

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
January 17, 2012

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: Frank Clark, President
Steve Webb, Vice President
Al Bairos, Jr.
Jack Alpers
Herman Doornenbal

Staff Present: Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager/Secretary
Gary Jernigan, P.E., Contract/Special Projects Manager
John Davids, P.E., District Engineer
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager
Eric Thorburn, P.E., 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

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:02 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Director Alpers requested that Item Nos. 3, 9, and 21 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; and Director Webb requested that Item Nos. 11 and 12 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM NOS. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

ITEM NO. 2

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2011
AND RESOLUTIONS NOS. 2011-67, 2011-68, 2011-69,
2011-70, 2011-71, AND 2011-72**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2011 and Resolution Nos. 2011-67, 2011-68, 2011-69, 2011-70, 2011-71, and 2011-72.

ITEM NO. 4

**APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF
CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Capital Work Order Numbers set forth below:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
<u>NEW WORK ORDERS – 2012</u>			
Paulsell Lateral	Upgrade and relocate control structure, and install new MBI turnout structure, 21" Fresno 101C slide gate, and 48' of RCP.	\$42,000	2012-001
Lower Cometa Lateral	Remove and replace turnout with 18" Fresno gate, 18" 101C Fresno slide gate and 6' District Standard Pressure Box turnout	\$26,800	2012-002
Riverbank Lateral	Remove and replace turnout with 12" Fresno gate, 12" 101C Fresno slide gate and 6' District Standard Pressure Box turnout	\$26,100	2012-003
Campbell Lateral	Replace and upgrade slide gate with 16" Fresno 101C slide gate	\$2,300	2012-004
Claribel Lateral	Replace and upgrade slipmeter with 18" Fresno 101C slide gate on Drop 5.	\$2,500	2012-005
Riverbank Pipeline	Replace and upgrade slide gate with 36" Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$4,100	2012-006
Carlibel Lateral	Replace and upgrade slide gate with 14" Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$2,100	2012-007
Campbell Deep Well	Replace 60 horsepower vertical deep well turbine pump and motor with connection to the existing discharge piping	\$25,000	2012-008
<u>CANCELLED WORK ORDERS - 2011</u>			
Riverbank Lateral	Relocate and replace turnout with MBI turnout structure, 12" Fresno 101C slide gate, new stilling well, 40' of 12" 100 PIP PVC, & a concrete connection collar on District property.	\$11,100	2011-020

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE THE BALLOT FOR ASSOCIATION
OF WATER AGENCIES HEALTH BENEFITS
AUTHORITY (ACWA HBA) BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Ballot for Association of Water Agencies Health Benefits Authority (ACWA HBA) Board of Directors Election.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE DENIAL OF REQUEST TO BURCHELL
NURSERY, INC. FOR THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
TO SHARE IN THE COST OF REPAIR TO THE WEST PUMP
PIPELINE (APN: 010-038-006 – BURCHELL NURSERY, INC.)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Denial of request to Burchell Nursery, Inc., for the Oakdale Irrigation District to share in the cost of repair to the West Pump Pipeline (APN: 010-038-006 – Burchell Nursery, Inc.).

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP
WITH CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the renewal of membership with California Farm Water Coalition in the sum of \$3,000.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS
AND CONTRACTORS (7-11 MATERIALS, INC., COIT SERVICES,
AND T.P. EXPRESS PORTABLE TOILET RENTALS)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreements with various vendors and contractors (7-11 Materials, Inc., Coit Services, and T.P. Express Portable Toilet Rentals).

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 027 TO PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-001 WITH PROVOST
& PRITCHARD TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR THE DILBERTO DROP REHABILITATION PROJECT

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 027 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-001 with Provost & Pritchard to provide preliminary engineering services for the Dilberto Drop Rehabilitation Project.

ITEM NO. 13
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 TO THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2011-GSA-035 WITH HAZARDOUS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE A PHASE I FEASIBILITY ESA FOR THE GREGOR & KAUFMAN PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 001 to General Services Agreement 2011-GSA-035 with Hazardous Management Services, Inc. to provide a Phase I Feasibility ESA for the Gregor & Kaufman properties.

ITEM NO. 14
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 003 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2010-GSA-016 TO RUBICON SYSTEMS AMERICA, INC. TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TROUBLESHOOTING, START-UP, AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF THE RUBICON CONTROL SYSTEMS

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 003 to General Services Agreement 2010-GSA-016 to Rubicon Systems America, Inc. to provide technical support services for troubleshooting, start-up, and/or maintenance of the Rubicon Control Systems.

ITEM NO. 15
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 007 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-003 WITH CONDOR EARTH TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SOUTH MAIN REHABILITATION FROM THE 2ND CONCRETE FLUME TO AND INCLUDING THE WILMS SIPHON

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 007 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-003 with Condor Earth Technologies to provide engineering services for the continuation of the South Main Rehabilitation from the 2nd concrete flume to and including the Wilms Siphon.

ITEM NO. 16
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 008 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-003 WITH CONDOR EARTH TECHNOLOGIES TO PERFORM THE THIRD STAGE EXPLORATION FOR THE TWO MILE BAR TUNNEL

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 008 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-003 with Condor Earth Technologies to perform the third exploration for the Two Mile Bar Tunnel.

ITEM NO. 17
APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION ON
FURTADO DEEP WELL PUMP AND MOTOR INSTALLATION PROJECT

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion on Furtado Deep Well Pump and Motor Installation Project.

ITEM NO. 18
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON THE
COMETA LATERAL (APN: 002-020-002 – WHEELER REVOCABLE TRUST)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Agreement on the Cometa Lateral (APN: 002-020-002 – Wheeler Revocable Trust).

ITEM NO. 19
APPROVE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE AGREEMENT ON THE
LAUGHLIN DRAIN AND NEILSON DRAIN (APN: 015-003-015 – NARAGHI)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Agricultural Discharge Agreement on the Laughlin Drain and Neilson Drain (APN: 015-003-015 – Naraghi).

ITEM NO. 20
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON DRY CREEK
LATERAL, ATLAS LATERAL, COULTER PIPELINE NO. 2,
LAUGHLIN DRAIN AND NEILSON DRAIN (APN: 015-003-015 – NARAGHI)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Encroachment Agreement on Dry Creek Lateral, Atlas Lateral, Coulter Pipeline No. 2, Laughlin Drain, and Neilson Drain (APN: 015-003-015 – Naraghi).

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS NOS. 3, 9, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

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

Director Alpers asked if the District was strictly using Dennis Wing Trucking. Support Services Manager Jason Jones stated yes, that Dennis Wing Trucking is providing a good service; he owns one truck and subs out the rest. Director Alpers also asked about Tri-West Tractor and whether or not it would be better to buy a tractor rather than renting a tractor. Support Services Manager Jason Jones stated that the tractor is only used during the maintenance season and therefore is cheaper to rent.

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

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 05 TO PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT 2008-PSA-007 WITH BOUTIN
JONES, INC. FOR REVISED HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

Director Alpers stated that the hourly rates have increased substantially and wondered if the District should agree to this increase. General Manager Steve Knell stated that the fees of the attorneys who were hired by the District have not increased. He stated that the original law firm has merged with another law firm and the rate schedule has been amended to include all of the attorneys' rates since the merger. Director Alpers asked if we were content with our attorneys' work product. General Manager Steve Knell responded absolutely.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment No. 05 to Professional Services Agreement 2008-PSA-007 with Boutin Jones, Inc. for the revised hourly rate schedule.

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 024 – AMENDMENT NO. 01 TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-015
WITH GIULIANI & KULL, INC. TO PROVIDE SURVEYING
SERVICES FOR THE ROSSINI AND CRAWFORD PIPELINE EASEMENTS

Director Webb asked if there were any other surveying companies that the District could use. Contracts/Special Projects Manager Gary Jernigan stated that we tried to use a couple of other companies, but they could not meet our insurance requirements. He also stated that Giuliani & Kull's rates are very reasonable.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 024 – Amendment No. 01 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-015 with Giuliani & Kull, Inc. to provide surveying services for the Rossini and Crawford Pipeline Easements.

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 002 TO THE GENERAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT 2011-GSA-011 WITH MOZINGO CONSTRUCTION
TO LOCATE AND REPAIR LEAKS IN THE ID #46 PIPELINE ON VALLEY OAK DRIVE

Director Webb asked if the ID #46 pipeline is repairable. Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated there was a leak between the main and the service connection and we had to shut off a portion of the main and repair the service connection. This leak was mainly caused by a tree's roots pushing against the pipe; the tree has been removed.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 002 to General Services Agreement 2011-GSA-

011 with Mazingo Construction to locate and repair the leaks in the ID #46 Pipeline on Valley Oak Drive.

ITEM NO. 21
APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON THE
TULLOCH LATERAL (APN: 002-063-027 – MANGANTE FAMILY, L.P.)

Director Alpers had a question concerning the Encroachment Agreement. Director Alpers thought that the District was going to give Mr. Mangante a two-year encroachment subject to renewal by the Board and he did not see that wording in the Encroachment Agreement. District Engineer John Davids stated that there were two different issues discussed at the last Board Meeting; one was the pond and one was the extension request. The District subsequently sent a letter to Mr. Mangante regarding the pond stating that the District was not going to give him an encroachment agreement and this issue would be reviewed in one year's time; the encroachment agreement for the fence was a separate issue and the Board agreed to grant Mr. Mangante an Encroachment Agreement for the fence. It was agreed that this matter would be tabled pending a review of the Minutes from the December 20, 2011 Board Meeting and would be brought back to the Board at the February 7, 2012 Board Meeting for further discussion.

ITEM NO. 22
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION
ON PROVIDING WINTER IRRIGATION WATER

The current water outlook for this irrigation season is dismal. OID's and SSJID's water rights are different than other irrigation districts in other watersheds adjacent to us.

OID and SSJID receive water from New Melones based on the following formula outlined in the 1988 Stipulation Agreement;

$\text{Inflow} + (600,000 - \text{inflow})/3 = \text{Amount Available}$ (Note: Amount cannot exceed 600,000)

Inflow to-date as of January 11th has been 168,000 acre feet. Current inflow is about 1,100 acre feet per day and dropping. Assuming worst case, no more rain, and this inflow rate falls uniformly going to zero on May 11th (4 months of coverage), total inflow expected could be just over 200,000 acre feet. Applying this inflow to the formula, OID's water out of New Melones this year for irrigation would be;

$200,000 + (600,000 - 200,000)/3 = 335,000$ acre feet

Split between SSJID this would leave OID with an allotment of 167,500 acre feet. Having already used water in October (approximately 15,000 acre feet), which counts against this allotment, brings OID to about 152,000 acre feet for the start of the irrigation season. Again, all estimated at this point. The following actions could potentially add water to that total;

- Assuming no out-of-district water is made available to ANY users adds about 15,000 acre feet to this total.

- Assuming OID's deep wells are put into service March 1st could add an additional 15,000 acre feet to this total.
- Assuming all water users are put on notice that field runoff shall be minimized, could add another 15,000 acre feet.

Optimistically, OID could have (very roughly) 210,000 acre feet available to start this irrigation season and that's assuming a lot. Just one or two significant storms would be a huge plus.

OID is in contact with the Bureau of Reclamation about some accounting peculiarities as a result of the protracted flood releases from New Melones during the 2011 water season and the amount of water in the district's Conservation Account. Resolution to those discrepancies could add beneficially to the above number but nothing firm on those discussions as of yet.

Recommendations going forward:

1. While those around us are irrigating, our recommendation is not to for the following reasons:
 - a. While it took 15,000 acre feet to run a rotation in October it was in a canal system that was already fully charged with saturated soils along its reaches, thus minimizing seepage. That same rotation with the dry condition of our canals would take at least 2,000 acre feet to re-hydrate the canal banks.
 - b. That 15,000 acre feet applied in October was on top of fairly wet farm soils. Current soil conditions are significantly drier and would likely soak up 2 inches MORE of irrigation water to bring soils to field capacity and replace the deep moisture that has been lost.
 - c. Between the above two debits, a single rotation at this point could cost 25,000 acre feet, only to experience the same losses again in March when the same process occurs again, assuming no more rain.
 - d. Not providing a winter rotation would save about 10,000 acre feet for use during this summer, when it will be needed. The **recommendation** to the Board is no winter rotation of water.
2. OID has deep well coverage on 90% of the South side and 57% of the north side. OID provides water at \$30 per acre foot pumped which is a rate about 50-60% less than is costs farmers to run their own deep wells. These pumps are being used and there is still capacity for more users. **Recommendation** is to continue to make available the rental of OID deep wells to landowners.
3. Under normal conditions, OID charges a fee for the use of its canals for the conveyance of private well water to farmer's fields. This fee is for coverage of staff time to investigate and set the ditch up for water delivery. It is **recommended** that this fee be waived this irrigation season. OID would still require notification of use of its facilities to insure there are no competing uses and for worker safety.
 - a. OID encourages the use of farmer to farmer agreements for the use of private deep wells and the use of OID canals to convey that water to areas of need.

Should the Board decide to run a winter rotation accommodations can be made to delay maintenance and construction projects and have District facilities ready for water in about a week from notice of that direction.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to waive the fees associated with the use of the District's canals to convey farmer to farmer water transfers and to provide DSO services as may be required.

ITEM NO. 23
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON
DONATION REQUEST OF OAKDALE YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Oakdale Youth Sports Association (OYSA) submitted an OID Community Donation Application on December 9, 2011 requesting a \$2,500 donation. This money would be used to help fund the construction of a restroom and snack bar facility at T. L. Davis Park.

The Planning and Public Relations Committee discussed this request on December 19, 2011 and recommends a donation in the sum of \$2,500. Mr. Joe Peterson will be present to answer any questions the Board may have.

A motion was made by Director Alpers and seconded by Director Doornenbal to donate the sum of \$2,500 to the Oakdale Youth Sports Association and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors, Alpers, Webb, Clark, Doornenbal
Noes: Director Bairos

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

ITEM NO. 24
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO
APPROVE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ASSIGNED VEHICLES

The Oakdale Irrigation District Vehicle Policy, Section 2.01, states that assigned vehicles may be authorized for use by specific employees on a full-time basis when it is determined to be in the best interest of the District. The General Manager must approve each assigned vehicle and such assignment shall be reviewed annually by the General Manager and the Board of Directors.

<u>Position</u>	<u>2012</u>
General Manager	Yes
Chief Financial Officer	Yes
Support Services Manager	Yes
Water Operations Manager	Yes
Contract/Special Projects Manager	Yes
District Engineer	Yes
Supervisor Water Operations	Yes
Supervisor Water Operations/Pest Control Coordinator	Yes
Supervisor Water Operations-Utilities	Yes

Supervisor of Field Operations	Yes
Water Utilities Technician	Yes (Vacant)
Water Utilities Serviceman	Yes
Safety Coordinator/Instrument/Controls Technician	Yes

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the annual review of assigned vehicles.

ITEM NO. 25
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
ATTENDANCE BY DIRECTORS AT THE CALIFORNIA
IRRIGATION INSTITUTE 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JANUARY 30 – JANUARY 31, 2012 IN SACRAMENTO, CA

As policy requires, any attendance by a director to a conference must be approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve attendance by Directors at the California Irrigation Institute 50th Annual Conference January 30 – January 31, 2012 in Sacramento, CA.

ITEM NO. 26
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
ATTENDANCE BY DIRECTORS AT THE 45TH ANNUAL MID
PACIFIC REGION WATER USERS CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA

The Mid Pacific Region Water Users Conference in Reno is a conference of interest if you wish to keep abreast of western states water issues. The agenda is full of current topics that would be beneficial to any Director wishing to attend.

As policy requires, any attendance by a Director to a conference must be approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve attendance by Directors at the 45th Annual Mid Pacific Region Water Users Conference in Reno, Nevada.

ITEM NO. 27
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING
GENERAL MANAGER TO AWARD BID TO THE LOWEST
QUALIFIED RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE CAMPBELL
DEEP WELL PUMP AND MOTOR INSTALLATION PROJECT

The Campbell Deep Well and Motor Installation Project bids were sent to eight (8) contractors and bids were received from three (3). The eight contractors were Don Pedro Pump, Golden State Irrigation, Hawk Systems, Noack Pump, Universal Pump, Inc., Amerine Systems, Inc., Central Valley Pump, and Valley Pump & Dairy Systems. Amerine Systems, Inc., Don Pedro Pump and Valley Pump & Dairy Systems were the three (3)

bidders submitting bids. The Bids were received, reviewed and rejected due to ambiguity in the bid documents as pointed out by bidders and exceptions/exclusions taken. The bid documents were revised and sent out to the three bidders who submitted bids for a re-bid. The bids are due on January 20, 2012.

Following the standard approval and award cycle, with bids due on January 20, 2012 the recommendation would not be submitted for Board Approval until February 7, 2012. The completion date of March 2 would be in jeopardy. With the extremely dry season and the potential earlier start of water season it is extremely important to have the system ready for operation as soon as possible. Therefore, Staff would like to award this bid once the bids have been reviewed and conformed.

Staff recommends authorizing the General Manager to award the contract the lowest qualified responsive bidder and issuing Notice of Award.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and was seconded by Director Alpers authorizing the General Manager to award the bid to the lowest qualified responsive bidder for the Campbell Deep Well Pump and Motor Installation Project and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Directors, Alpers, Clark, Bairos, Doornenbal
Noes: Director Webb

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 28, 29, 30, 31**

**ITEM NO. 28
DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF OID'S SURFACE WATER
SHORTAGE POLICY AND PREPARATIONS FOR A DRY IRRIGATION SEASON**

The attached surface water shortage policy was adopted by resolution in December of 2008. With the increasing probability of having a water shortage during the 2012 irrigation season, it seems prudent to revisit the current surface water shortage policy to clarify the actions staff will be taking if dry weather continues.

This item will be brought back to the Board for further discussion at the next Board Meeting on February 7, 2012.

**ITEM NO. 29
DISCUSSION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE SJRGA**

The San Joaquin River Group Authority is going through a structural change now that the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP) has come to an end. The remaining issues that tie the needs and concerns of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors and Friant Water Users (upper basin districts) to the needs and concerns of TID, MID, MeID, SSJID, SFPUC and OID are significantly minimized and likely wrapped up to conclusion by July 1st.

The SJ River Group (SJRGGA) will continue but only to address dissolved oxygen issues and the aeration operations in the deep water ship channel in Stockton.

The San Joaquin Tributary Agencies (SJTA), as previously called and who now make up of the remaining agencies, will morph into a new organization under a JPA, currently being put together. A set of distinct goals, objectives and positions on issues are being crafted and will be shared when ready for concurrence. Both the JPA and Goals and Objectives will need to be approved by the remaining Commissioners.

The name of the SJTA will also likely change, but don't know to what yet. This is to avoid confusion with or between the SJRGGA versus the SJTA organizations.

For budgeting purposes, the annual cost for the remaining SJRGGA will be about \$50,000 split 8 ways (\$6,250 ea.) and the SJTA budget will remain at the previous amount of \$225,000 for each agency. This final budget will need to be approved.

Dennis Westcot, SJRGGA Administrator, will become a Water Quality consultant for the SJTA and his work will be supported by Ken Petruzzelli from Tim O'Laughlin's office. Tim's role will also change to that of both defense counsel and outreach on the important issues being faced by the irrigation districts.

ITEM NO. 30
DISCUSSION ON THE RECENT
APPELLATE OPINION FOR KNIGHTS FERRY

In 2007 OID attempted to settle/clarify its differences with the Knights Ferry historical water users. At a Special Board meeting in May 2007, held with that purpose of mind, OID laid out their differences with the Knights Ferry Group. OID asked for them to go back and see if there was any common ground from which to work towards a resolution. A few months later the group filed suit against OID.

A long protracted legal process began ending in a trial court decision being rendered on October 30, 2009. In that decision OID was granted about 80% of what was at stake. Not happy with the decision, the Knights Ferry group filed an appeal to the Fifth Appellate Court. That matter was heard December 8th and an Opinion filed January 4, 2012, siding with OID on virtually all matters.

OID's next task at hand will be implementing the courts directions.

Director Bairos did not participate on this discussion.

After discussion General Manager Steve Knell stated that this item would be placed on the Board's next Agenda as a Closed Session item. The General Manager will coordinate with Attorney Bill Paris to attend the meeting to discuss implementation of the Appellate Court's Opinion.

ITEM NO. 31
DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS ITEMS AS THEY
APPEAR ON THE TRI-DAM BOARD AGENDA
FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

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

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 32

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 34 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. Continue to meet with bargaining groups on renewal of labor contracts.
2. Continued to work on the Trinitas CEQA Scope.
3. The Knights Ferry Water Right holders versus OID had its appellate court review hearing on December 8th with an Opinion from the Appellate Court posted January 4th in favor of OID.
4. President Clark and I met with Bill Smith regarding Fringe Parcel status on the 6th.
5. Met with Gage Stueve on annexation questions on the 10th.
6. A San Joaquin River Group meeting was held on the 11th.
7. Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting on the 10th for the Ag Luncheon of which OID is a major sponsor. This year's topic is, "The Benefits of Honey" which should be very interesting. The event is scheduled for February 23rd.
8. OID is holding a Rural Crime Workshop to educate our outside workers with how to observe, report, respond and gather information when confronted with rural crime. The program is put on by the Sheriff's Department and is scheduled for 8-12:00 on January 27th.
9. On January 27th after the rural crime workshop, a quarterly BBQ is being planned here at OID's headquarters. Directors are invited.
10. I have a speaking engagement at the Oakdale Sunrise Rotary in Sonora to talk about River issues.
11. The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner, for which OID is a sponsor, is scheduled for January 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Gene Bianchi Center.

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – The response to the Hodgdon Enterprises' attorney was sent on October 28, 2011. A telephone call was placed to the attorney and OID was advised a response would be forthcoming. Another call was placed on January 10, 2012 and still no response has been received.

The Corps of Engineers, Sacramento Section, has responded to OID's letter with numerous requirements. OID consulted OID's attorney for direction. It was stated to proceed with the NEPA documentation process. OID contacted CH2MHILL to assist in

- the NEPA preparation. CH2MHILL is preparing a action plan and requesting the sample documents and requirements from previous submittals for guidance.
2. Paulsell Valley Water Conveyance System – A feasibility study of various options has been completed. A Technical Memo was on hold until the TCB mediation hearing was completed has started again. .
 3. MID Water Conveyance System – A feasibility study and estimate for three options was completed. A Technical Memo has started again.
 4. Cross Valley Conveyance System – No Activity to report for this period.
 5. Beardsley Recreational Improvements – No Activity to report this period.
 6. Campbell Deep Well Pump and Motor Replacement – Bids were received on January 11, 2012. An award recommendation will be presented at the Board meeting. Bids were mailed to eight (8) bidders.
 7. Janitorial Bid Package was sent out on January 11, 2012 with the bids due on February 9, 2012.
 8. Crane Certification Request for Proposals was sent out on January 10, 2012 will the proposals due back on February 10, 2012.
 9. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
 10. South Main Rehabilitation from the 2nd Concrete Flue to and including the Willms Siphon will start in early February with a Kick Off meeting.
 11. Two-Mile Bar Tunnel Design continuation will begin in March with a project development phase. The work for this year will be the geotechnical exploration.
 12. The Furtado Groundwater Well Pump and Motor Installation project was completed on Schedule, December 16, 2011 and will be closed out once PG&E supplies the power to the panels.
 13. OID Main Office and Yard Buildings Re-cabling Project – Advance Data Communications completed the installation on December 6, 2011. The Final Punch list was developed and issued to Advance Data. The Punch List generated some additional work which all was completed on December 23, 2011. The completion date was scheduled for December 16, 2011. The contract has been closed out.
 14. Started the District Standard Specifications Manual. Will follow the Construction Standards Institute (CSI) format.
 15. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

Construction Activities

1. Processing JSF's generated by the Water Department & Request for Work Approvals after the job has been reviewed.
2. Processing requests for deep well applications provided by the Water Department.
3. Met with Mr. Twer on January 11th to discuss his issues.
4. Overhead crane inspections performed on the cranes in the Auto Shop, no issues were reported.
5. Yardman Ed Ross announced his retirement at OID, his last day was on January 4th, Mr. Ross had worked at the OID since October of 2002.
6. Union Slough – OID forces have completed the construction portion of the project.
7. Burnett/River Road Diversion – Forms have been removed from the outside of the structure, all pipe connections are complete and crews are currently working on backfilling the structure.

8. Stevenot Structure Replacement – Crews have finished form work and placed concrete into the walls of the structure. Forms have been removed, pipeline has been tied back, backfill has been completed and crews currently await the arrival of the grating to complete the project.
9. Southwest Pipeline Replacement – Crews have finished all work on the construction of the new structures and have laid the entire pipe.
10. Rossini/Crawford Pipeline Replacement – OID forces have removed the existing pipeline, backfill and compaction of the existing trench is complete and crews have started to lay the new pipeline.
11. District crews are also working on pipeline repairs, canal gate inspections and other numerous maintenance tasks.

Engineering Activities

1. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – Confirmation letter from CVFPB received 1/9/12 regarding 10 year obligation. Permitting now complete and hydrology permitting, we should be ready for construction this summer.
2. Rubicon (TCC) – RVL actuators have been rebuilt, bench tested and our back in our yard awaiting install. Install/commissioning to occur asap.
3. SBX7-7 – DRAFT report slated to go to the Legislature in late February. Next ASC meeting scheduled for 2/7/12. No reportable action from the 12/21/11 meeting.
4. Ag Water Management Plan – JBD supporting Water Operations as necessary.
5. Long Term Irrigated Lands Program – Ongoing participation in both the Delta and East San Joaquin Coalitions. Our growers need to be aware that fees for both coalitions are likely going to go up this year as a result of ground water monitoring requirements and a reduction in state subsidies.
6. STRGBA – USGS Groundwater Model progressing - slowly. JBD attended stakeholder meeting on 1/12/12 at MID.
7. Knights Ferry/Boatright – Progressing as directed.
8. Union Slough Water Quality Enhancement Project – Bioplugs placed last week, buffer planting to occur today. All civil works have been completed.
9. Riggs Townhill Pipeline Encroachment Request – No progress to report.
10. Revising Standard Details to account for SBX7-7 and other minor changes that have been made over the last year and a half.
11. Engineering Department processing numerous cost estimates and requests for work with respect to the 2011/2012 winter work season.
12. Reviewing numerous landuse conversion projects with respect to new turnout installations, Ag Discharge Agreements and Encroachment Agreements.
13. Met with Trieste Developer and their Engineer on 12/23/11 to discuss relocation and replacement of the West Pump Pipeline through the proposed development.

Water Operations Activities

Ag Water

1. Prepared summary of river pump operating procedures for consideration by the Water Committee.
2. Prepared draft Fringe Parcels annexation terms sheet for consideration by the Water Committee.

3. Conducted various landowner meetings and field review to discuss misc. irrigation issues needing to be addressed before water deliveries commence next irrigation season.
4. Completed additional Job Setup Forms for necessary winter repairs and maintenance.
5. Pesticide Department continued pre-emergent herbicide application followed by direct application of water due to the lack of rainfall.
6. Continued working to more accurately define the boundary outflow tributary areas throughout the District using ArcGIS. Labeled operational spill and drainage outflow areas along the District boundaries.
7. Met with Davids Engineering on 12/23 to review progress on water balance update and provide input on available data from the District.
8. Compiled and provided miscellaneous documentation for review and subsequent incorporation by Davids Engineering into an updated draft Agricultural Water Management Plan.
9. Processed and assisted in the management of numerous landowner requests for deep well rentals and conveyance channel agreements to accommodate post season irrigation with groundwater.
10. Continued managing District facilities to convey various operational inflows and winter storm flows as necessary while also taking into consideration the locations of the current and proposed winter construction and maintenance activities.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41: The WUD has drafted a cost comparison analysis on merging with the City of Oakdale versus staying a standalone system. These figures will be presented to the ID 41 committee and membership for review and consideration. In the meantime Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Pumping Stations: Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Monthly Coliform Bacteria water quality samples were collected on Tuesday, January 3rd. No problems were detected. All water systems under OID's jurisdiction are operating without restrictions.
 - Nitrate plus Nitrite water quality samples were collected on Tuesday, January 3rd. Results are still pending.
4. ID 46: Repaired another main line water leak on Valley Oak Drive. The service line from the main water to the service connections had failed.
5. On-Call Activities:
 - Monday, December 26th, responded to a call from the ORFD regarding a leaking fire hydrant on Tioga Avenue in ID 41. Repairs were implemented on Tuesday, December 27th.
 - Monday, January 9th, responded to a call of no water in the ID 51 water system. PG&E problems. The pumps were reset and started.
 - Tuesday, January 10th, responded to reports of air in the ID 51 water lines.
6. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Staff conducted routine inspection, servicing and security checks of the winter drain pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.

- Spring Servicing of Pumping Stations – Water lube pumps have been repacked and have started inspecting and servicing the electrical motors.
 - Valley Home Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Steinegul Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Tennant Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Oakdale Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Allen Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Howard Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Huffman Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - S. Main #2 Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Howard Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - Valley Home Deep Well Pump – Activated for rental use.
 - ID 29 Deep Well Pump – Activated for use by the ID membership.
 - Thornton Deep Well Pump – Installed new master electrical disconnect switch.
7. Furtado Deep Well Project:
- Staff installed electrical motor control equipment and discharge piping.
 - Site passed County electrical inspection.
 - Waiting on PG&E to bring electrical power to the site.
8. Campbell Deep Well Project:
- Pre-bid meeting and site tour was held on Wednesday, January 4th.
 - Bid opening was held on Wednesday, January 11th.
9. Safety & Training Activities:
- As of Friday, January 13th, the WUD has gone 4126 days without a lost time injury.

Finance Activities

1. As directed by Resolution No. 96-01 and pursuant to California Government Code Section 53065.5, the written statements of Disclosures of Reimbursement of Amounts to employees and directors paid by the District during 2009 of at least \$100 for an individual charge for service or product received are available for public review at the office of the District's Chief Financial Officer, Kathy Cook
2. Completed 2011 annual audit prep-work. Richardson and company will be at the District to perform field work the week of March 26th.
3. Preparing closing entries for 2011 yearend, in addition to route accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billings, account reconciliations, etc.)
4. Preparing 2011 W-2's and yearend reporting.
5. Preparing 2011 1099's and yearend reporting.
6. Preparation of Disclosures of reimbursements.
7. Met with Tri Dam's and SSJID's CFO to discuss monthly financial reporting.
8. Rural water system account information:
 - 32– late payment notices
 - 11– 15-day shut-off notices
 - 3– 48 hour shut-off notices
9. There were 692 first installment delinquencies on the 2011 irrigation water billing, as compared to 755 on the 2011 irrigation water billing.
10. Continue assist General Manager with bargaining groups on renewal of labor contracts.

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Webb

Director Webb stated the he found it interesting that the Delta Stewardship Council was holding a meeting in Ceres today.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers stated that he was impressed by the fact that the Water Utilities Department has gone eleven (11) years without a lost time injury.

At the hour of 11:05 a.m., the Meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 33

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

Negotiating Parties: OID
Property: Potential Sites for Re-Location of District
 Facilities – Corner of Greger Street and
 Kaufman Road
Under Negotiations: Price and terms

B. **Government Code §54957.6** – Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Unrepresented Employee Organization: Operations Employees, Exempt
Management, Exempt Supervisory, and Confidential Employees

C. **Government Code §54956.9(b)** - Anticipated Litigation

Two (2) Cases

At the hour of 11:57 a.m. the Board returned to open session.

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

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 34

At the hour of 11:57 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 7, 2012 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 **Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

Frank Clark., President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary