Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, January 12, 1983:

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at $1:30\ P.M.$ with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard McFarlin

Secretary

James O. Orlopp Dale L. R. Lucas

Absent:

Harvey S. Chase, President (arrived at 1:45 P.M.)

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 1982 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$55,141.56 were read, approved and ordered paid at the motion of Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach and carried.

(President Chase arrived)

The Secretary presented the Cash Plan Report and the Statement of Finances.

The Status of Water was discussed.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following:

- 1) A letter from Tri-Valley Water District requesting merger with the Orange Cove Irrigation District was presented to the Board. The discussion which followed pointed out several disadvantages to this District if the aforementioned District was merged now. It was decided by unaninmous consensus, that the issue should be tabled until the expiration of the present contract with the USBR. If, at that time, the Tri-Valley W.D. still desires to come into this organization, negotiations would be acceptable.
- A request for annexation of property owned by McKenry was presented to the Board. The request was duly noted and will be processed as appropriate.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- 1) It was reported that the employees of O.C.I.D. are no longer represented by the Union as of January 1, 1983.
- 2) The key elements of the JPIA/ACWA Convention held in San Diego during the period of December 7 thru 10 were reported.
- 3) Directors were reminded of the 16th Regional Water Users Conference to be held in Ventura on January 19-21.
- The Manager briefed that several farmers in the vicinity of Improvement District #9, but not receiving water, were considering forming their own Improvement District. A discussion followed and it was agreed that it would be in the best interest of the District to have the Manager attend the next Landowners meeting and at least one Director. The Manager will make the necessary arrangements and prepare a briefing for the affected landowners and assist them by providing information related to forming a new I.D. It was further noted that Assessments for Maintenance during the years 1979 and subsequent had erronεously been collected from these landowners. These

monies may be used to off-set some of the cost of installation or returned should the landowners reject a petition to form the new Improvement District.

5) The power projects status was reported and discussed.

The Monthly Operational Summary was presented and discussed.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered and discussed.

There being no further business the Board Meeting adjourned at $4:05\ P.M.$

Harvey S. Chase, President

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday February 9, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach Richard McFarlin James O. Orlopp Dale L. R. Lucas

Secretary

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Absent: None

Bills in the amount of \$52,654.23 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach and carried.

A motion to establish a ceiling of \$500.00 on expenditures for single item purchases of capital items for which the Manager could authorize was made by Director Ketscher. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and carried.

The Secretary presented the Cash Plan Report and Statement of Finances.

The Status of Water was discussed.

The Secretary's report consisted of the following:

- 1) In the case of Reilly vs. the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board in regard to her claim for unemployment compensation the ruling was made in favor of the Board and, hence, the O.C.I.D.
- 2) The status of the City of Orange Cove's redevelopment plan, as it impacts upon the District, was discussed. The Board reiterated the position established by Resolution 8-79 Dated May of 1979 which established the criteria for dispostion of District pipelines in the area of development.
- 3) A call for funds in the amount of \$1,735.00 by ACWA for the building purchase of the new ACWA headquarters was presented. The Board took no action at this meeting, choosing to defer until the next Regular Meeting the payment of this bill.

The Manager's report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- 1) It was reported that the Friant Water Users Association has called upon the JPIA and ACWA to conduct a study to ascertain if rates could be adjusted to reflect lower cost of medicine in the rural areas.
- 2) The "PIK" Program was discussed.
- 3) It was reported that some of the farmers in Improvement District #9 are still pursuing the feasibility of forming a new Improvement District. A meeting will be conducted on March 2, 1983 to discuss the issue.
- 4) The status of power projects was discussed.

The Monthly Operational Summary was presented.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered and discussed.

There being no further business the Board Meeting adjourned at $3:45~\mathrm{p.m.}$

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on March 9, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at $1:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard McFarlin James O. Orlopp Dale L. R. Lucas

Secretary

Absent:

None

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 1983 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$134,020.71 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin, and carried.

The Secretary presented the Cash Plan Report and the Statement of Finances.

The Status of Water was discussed.

The Honorable Eugene Pinedo, Mayor of Orange Cove, and Mr. Ismael Rodriquez, City Administrator appeared before the Board to discuss the development project encompassed by South and Parlier Avenues on the North and South and Anchor and Monson Avenues on the East and West. The city was attempting to negotiate a settlement with the Orange Cove Irrigation District which would relax the requirement to relocate the District's pipeline outside of the development area. The Board reiterated its policy of mutual cooperation between the District and the City, however, the extreme disadvantages of not moving the pipeline made it prohibitative. It was pointed out that the District has agreed to accept a lesser quality standard of pipeline which resulted in a reduction of cost of 43% (\$84,000 to \$47,000). The Mayor stated that the City Council will be taking up the matter

Mr. Walter Hayhurst addressed the Board on a problem he encounters by not having yellow weirs in the immediate proximity of his area for drawing water for his spray vehicles. It has been the policy of the District to allow spray vehicles to fill their tanks from District facilities over numerous years. With the increased pumping capacities of these vehicles there have been some problems caused by drawing the water down too fast, which fluctuates the flows to other farmers along the line. To overcome this problem the District has painted all those facilities from which water could be drawn from without adversely affecting the system with yellow paint. It was also pointed out to Mr. Hayhurst that if he would call the District on the day preceeding his operations, in most cases sufficient water could be added to compensate for his filling from white structures. He agreed to do this in the future.

*The Board went into closed session at 2:50 p.m. to discuss the city's development project and did remain so until 3:00 p.m.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

1) The Secretary pointed out that although the charges for Maintenance had decreased in some areas for the past two years the expenditures had been reduced to the point that he advised the Board to make a one-time capital expenditure of \$200,000.00 to the Maintenance of the District. This expediture is not to replace the normal charges for routine maintenance but in addition to. Since the build up of funds did not occur on a proportional per-acre basis, it would not be fair to make distribution on that basis. A records search

revealed that the contribution for each improvement district since 1979 would provide the actual percentage each improvement district should receive. The following chart shows this breakdown. Director Ketscher moved that the \$200,000.00 be obligated for the purpose and in the manner stated. Director McFarlin made the second to the motion, which carried unanimously:

I.D.	Total Paid 1979-1982	I.D. % Paid	Avail. Per Acre	Total
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	\$828,940.36	100%		\$200,000.00

- 2) In the matter of those landowners of Improvement Districts 9 and 7, who have erroneously paid Maintenance charges during the past four (4) years, Director Beach moved that the District reimburse the amount in total, and further that the same amount be collected from those members of the improvement district who should have paid the monies in equal increments over the next four (4) years. Director Orlopp made the second and the motion carried unanimously.
- The call for funds from ACWA which had been deferred from the last Regular Meeting (Feb. 9, '83) was discussed. Director McFarlin moved that O.C.I.D. pay the bill in the amount of \$1,735.00 and Director Ketscher seconded the motion which carried.
- 3) JPIA activities were discussed and the Board approved Resolutions 1 and 2-83 nominating Charles White of Chowchilla Water District and Ferd Preuss of Fresno I.D. to the Executive Committee of the JPIA.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following topics:

- 1) The Board was informed that Ms. Reilly has appealed the decision of the Administrative Law Judge denying her claim for unemployment insurance. Attorney Jensen stated that he was confident that her appeal would, once again be denied.
- 2) It was reported that the attempt by some of the landowners in I.D. 19 to form a seperate improvement district was being abandoned for lack of support from within that area.

3) The status of the power projects was discussed.

The Monthly Operational Summary was presented.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered and discussed.

There being no further business the Board Meeting adjourned at $3:45~\mathrm{p.m.}$

for Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, April 13, 1983.

The meeting was called to order at $1:30\ P.M.$ with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Secretary

Dale L. R. Lucas

Absent:

Harvey S. Chase, President

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 1983 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$50,820.38 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach, and carried.

The Secretary presented the Cash Plan Report and the Statement of Finances.

The Status of Water was discussed.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- 1) A continuation of the discussions surrounding the expenditure of the \$200,000.00 obligated during the March 9, 1983 meeting was continued. A list of tentative jobs in each Improvement District, by priority, which listed any deficiency and/or shortcoming of optimum operation of the systems was presented to the Board. This list did not presuppose that each deficiency would be corrected, but only establish a concise picture of each I.D. Due to the complexity of the report, the Board elected to have the staff meet with each Director on an individual basis to discuss the list.
- 2) A letter addressed to the Board of Directors from Kern Delta W. D. rejecting the levy for additional dues to support the ACWA building purchase was read.
- The ACWA call for funds in the amount of \$144.00 to support the legal fund as pertains to the "Wild Rivers" litigation was presented. Director Orlopp moved that the District approve the call for funds in the amount specified. Director Beach made the second to the motion which carried.
- 4) ACWA/JPIA activities and discussions centered around a letter of appreciation from Mr. Ferd Preuss for this Districts support in the upcoming JPIA election and a finalization report on the conclusion of the plum tree incident.
- A request for inclusion of property in the District was received from CLAN-CO, Inc. The acreage consists of an additional 80 acres. The request will be appropriately filed in the Request for Inclusion file to await proper disposition.
- 6) A notice of Chapter 11 (bankruptcy) proceedings involving the Vincent and Katherine Zaninovich property was read to the Board.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following:

- 1) It was reported to the Board that parties acting for Ms. Patricia L. Reilly have served summons to the District. Our attorneys have the summons and are in the process of answering it.
- 2) The Department of General Services for Fresno County has appointed the management of the District to act as Category II representatives for the purchase of State surplus property. This should result in savings on most purchased capitol items.
- 3) The status of the power projects was discussed.
- 4) Mr. Sakye Matsumoto contacted the Manager and some of the Directors to resolve a problem regarding the District's easement on his property. He has allowed 18 years to pass since the pipeline was installed to complain so the easement is established as prescriptive and he has no legal recourse. Mr. Matsumoto wanted to construct a building over the District pipeline. He was informed that this is not possible. He then suggested moving the pipeline onto his neighbor's property (the original easement). The Board decided that should he be able to negotiate this with his neighbor at no cost to the District and be willing to pay half the cost for moving the pipeline that the pipeline could be moved.
- 5) It was announced that a dinner to honor Mr. Mike Catino upon his retirement from the USBR is to be held on the evening of April 20, 1983. Directors are encouraged to attend to show our appreciation for the fine job Mike has done for the farmer.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered and discussed.

The Monthly Operational Summary was presented.

There being no further business the Board Meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, May 11, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D.W. Ketscher, Vice President* Stanley C. Beach Richard D. Mcfarlin James O. Orlopp

Secretary

Dale L. R. Lucas

Absent:

None * Director Ketscher arrived at 1:41 p.m.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 13, 1983 were read and approved.

Mr. C. Dan Lange, Thelma Lange and Nancy Lange Cutler of Golden Groves spoke to the Board of his willingness to pay a limited sum (\$8,800.00) to bring his additional 80 acres in the District. He was informed that his application is on file in the appropriate sequential order established in the District policy. He requested that the Board supply him with names of all landowners in Improvement District 3-A, the names of those landowners preceding him on the request for inclusion, and an approximation of the cost to upgrade I.D. 3-A to the standards he offered. The Board directed the Manager to provide the same to Mr. Lange.

Bills in the amount of \$47,854.51 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach, and carried. Exception of authorization to pay the bill from the attorney (Mr. Jensen) was moved by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher, until the charges for Mr. Matsumoto's visit were deleted. The motion carried.

The Secretary presented the Statement of Finances and the Cash Plan Report.

The Status of Water was discussed.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

1) Resolution #3-83 to establish the General District election date as Tuesday, November 8, 1983 was moved by Director McFarlin , seconded by Director Ketscher and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Chase, Ketscher, Beach, McFarlin, Orlopp

NOES: None ABSENT: None

2) Resolution #4-83 to consolidate the General District election (Fresno and Tulare Counties) was moved by Director Beach seconded by Director McFarlin and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Chase, Ketscher, Beach, McFarlin, Orlopp

NOES: None ABSENT: None

3) A letter from the Orange Cove City Council to notify of the favorable findings on O.C.I.D.'s Appeal of Parcel Map 83-2 regarding relocation of the district's pipelines from the city annexation was presented to the Board.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following:

- 1) The status of the litigation surrounding the Reilly case was discussed.
- 2) The Manager presented some of the adverse impacts of the proposed rules of the new Reclamation Law to the Board and the on-going efforts to rectify the problem areas.
- 3) A discussion of the problems caused by the USBR allowing other than long-term contractors to put water in the Friant-Kern Canal. The lack of flows from the Friant Dam causes a build-up of algae, fish (minnows) and sand which causes havoc with the farmer's drip systems.
- 4) The status of the power projects was discussed.
- 5) The Board members were requested to provide any changes on reservations for the JPIA-ACWA Conference not later than May 13, 1983.
- 6) The Annual Manager-Engineer Meeting was announced along with an invitation to those Board Members and their wives who would like to attend.
- 7) A discussion of alternatives to the present data processing procedures of the District was conducted. It was noted that the District has spent \$26,900 (±) in the past four years for this service from outside sources and a study should be made to ascertain if it would be more cost effective to convert to other means of processing data.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered and discussed. The Manager reported that, after consultations with civil and government (USBR/Dept. of the Interior) sources, it appears that the District would qualify for a no-interest loan with a payback period of up to 40 years. The funds are available for partial or complete reconstruction of the District's facilities. The Board directed the Manager to pursue this avenue to seek complete information and names of persons to contact were established.

The Monthly Operational Summary was presented.

There being no further business the Board Meeting was adjourned at $4:55~\mathrm{p.m.}$

Harvey S. Chase. President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday June 8, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp Dale L. R. Lucas

Secretary

Absent:

None

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on May 11, 1983 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$ 71,888.39 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin, and carried.

The Secretary presented the Statement of Finances and the Cash Plan Report.

The Status of Water was discussed. It was reported that Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District agreed to sell up to 10,000 acre feet of Class 2 (\$1.50) water to be used prior to the end of June. They in turn, will buy back 10,000 Class I (\$3.50) water in July. Reason for this water transfer was to offset the complete loss of the Class 2 water that S.W.I.D. is unable to use in the specified time frame established by the U.S.B.R. The U.S.B.R. has approved the entire transaction.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

Resolution #5-83 to establish the General District election date as Tuesday, November 8, 1983 was moved by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach, and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Chase, Ketscher, Beach, McFarlin, Orlopp

NOES: None ABSENT:

Resolution #6-83 to consolidate the General District election (Fresno and Tulare Counties) was moved by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach and passed by the following vote: AYES: Chase, Ketscher, Beach, McFarlin, Orlopp NOES: None ABSENT: None

The above two resolutions, almost identical to the ones passed last month, were required by Fresno County for administrative (Note: purposes.)

- A letter from Mrs. Tomasa Ramirez asking the District for relief from a flooding problem caused by neighbors obstructing the natural flows along with a reply made by the Manager was presented to the Board.
- A letter, addressed to the Board of Directors, and a prepared letter of response from and to Mr. R. Pescosolido addressing his complaint of not getting enough water on his acreage. The problem was due to a malfunctioning impeller on the District pump, which had been pulled and was in the process of being repaired prior to his letter.
- A discussion regarding the District's water conservation program revealed that all that can be done in this area is being one. Water conservation measures will be monitored and occasional reminders to the farmers will be sent.

The annual employee salary adjustments were discussed and the normal two percent merit raises were approved with exception of those deletions recommended by the manager (Loy, Schneider, Lucas.) The motion affecting this action was made by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin, and carried.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- The Manager reported that the Fresno County Office of Emergency Services Damage Assessment (Roy Manning) will be conducting a survey of O.C.I.D.'s facilities to determine any damage and extent caused by the recent earthquake.
- 2) It was announced that the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 Rules Hearings will be conducted at Visalia (College of Sequoias) on June 23, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. Farmers are encouraged to pack the place "to show widespread disfavor with some of those adversities of the proposed rules as they affect the Friant Water Users."
- 3) The Manager gave an up-date briefing on the investigation of facts surrounding the procurement of a Public Law 84-984 loan. More study is needed to ascertain if this would be a feasible source of needed capitol.
- 4) The Power Projects were discussed.
- The Manager reported the status of District vehicles and a motion was made and seconded by Director Ketscher and Beach, respectively, to selk vehicle#'s 3 and 16. The motion carried. A motion was made by Director Ketscher to exchange the District sedan (vehicle #2) for the low bid offered by Ratzlaff Ford-Mercury. Second was made by Director McFarlin and carried by the following vote: AYES: Chase, Ketscher, McFarlin, Orlopp NOES: Beach ABSENT: None
- 6) A discussion surrounding the well intentioned, but harmful letters being sent to various agencies by Mr. C. Dan Lange regarding the pipeline in Improvement District 3-A along Cove Avenue was conducted. It was decided that the Manager should send a letter thanking Mr. Lange for his concern but requesting that he transmit his correspondence to the Orange Cove Irrigation District so as to do the best possible job for him and the rest of his neighbors.
- 7) The Manager announced the Annual Friant Water Users Association (FWUA) meeting on June 17, 1983. The President recommended full participation and reservations will be made for all Directors, the Manager and wives and guests.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered.

The Monthly Operational Summary (MOPSUM) was presented.

There being no Further business the Board Meeting was adjourned at $4:05\ P.M.$

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday July 13, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. beach James O. Orlopp Dale L. R. Lucas

Secretary

Absent:

Richard McFarlin

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 8, 1983 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$142,525.04 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Ketscher and carried.

The Secretary presented the Statement of Finances and the Cash Plan Report.

The Status of Water was discussed. The transaction with Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District has been completed full-cycle and payment to the Orange Cove Irrigation District will be accomplished in the next few days. It was also reported that the Manager of Tulare Irrigation District has requested that we sell any excess water we have to them starting in September. Tentatively, it appears that this will be approximately 10,000 acre feet.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- 1) The status of the annexation/detachment proceedings for the Ketscher property was presented.
- 2) The current status of the proposed annexation of the abandoned railroad property was discussed.
- 3) A request for inclusion of 160 acres from Clyde and Laurena Johnson, 2214 South Hills Valley Road, Orange Cove, CA 93646, was presented to the Board. The request will be duly logged and included in the request for inclusion file.
- 4) The Orangewood Plaza Development by the City of Orange Cove was discussed. It appears that the city is attempting to circumvent the agreement between the District, LAFCO, and the City regarding the annexation/detachment proceedings. Our attorney and the Board and Staff are monitoring this matter closely to insure the requirements of agreement are adhered to.
- 5) It appears that the District's entitlement to augmentation funds from the Counties (Fresno and Tulare) are genuine and the fact that we have not received them from Tulare County should be challenged. Attorney Jensen is involved in a study to ascertain if the County has illegally withheld these funds from the District since 1979. If so, appropriate actions will be initiated to recover these funds.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following topics:

- 1) Assembly Bill 3019, which requires the District to join the Underground Service Alert (USA) was discussed. The law was originally scheduled to take effect on July 1, 1983, however, the constitutionality of the Bill is being challenged. Because of this, the law will not take effect prior to August 1, 1983, if then.
- 2) The Acreage Limitation Rules Hearings conducted on June 23, 1983 in Visalia were reported to the Board. Significant opposition from many farmers and irrigation districts was presented.

- Public Law 84-984 (Small Reclamation projects) funding was reported. Currently, the status of the USBR administration is being challenged by the Farm Bureau and we are awaiting a decision on that matter.
- 4) The status of the Power Projects was reported.
- The Manager reported on his visit to the State Surplus Property sales yard in Fullerton. Although no purchase were made during the visit it was beneficial by providing a basis for future procurements for the District.
- 6) It was announced that bids will be received by the Board of Directors at the next Regular Meeting to dispose of the two excess pickups.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered.

The Monthly Operational Summary (MOPSUM) was presented.

There being no further business the Board Meeting was adjourned at $4:25~\mathrm{p.m.}$

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, August 10, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

D. W. Ketscher, Vice-President Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp Dale L. R. Lucas

Secretary

Absent:

Harvey S. Chase, President

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 13, 1983 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$79,521.70 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach, and carried.

The Secretary presented the Statement of Finances and the Cash Plan Report.

The Status of Water was discussed.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- 1) A letter from Mr. D. E. Bessey with a bid offer to conduct the fiscal year 1983 annual audit was presented to the Board. Due to the early submittal and pending other bids, no action was taken at this time.
- 2) A letter from Orange County Water District discussing the high cost of group health insurance and requesting our involvement in addressing the problem was read. In that this District has been engaged in such activities, through the FWUA and ACWA, over the past year no other action was appropriate at this time.
- 3) Election requirements for the coming November 8, 1983 ballot were discussed and affected Divisions Directors were reminded of deadlines.
- 4) Solicited bids for the two excess pickups (#'s 3 and 16) were opened. In that the bids received were far below the limits imposed by the Board, all bids were rejected at the motion of Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin, and carried.
- 4) It was announced by the Secretary that the Board of Equalization Review Document is and will be available for inspection for any desiring individual from now to the meeting of the Board of Equalization on September 14, 1983.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- 1) A staff study discussing the data processing needs of the District was presented and discussed.
- 2) The Manager passed out copies of the Proposed 1984 Budget Packet to all Directors for review.
- 3) The Power Projects were discussed.
- A letter from Congressman George Miller to Mr. Loran Voth, President of the Board of Directors of Shafter-Wasco I.D. and letter of rebuttal from the latter to the former was read to the Board. Representative Miller was attacking the "subsidizing of farmers at the expense of the rest of the tax payers," and advocating that the "hammer clause" of the new Reclamation Law be imposed upon Districts.

The Improvement District Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered.

The Monthly Operational Summary (MOPSUM) was presented.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was adjourned at $3:20~\mathrm{p.m.}$

D. W. Ketscher, Vice-President

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September 14, 1983

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Gentlemen,

It is with sincere regret that I make this notification of my resignation as Manager, Orange Cove Irrigation District.

During the past two and one-half years in which I have been District Manager I have enjoyed the mutual support of the Board of Directors and the farmers of this area. Now it seems there is some doubt in the current fiscal operations regarding the appropriateness of expenditures. While there is no inappropriate expenditures, the lack of mutual confidence would not provide a working climate conducive to good management.

It is my sincere desire to make this transition in management as smooth as possible. To that end you will have my cooperation in accomplishing this action.

Respectfully,

Manager, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, September 14, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin Dale L. R. Lucas

Secretary
Absent:

James O. Orlopp

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 10, 1983 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$85,682.15 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin and carried. Exception was made to Check # 6410 (ACWA/JPIA) in the amount of \$2,534.00 until the Board could act on a proposed change to the insurance program.

The Secretary presented the Statement of Finances and the Cash Plan Report.

The Status of Water was discussed. It was reported that Tulare I.D. will start transferring water excess to this District's needs this month. The transfers will continue up to February 1984.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the following topics and actions:

- 1) The data processing needs of the District and a proposal to purchase a mini-computer was discussed. The recommendation died for lack of a motion. The Board did not reject the plan but elected to wait for further time to decide the issue.
- A proposal to revise the District's insurance program was presented. In the past the District carried a self-insurance program on vehicles and other equipment. A self-insurance reserve of \$50,000.00 was established for this purpose. In addition, the District has been insured by Farmers Insurance for the main office. A proposal to provide much broader coverage by the JPIA for a very low premium was read. Director Ketscher moved that the District accept the JPIA insurance program and approve the expenditure of check # 6410 (\$2,534.00) for the annual premium. Director McFarlin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The President adjourned the Regular Board Meeting and convened the Board of Equalization for the purpose of setting the 1984 assessment. No persons appeared before the Board of Equalization. The Board discussed the assessment and decided that a continuation of the previous years assessment was appropriate.

The President adjourned the Board of Equalization and re-convened the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of OCID.

3) Resolution #7-83 to affix the assessment rate of \$5.00 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of all lands in the District was moved by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chase, Ketscher, Beach, McFarlin

NOES: None Absent: Orlopp

4) The proposed budget for FY 1984 was discussed and Resolution #8-83 to established the Standby Charges. Motion to adopt the revised budget and resolve the Standby Charges for 1984 at \$2.05 per acre was made by Director Ketscher, seconded by

Director Beach and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chase, Ketscher, Beach, McFarlin

NOES: None Absent: Orlopp

5) The Secretary annouced that he would go before the Tulare County Board of Supervisors in an attempt to obtain Special District Augmentation Funds on Monday, September 19, 1983.

The Manager's Report consisted of the following:

- 1) The status of the Orange Cove City Redevelopment Plan on South Avenue was discussed. The Developer, Cross Construction Co., has stipulated to a temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction to stop them from moving heavy vehicles across the district's pipeline. Further, correspondence and meetings with representatives of the City have underscored the requirements of development.
- 2) The power projects were discussed. It appears that all loose ends have been tied together on the Friant Project and actual construction will begin this winter.

The Improvement District's Maintenance and Budget Report was rendered and discussed.

The Monthly Operational Summary (MOPSUM) was presented.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Harvey S. Chase, President

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORANGE COVE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of ORANGE COVE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, (the "District") was held on Tuesday the 20th day of September, 1983, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m., at the District's office located at 1130 Park Boulevard, Orange Cove, California.

There were present at the meeting the following members of the Board of Directors, constituting all of the members of the Board of Directors of the District:

D. W. Ketscher

Stanley C. Beach

Harvey S. Chase

Richard D. McFarlin

James O. Orlopp

The following other person was also present at the meeting:

Douglas B. Jensen of Baker, Manock & Jensen

Harvey S. Chase, President of the District, acted as Chairman of the meeting and Douglas B. Jensen, attorney for the District, acted as Temporary Secretary. The Chairman then called the meeting to order.

CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING

The Chairman presented to the Board the Consent to the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District signed by all of the members of the Board of Directors and instructed the Temporary Secretary to make it a part of the permanent records of the meeting and insert it in the minute book of the District immediately following these minutes.

RESIGNATION OF DALE L. R. LUCAS

The Chairman next submitted to the Board the letter of resignation from Dale L. R. Lucas, General Manager and Secretary of the District, dated September 14, 1983. After discussion, the Board of Directors went into executive session.

After reconvening the public portion of the meeting, it was then moved by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the District hereby accept the letter of resignation of Dale L. R. Lucas, General Manager and Secretary of the District, and said letter of resignation is to take effect immediately.

Mr. Lucas then entered the meeting and was informed by Douglas B. Jensen, attorney for the District, of the decision of the Board. The Board next discussed with Mr. Lucas a review of the financial records. Mr. Lucas indicated that he would be willing to work with the District's Treasurer, Ernest Mason, in connection with various items of expense that have been called into question. Mr. Lucas also indicated that he would be willing to

serve on a consulting basis with the District in connection with the Reilly case which began litigation during his term in office. After further discussion, Mr. Lucas delivered his two credit cards, office keys and car keys to the Chairman of the Board. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The Board next reviewed and discussed the current status of the Tulare County Augmentation Fund and the redevelopment matter pending with the District. Mr. Lucas then reported to the Board on his discussion with Mayor Pineda regarding the South Avenue Redevelopment Project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Temporary

CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING

We, the undersigned, constituting the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, do hereby consent to a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District to be held in the office of the District on September 20, 1983 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Dated this 20th day of September, 1983.

DIRECTORS

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Minutes of the Confidential Executive Session of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, October 12, 1983:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin

James O. Orlopp Douglas B. Jensen

Temporary Secretary Treasurer

Ernest Mason

By motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach, and unanimously carried, Mr. Jensen was authorized to offer \$2500 in cash to Patricia Reilly in full settlement of the case brought by her against the District and to offer up to \$7500 to settle the matter, as well as to offer a hearing to Mrs. Reilly by an impartial reviewer in connection with the termination of her employment.

> Douglas B. Jensen Temporary Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, October 12, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp Douglas B. Jensen Ernest Mason Howard Barker

Temporary Secretary Treasurer Staff

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 14, 1983, were read and approved. Also, the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 20, 1983, were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$63,757.98 were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach and carried. Exception was made to Check #6459 (Baker, Peterson and Franklin) in the amount of \$635.00 to receive a further report from Treasurer Mason.

Mr. Barker presented the Statement of Finances and the Cash Plan Report.

The Status of Water was discussed. It was noted that Tulare Irrigation District was buying 3700 acre feet at \$3.50 per acre foot for a total price of \$12,950.00, upon approval of the Bureau of Reclamation. It was moved by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously carried that the District sell such water to Tulare Irrigation District.

Mr. Barker noted that the insurance company will pay death benefits with regard to Charles Blackburn in double amount to his widow. It was noted by Mr. Barker and affirmed by Mr. Jensen that no unused sick pay was due to Mrs. Blackburn.

Mr. Barker noted that the Friant Power Authority had received \$38,000,000 last Friday pursuant to a bond sale and will commence construction immediately. He stated that those power generators should be on line in early 1985. With respect to the Upper San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority, he noted that Sacramento Municipal Utility District may be interested in purchasing power from entity.

It was noted by Mr. Barker and Chairman Chase that funds budgeted for a computer and vehicle purchases were not yet to be release and available for those purposes.

Mr. Barker stated that the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County had denied any funds to the district from the Tulare County Augmentation Fund. Mr. Jensen noted that other funds might be available from Tulare County. On motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Orlopp, and carried unanimously, the Board of Directors authorized Mr. Jensen to seek other funds from Tulare County.

Mr. Barker noted that he was making arrangements for Directors to attend the ACWA Convention November 9-11, 1983, in Anaheim.

Chairman Chase directed Mr. Barker to inform ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority that the alternate representative of OCID is Director Beach.

By consensus, the Board of Directors rejected the membership solicitation of the Council of California Growers.

It was noted that no alternate Director had been appointed to the Friant Power Authority or the Upper San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority.

By consensus, the Board agreed to change the date of the next regular meeting to $1:30~\rm p.m.$, Monday, November 7, 1983, to allow Directors to attend the ACWA Convention that was being held on the usual date of the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Barker noted that at the present time only Treasurer Mason was authorized to transfer funds to the Local Agnecy Investment Fund. Upon motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin, and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors authorized Mr. Barker to transfer funds to L.A.I.F.

With respect to damages sustained by the District in connection with the pipeline damage caused by Cross Construction, Inc., the Board, by consensus, authorized Mr. Barker to present a bill in the amount of \$2,951.82 and accept that amount in full settlement of those damages.

Mr. Barker noted that John Walters had reqested the detachment of his property from Improvement District IB. The Board took no action on that request. Therefore, it was denied.

Mr. Barker noted that Earthquake Assistance funds might be available to the District to repair pipelines damages by that event in May, 1983. Mr. Barker noted that Roy Manning, a representative of the County of Fresno, was meeting with Assemblyman Costa in Coalinga. Mr. Barker noted that the request of the County of Fresno for funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency had been denied, but that a successful appeal was possible. The Board, by consensus, authorized continued efforts of Mr. Barker to obtain such funds.

Mr. Barker noted that the assessments and standby charges authorized by the Board of Directors at its prior meeting had been mailed and some payments were being received.

Mr. Barker told the Board that Directors Ketscher, Beach and McFarlin would be appointed to continue their service as Directors by the Boards of Supervisors of Fresno and Tulare Counties.

 $\mbox{Mr.}\ \mbox{Barker}$ presented the monthly Maintenance Reports and the Monthly Operational Summary.

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation of personnel matters.

Mr. Jensen reported that he had talked to both Mr. Nishioka, City attorney of the City of Orange Cove and Ismael Rodriquez, the City Manager. Mr. Jensen stated that the City of Orange Cove would like to enter into an agreement with OCID by which OCID would contract with the Assessment District being formed by Orange Cove to construct replacement pipeline outside of the South Avenue project area. A motion of Director Oplopp, seconded by Director Beach, and unanimously carried authorized Mr. Jensen to prepare such an agreement with the City of Orange Cove with the understanding that the legal fees of Mr. Jensen with respect to that agreement would be paid by OCID, but that the costs of forming the Assessment District would be borne by the City of Orange Cove.

Mr. Mason presented a report with regard to his work with Dale Lucas in connection with accounts owed by Mr. Lucas to Orange Cove Irrigation District. Mr Jensen noted that a full audit of the books and accounts of the Irrigation District should be performed either now or at the end of the year. Mr. Mason presented to the Board of Directors a check in the amount of \$1,200.00, submitted by Mr. Lucas in full payment of accounts owed by him to the District. Mr Mason noted that it appeared to him that the said amount would represent all of the accounts owing. Upon motion of Director McFarlin and seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously carried, the Board

of Directors accepted the check of Mr. Lucas in the amount of \$1,200.00 in full settlement of any and all accounts owing by him to the District and authorized a full audit as of the end of calendar year 1983.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at $4:00~\mathrm{p.m.}$

Harvey S. Chase, President

Douglas B. Jensen Temporary Secretary Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Monday, November 7, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Temporary Secretary

Howard C. Barker (Admin. Assist.)

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 12, 1983 were read. Director Ketscher questioned the reading of the appointment of himself by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, after discussion the minutes were approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$ <u>61,802.32</u> were read, approved, and ordered paid at the motion of Director Beach and seconded by Director McFarlin.

The statement of Finances and the Cash Plan Report was presented.

The Status of Water was discussed. It was noted that the sale of 3,700 acre feet of water to Tulare Irrigation District had been approved by the Bureau of Reclamation for delivery during the months of October and November 1983. It was also noted Tulare I.D. had agreed to purchase the remaining water the District had left for delivery in February of 1984. The current water season will end on or before November 15, 1983 due to the Bureau of Reclamation drainage of the Friant-Kern Canal.

The Power Project status report was presented.

The upcoming ACWA Convention was discussed.

The Board was presented with a request from the Bureau of Reclamation to help with the testing of reporting and certification forms to be used in conjunction with the 1982 Reclamation Law. The Board took no action.

The relocation of the existing pipeline bordering the Matsumoto and Lake Farms property was discussed. The Board decided to table any action until the new manager takes office in December.

The board was notified that a sexual discrimination complaint had been filed against the District by Patricia Reilly. It was also noted that O.C.I.D. attorney, Stuart Chandler, felt the complaint had been filed in an untimely manner and would not be allowed. The Board tabled any comment until more information was received from our attorney.

The Board was informed that depositions had been taked and received by Dale L. R. Lucas and Patricia Reilly and were available for their reveiw.

The matter of Director and Officer benefits were discussed. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Director Beach and seconded by Director Orlopp that the District no longer provide Directors and Officers with Medical, Vision and Dental Insurance. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Monthly Maintenance Report was presented. The Board voiced concern about the rising cost of Maintenance in the individual improvement districts. The Administrative Assistant presented to the Board that the amount being charged for the use of vehicles on an hourly rate was not in line with the actual cost of maintaining the vehicles. The Board directed the Administrative Assistant to

adjust the charges for vehicles to the improvement districts to the actual costs of the of operating and maintaining the vehicles.

The Monthly Operational Summary (MOPSUM) was presented. Director Orlopp asked if the damage that had occured in I.D. 13 by a forklift owned by Pantoja Labor Service would be paid to the improvement district. The Administrative Assistant replied the money when received would be credited to I.D. 13.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Richard M. Moss, candidate for District Manager entered the meeting.

At 3:15 p.m. the Board of Directors called an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

At 3:30 p.m. the Board reconvened to the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Richard M. Moss was appointed Engineer-Manager of the Orange Cove Irrigation District effective December 5, 1983, at a monthly salary of \$3,000.00 plus entitlement to District benefits.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Marvey S. Chase, President

Howard C. Barker, acting Secretary

Minutes of Special Board Meeting of November 29, 1983. (see attached consent)

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President D. W. Ketscher, Vice President Stanley C. Beach Richard McFarlin James O. Orlopp (arrived at 3:10 p.m.)

Temporary Secretary

Howard C. Barker (Admin. Assist.)

The Board then called an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Upon reconvening back to the Special Board Meeting, Director Ketscher made a motion to offer Mrs. Patricia Reilly \$5,000.00 and an opportunity to submit her resignation prior to her termination. The motion was seconded by Director Beach. Discussion followed. Director Ketscher then amended his motion to say to make an offer to Mr. Reilly as per the attorney's recommendation in his letter of November 15, 1983. This amended motion was seconded by Director Beach and carried by a unanimous vote.

The President then called attorney Douglas Jensen to inform him of the decision.

The 5 North turnout, ACWA Convention and the Upper San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority were briefly discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Thanney S. Chase, President

Howard C. Barker, Acting Secretary

CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING

We, the undersigned, constituting the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, do hereby consent to a sepcial meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District to be held in the office of the District on November 29, 1983 at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Dated this 29th day of November 1983.

DIRECTORS

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, December 14, 1983:

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors

Harvey S. Chase, President Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Others

Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager Ray Thornley Richard T. Creamer

Absent:

Donald W. Ketscher

Directors Beach and McFarlin took their oath of office with Notary Public, Richard T. Creamer. Mr. Creamer then left the meeting.

It was moved by President Chase and seconded by Director Orlopp that Richard M. Moss be appointed Secretary, Assessor and Collector for the Orange Cove Irrigation District, effective immediately. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 7, 1983, and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 29, 1983, were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$\frac{56,109.66}{256,109.66}\$ were read, approved and ordered paid at the motion of Director McFarlin and seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried. Exception was made to checks #6609 (Commerce Clearing House, Inc.), #6616 (Blanning & Baker) and #6631 (Californing Journal) until Engineer-Manager Moss has had a chance to review the necessity of subscribing to these publications.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented.

The water supply was discussed. It was noted that the balance of the 1983 supply (5664 a.f.) had been sold to Tulare Irrigation District for delivery in February 1984. It was also noted that the Bureau's snow pillow readings for the San Joaquin watershed already showed 40% of the April 1st average. This would indicate that a full Class I supply should be available for the coming water season.

The status of the Power Projects was discussed.

The 1982 Reclamation Reform Act was discussed. The rules and regulations for this act have been published in the Federal Register. There are still several interpretations of the act as outlined in the final rules and regulations that are of considerable concern. It appears that the 160 acre limitation for individuals who do not elect to come under the discretionary provisions of the new law, will be applied westwide and not just within the irrigation district as has been the previous interpretation. It also appears that everyone farming more than 40 acres and receiving project water will be required to fill out a reporting form. The trial reporting forms had been sent to several of the District's landowners and one (1) had been returned. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to send a letter to the Bureau Regional Director regarding the questionable necessity of the reporting forms.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on a meeting attended by President Chase, Attorney Doug Jensen, Civil Engineer Dennis Keller and Moss in which the elimination of the over-the-bank facilities for Turnout 5-N were discussed. It was determined at this meeting that a permanent installation, incorporating Turnout 5-N into the new Hills Valley turnout could be made. This could be done using the existing pumping plant with little or no modification to the proposed Hills Valley turnout. This action would still need to be approved by the Bureau and a new permanent license issued.

Several personnel items were then discussed. An immediate review of the current edition of the personnel handbook is required. particular concern was the section concerning Personal Time Off. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to eliminate this section from the handbook and discuss with legal counsel the ramafications of not providing this benefit for 1983. A committee to administer the Orange Cove Irrigation District Deferred Compensation Program, made up of the Board of Directors, was established on a motion made by Director McFarlin and seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried. The Board meeting was recessed to allow the Deferred Compensation Committee to attend to the request of Howard Barker to make an emergency withdrawal of his monies from the program. A motion to allow the emergency withdrawal of an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 was made by Jim Orlopp and seconded by Richard McFarlin. Motion carried. The Board meeting reconvened. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to begin the search for a person to fill one of the vacant Repairman positions and to hire Elbert Cutshaw on a temporary basis for the maintenance season. The current status of Reilly vs O.C.I.D. was reviewed. Several of the employees had requested vacation paid. This had been approved by Engineer-Manager Moss with consideration given to the fact that the District is currently shorthanded. The forecast of a 50% increase in health insurance premiums has forced ACWA to look to other health insurance plans. The two plans proposed by ACWA were reviewed.

Distribution system maintenance was then reviewed. The major items scheduled for replacement this maintenance season are: steel pipe canal crossing Jensen Avenue for ID#1B the bypass, and pump discharge piping at Leo's (Mckinney) Corner in ID#6, the backup on the Somawang property in ID#10 and 300 feet of line in ID#3A along Wakefield Road. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to proceed with the work in ID#6, ID#10 and ID#3A, but to have further discussions with Don Ketscher on the timing for replacement of the ID#1B line.

Equipment needs were then reviewed. Two pickups and two portable pumps are needed. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to proceed with the purchase of a 3" discharge portable pump and a 2" discharge portable pump and to prepare specifications for bidding the two pickups.

Office equipment needs were then discussed. Fluorescent lighting in the office needs replaced, as parts for the old lighting are becoming hard to find. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to purchased 8 lights and use the parts out of the old lights throughout the rest of the office. The computer system requirements are still being investigated with the staffs efforts concentrated on finding suitable software to fit the Districts needs.

Ray Thornley left the meeting, commenting that he appreciated everything the District was doing.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and the Monthly Operational Summary (MOPSUM) report were presented.

The proposed 1984 water cost were reviewed. It appeared that the 1983 actual costs came in quite a bit less in several of the improvement districts. Engineer-Manager Moss proposed new 1984 rates which more closely reflected the 1983 actual rates with a 15% increase anticipated in power costs. Moss was directed to make the necessary changes.

The District line though the Bill Benson property was discussed. Bensen has recently planted orange trees over approximately 300 feet of District pipeline. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to discuss the problem with legal counsel to insure the Districts right of ingress and egress for maintenance of the line was not compromised.

Director Orlopp requested guidance from the District staff as to set back requirements and minimum cover requirements for a District line in ID#8 that crosses his property.

The Regional Water Users' Conference will be held this year on January 18, 19 and 20 1984 in San Jose. Registration needs to be made by December 27, 1983. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at $5:00~\mathrm{p.m.}$

Harvey S. Chase, President

Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager