

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
June 4, 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  
Kim Bukhari, Human Relations Manager

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 was one public comment from Mr. Lemmons.

Public comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

### CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 1-5

1. Approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024
2. Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations
3. Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations

4. Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Four Months Ending April 30, 2024
5. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Abandonment of a Portion of the Austin Pipeline (APNs: 062-009-018/019/020)

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

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| 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. 6-8**

**ITEM NO. 6**

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE OID STAFF TO  
WORK WITH SSJID STAFF TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH PROVOST AND PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP  
(P&P) FOR THE PREPARATION OF A 95% DESIGN OF THE CANYON  
TUNNEL**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to authorize OID staff to work with SSJID staff to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group (P&P) for the preparation of a 95% design of the Canyon Tunnel.

At the hour of 9:07 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item 6.

Public comment closed at 9:07 a.m. on Item 6 and the Board Meeting continued; there was no public comment.

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| 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. 7**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE**  
**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to receive and file the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2023.

At the hour of 9:25 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item 7; there was no public comment.

Public comment closed at 9:25 a.m. on Item 7 and the Board Meeting continued.

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| 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 APPROVE REJECTION OF CLAIM**  
**SUBMITTED BY THRE FALL RANCH, LP (TO BE ADDRESSED AFTER**  
**CLOSED SESSION)**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve rejection of claim submitted by Threfall Ranch, LP.

General Manager, Scot Moody, stated for the record that it is standard Board practice to reject claims.

At the hour of 11:40 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item 8; there was no public comment.

Public comment closed at 11:40 a.m. on Item 8 and the Board Meeting continued.

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

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NOS. 9-12**

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

**Director DeBoer:**

Director DeBoer emphasized that, as Directors, they need to be in a protective mode in trying to control the costs of the District and the costs/revenues coming from Tri-Dam, which is how the water costs are kept low for our constituents. He shared that our sister district went through the process of raising their rates for their own reasons. He said that keeping our prices low is of the utmost importance for our constituents and hopes by doing so we'll be of even more value to our community.

**Director Santos:**

Director Santos stated she is thankful that as a landowner they didn't have to start irrigating earlier because it helps the bottom line with expenditures and what's being demanded of the landowners in this state. She concluded by thanking Sharon Cisneros (Chief Financial Officer) for all her work and work with the financial statements.

**Director Doornenbal:**

No comments were made by Director Doornenbal.

**Director Tobias:**

Director Tobias thanked Sharon (Chief Financial Officer) for the financial statements and clarified that it is also a result of the cooperative efforts of District staff. He believes that we'll continue to see dividends of updated negotiation processes in the future and looks forward to the District's continuous improvement.

**Director Orvis:**

Director Orvis reported he attended the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee with Eric Thorburn (Water Operations Manager/District Engineer), Scot Moody (General Manager/Secretary), and Director Tobias; Director Santos attended remotely. He explained our region has a full complement of commissioners; however, there are three Board of Supervisors that have five missing slots, making quorum interesting. There will be some items agendized for the September 25 meeting having to do with the movement of groundwater around the county and suggestions brought by one of the committee members to consider amending the groundwater ordinance.

Director Orvis highlighted the details of two upcoming engagements:

- Wednesday, July 31 – ACWA Regions 3 and 4 will be hosting a joint event in Roseville about their water treatment and how they're doing SGMA. Cost: \$50
- Thursday, June 20 – Tri-Dam Project Board meeting will be held in Strawberry, CA.

Director Orvis agreed with Director DeBoer's comment that the low prices are good for now. He is hoping that there are good times to come and the other boards that represent our commodities will work out the national and local issues.

Director Orvis announced that Michelle Reimers, General Manager of Turlock Irrigation District, has resigned effective June 21 and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

Director Orvis revealed the latest design of the new Tri-Dam building to the other Directors.

Director Orvis shared the STRGBA meeting is Wednesday, June 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Director Orvis encouraged everyone to be prepared for the upcoming meeting in July with specific items that concern the GSAs and GSPs.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES**

General Manager, Scot Moody, stated that he received a letter from a water customer with suggestions and a request for a committee meeting. He plans to reach out to the individual in efforts to settle the issue prior to having a committee meeting and will keep the Board updated on the outcome.

Mr. Moody extended thanks to Sharon Cisneros (Chief Financial Officer) for managing two different audits, at different stages, simultaneously. He also thanked Eric Thorburn (Water Operations Manager/District Engineer) for handling and keeping up with two separate basins. He highlighted that in July, all the boards and elected officials will need to agree on a resolution that will be submitted with our GSP in hopes of getting it approved. Mr. Moody further explained that decisions regarding the management actions with the North and STRGBA basins need to be made and a five-year update needs to be submitted by the end of the year.

Mr. Moody reported last week the meeting with DWR went well, they liked the path we are headed down with the Modesto subbasin and decided to cancel the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Moody concurred that the Tri-Dam Committee was good and provided him a chance to speak with and review where Summer Nicotero (Tri-Dam General Manager) is at. He shared that he encouraged her to speak with him and Peter Rietkerk (SSJID General Manager) about certain things she has planned.

Mr. Moody requested the Board to accompany him and Eric Thorburn to the Greger Facility after the meeting to inspect corroded steel that has been laying in a pile for two years.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**WATER COUNSEL REPORT**

President Orvis announced that Water Counsel stepped out and that his report will be done in closed session.

At the hour of 9:50 a.m. the Board took a recess and convened to closed session at 10:00 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NOS. 13-14**

13. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)  
1 case
  
14. Personnel Matter – Independent Contractor Functioning as Officer of OID General Counsel  
Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(4)

At the hour of 11:38 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions. The Board went back to reconsider Item 8.

**OTHER ACTION**

At the hour of 11:41 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 2, 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, June 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Maintenance Building of the Tri-Dam Project, 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, CA 95375.



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Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:



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Scot A. Moody  
General Manager/Secretary