he was glad that the community got together in Knights Ferry and expressed their concerns.

Director Clark also thanked the farmers for their work in conserving water this year.

Director Webb

Director Webb thanked the Distribution System Operators and the Water Department for all of their conservation of the water this year as well as all of the water users.

At the hour of 9:53 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 13

- A. Government Code §54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator**
Agency Negotiator: Board of Directors
Unrepresented Employee Organization: Tri-Dam Project Management and Administration Staff

- B. Government Code §54956.9 – Significant Exposure to Litigation**
Pursuant to Paragraph (2) and (3) of Subdivision (d) of §54956.9
One (1) Case

- C. Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 Existing Litigation**
(1) *San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al.*

At the hour of 11:35 a.m. the meeting returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session, President Webb, stated that there was no reportable action.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 14

The Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:35 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Joint Board Meeting for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Tri-Dam Project, 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, CA.

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary