Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, January 11, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

Harvey S. Chase, President
Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President
Stanley C. Beach
Richard D. McFarlin
James O. Orlopp
James C. Chandler,
Engineer-Manager-Secetary

Officers:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 16, and Special Meeting held on December 27, 1988 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$67,467.30 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Orlopp.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$827,000.00 earning interest at 8.47 percent. The year end maintenance cost for each Improvement District was then reviewed. The average cost per acre for 1988 was \$13.91 compared to \$10.94 for 1987. However, the main cost difference is attributed to replacing parts of systems in lieu of repair.

Under Other Items, Engineer-Manager Chandler asked the Board to hear a status report on the Silva property condemnation. On a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Orlopp, the Board unaminously approved hearing of the status report.

A Summary Judgement Hearing was completed December 23, 1988, in which Judge Thaxter ruled from the bench that Orange Cove Irrigation District was in compliance on making the written offer. However, he delayed ruling on the adequacy of the environmental assessment. A Continuation Hearing is scheduled for January 12, 1989 because Silva's Attorney had asked that the trial be delayed from February 6, 1989 so they would have an opportunity to review the Judge's final ruling on the Summary Judgement.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then gave a status report on the water supply contract renewal efforts. A review of the lawsuit by NRDC and the twelve (12) other environmental groups was made including the need for the District to entervene. Also, as of December 23, 1988, the Bureau of Reclamation determined that the District's right to renew amendment had to be executed prior to execution of the renewal contract. Unfortunately, the Bureau had taken the position that the amendment would also require a 60 day public review. This would mean that the amendment could not be signed by the Bureau until February 27, 1989, just one day prior to expiration of the existing contract.

A letter from Attorney Jeff Meith was then reviewed which discussed the formation of a landowners association. The landowners association would lend support to the District particularly in establishing damages that would be done if the environmental groups should prevail in the lawsuit. In turn, Attorney Jeff Meith would ask for a Summary Judge requiring the environmental group to post bonds in the amount of damages that would be caused to the present landowners.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reported on a trip to Washington D.C. by Richard Moss, Roger Robbb and Bill Luton to discuss the issues with the appropriate legislators. The group met with legislators and/or representatives that were well aware of the problem, some offering full support while others suggested that the laws would be changed to prevent automatic renewal of water supply contracts. It appears that a real political battle will be forthcoming regardless of what happens in the lawsuit.

A brief status report was given on the Kings River Siphon and the Fishwater Release Power Projects. It appeared the Kings River Siphon was on again for construction after the Bureau agreed to a phased contruction. This would permit the necessary work that have to be accomplished while the canal was dry even though the final design had not been completed and accepted by the Bureau. All other construction activity could be completed with water in the canal.

The four districts including Orange Cove that were interested in building the Fishwater Release project had continued meetings with the California Department of Fish and Game. The Fresno Regional Office had agreed to try to obtain funds to participate in one-half of the pipeline cost. If the shared proposal is achieved, the feasibility of the project looks very good.

The bill for ACWA dues was then presented for the amount of \$1,630.00 for 1989. On a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach and unanimously passed, the bill was approved and ordered paid.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then presented to the Board the need for a fax machine and a letter quality printer. After discussion, Director McFarlin offered a motion, seconded by Director Orlopp to purchased the equipment. Motion carried.

Engineer Garth Pecchenino was then asked to appear before the Board while an analysis to modify the delivery system for Improvement District 1B was reviewed. The calculations were then reviewed which showed an estimated cost of \$3,100.00 to raise two stands, gate controls and eliminate two pumps on the system. It was projected that the savings in power cost alone would pay for the modification in about four years. On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin, and unanimously passed, the moodifications to Improvement District IB was approved. Also presented under the Improvement District 1B system was a proposal to replace pump #6 on the system. The existing pump was a high speed motor which was having continual bearing problems. The cost for repairs during the last five years was \$1,774.00. Only one cost estimate had been received which was \$3,100.00 for complete replacement. It was felt that additional cost estimates should be received for review prior to a Board decission being made on this matter. The Board agreed to table this matter until the next Regular Board Meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Harvey S, Chase, President

Minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, January 25, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

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

Officers:

James C. Chandler, Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Engineer-Manager Chandler explained a conference call that had taken place with the Bureau of Reclamation, Orange Cove Irrigation District and the Friant Water Users Authority on January 23, 1989. The Bureau had made an analysis of what they considered changes in the renewal contract compared to the existing OCID contract. The Bureau felt the changes, with the most significant one being carryover storage, weakened their defense against the lawsuit by the environment groups. They suggested deleting those changes for the present time stating they could be reconsidered at a later date by agreeing to do an environmental assessment on those particular items. Basically, this takes the contract back to the existing contract except adding the requirements set forth by the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. After discussion, the Board agreed to the suggested changes on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

CONSENT TO EMERGENCY MEETING

the undersigned , constituting the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, do hereby consent to an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District to be held in the office of the District on January 25, 1989 at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of Water Supply Contract Renewal.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1989.

Directors

CONSENT TO EMERGENCY MEETING

the undersigned , constituting the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, do hereby consent to an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District to be held in the office of the District on January 25, 1989 at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of Water Supply Contract Renewal.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1989.

Directors Jac

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Friday, February 10, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

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

Officers:

James C. Chandler, Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 11, and Emergency Meeting held on January 25, 1989 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$204,508.36 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,082,000 earning interest at 8.70 percent. The water supply forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation declared a 100 percent Class I assuming normal precipitation for the rest of the season. The long range weather forecast prepared by Dr. Marvin Dodge was presented to the Board and a discussion was held regarding the 11.5 percent power cost increases effective January 1989.

The Water Supply Contract renewal was then reviewed. The draft Contract had been revised to delete items the Bureau considered changes from the original contract which mainly dealt with operational policy. A Resolution to support the contract as revised was offered by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board. (Resolution 2-89).

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reported on the penalty for the late filing of the 1987 landholder forms. The Bureau was insisting that the penalty be paid immediately to be in compliance with the existing Water Supply Contract in order not to interfere with the Contract renewal efforts. The District had offered to give the water back which appeared to be an option in the Bureau's reply letter to Attorney Jeff Meith. However, the Bureau would not agree to the return of the water. Director Beach then offered a motion to pay the penalty. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board.

A report was then given on the Bureau's audit of the 1988 landholder forms in the District. The audit was conducted January 31, and February 1, 1989. The review of the audit was given by the Bureau prior to leaving the District February 1st, which indicated that the landholder forms were in good condition for 1988.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reported on the Silva property condemnation. The court date was set for February 14th providing that a court room would be available. Two issues still have to be heard. The first was whether the District had the right to condemn property outside the District boundaries. The second issue would be the property value which would be heard before a jury. Two previous issues had been ruled in favor of the District. Those issues were that the District had complied with the offer procedure and that a proper environmental assessment had been prepared and filed according to the law.

A Letter Agreement with Baker, Peterson and Franklin was then presented to the Board for approval. The Agreement covered the work and cost to perform the 1988 audit for the District. Director Ketscher offered a motion to approve the Agreement. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board.

A brief status report on the Kings River Siphon Hydroelectric project was then given. The contractor was prepared to start phase I which would consist of putting in bulk heads in the area where the draft tubes would enter the Kings River Siphon and support footings for the turbine intake pipe. If these two items could be completed prior to high flows being introduced into the canal, the project should be completed and operational some time this year.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then presented a new cost proposal to replace pump #6 in Improvement District 1B. The proposal was \$885.00 plus tax from Tommy's Pump. Director Beach moved, seconded by Director Ketscher, that the pump be purchased and prepared for installation in case the existing pump failed again this year. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Tuesday, February 21, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:45 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers:

James C. Chandler, Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Engineer-Manager Chandler explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Bureau's letter and the attached February 2, 1989 revised draft of the Water Supply Contract. Even though the Board had reviewed and approved the same draft at the Regular Board Meeting February 10, 1989, the Bureau wanted the approval to occur after a formal transmittal had been made to the District. After review of the letter and the revised draft contract, Director Ketscher moved to approve the February 2, 1989 draft. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then discussed the financial hardship the Friant Water Users Authority was faced with due to the on going confrontations with efforts to renew the water contracts. The Friant Water Users Authority had asked for voluntary payment of second half dues to carry the Authority until a special assessment could be made. On a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director McFarlin, the advance of the second half dues was approved. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Marvey S. Chase, President

CONSENT TO EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

We, the undersigned, constituting the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, do hereby consent to a Emergency Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District to be held in the the office of the District on February 21, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of:

- Water Supply Contract Renewal Review for approval February 2, 1989 Draft.
- 2. Voluntary Payment of 2nd half dues to the Friant Water Users Authority.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1989.

Directors

CONSENT TO EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

We, the undersigned, constituting the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, do hereby consent to a Emergency Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District to be held in the the office of the District on February 21, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of:

- 1. Water Supply Contract Renewal Review for approval February 2, 1989 Draft.
- 2. Voluntary Payment of 2nd half dues to the Friant Water Users Authority.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1989.

Directors

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Friday, March 10, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers:

James C. Chandler Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, and Emergency Meeting held on February 21, 1989 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$92,266.70 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,667,000.00 earning interest at 8.74 percent. The water supply forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation reduced their declaration from 100 to 92 percent Class I water. Also discussed under the Monthly Report was "Conservation Notes" which were several articles in the Trout Unlimited magazine objecting to automatic renewal of Water Service Contracts. A letter from Attorney Jeff Meith was then reviewed which listed his firms new rate charges for legal services.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then asked the Board to hear a new item under "Other Items", regarding a Special Assessment for the Friant Water Users Authority. A motion to hear the item was made by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then discussed the Special Assessment in that it was needed to support the Contract renewal efforts both legally and politically. Director McFarlin moved to support the Special Assessment which was seconded by Director Orlopp and unanimously approved by the Board.

The status of the Water Supply Contract Renewal was then discussed. The Injunctive Hearing was continued until March 17, 1989 under Judge Karlton in Sacramento Federal Court. The Judge denied enjoining the Bureau and OCID from executing a contract based on compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). However, due to uncertainty in the Endanger Species Act (ESA) the Judge continued the Hearing until March 17th for more argument from both sides. Also discussed was a meeting scheduled by Attorney Meith to meet with the Districts he represents regarding the contract renewal issues.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then gave a status report on the Silva Property Condemnation. A hearing was scheduled for Monday, March 13, 1989 for immediate possession of the property. The next hearing for property valuation was scheduled April 24, 1989. A review of the Cove Avenue budget showed legal fees to date of \$41,298 with most of the charges for the condemnation action. This left only \$24,859 available to complete the project.

The Hydroelectric Power Projects were then discussed. The Friant Power Authority was still looking at restructuring the bonds due to the failure to meet debt service. A decision would be made on this matter in the near future.

Under the Kings River Siphon, construction was started but due to increase demands for water, the contractor was undable to install the bulk heads on the enter siphon walls. However, the contractor was starting the intake siphon footings which was critical to complete in a timely manner due to water levels being raised upstream of the check structure in the near future.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then discussed the request for financial support for an information program sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Water Committee. After discussion, the Board decided not to support this activity due to all of the other expenses associated with the contract renewal efforts.

Under Equipment Needs, Engineer-Manager Chandler discussed the needs to replace two pickups for Watertenders. Due to the urgent need to replace at least one because of transmission failure, proposals had been obtained from local dealers. A proposal from Hollowell Chevrolet was the cheapest for the specified vehicles at \$9,732.50 per vehicle. This was less than \$200 per vehicle over the State purchase price. After discussion, Director Ketscher moved to purchase both replacement vehicles from Hollowell Chevrolet. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed what several water purchasers had claimed was a misunderstanding as to the cut off date for water purchases. These individuals purchased their water on the 28th rather than the 27th even after a reminder notice had been mailed to all water users February 13, 1989. After discussion, the Board denied an extension beyond February 27, 1989.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then discussed a request from Albert Ramirez to continue water service to land that had been annexed to the City and was now being detached from the District. After discussion, the Board denied the request.

The Central Valley Project Water Association annual dues was then presented to the Board. After discussion, Director Beach moved to pay the dues. Director McFarlin seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

A request from Eddie Evans to waive the penalty charges for his late payment for his maintenance was discussed. After considering the matter, the Board denied his request.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Friday, April 7, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors: Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers: James C. Chandler

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Absent: Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 1989 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$70,497.52 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Orlopp.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,642,000.00 earning interest at 8.78 percent. The water supply forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation revised their declaration from 92 to 100 percent for Class I water.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then gave a brief status report on the Water Supply Contract renewal efforts. On March 17th, Judge Karlton denied the injunction against the Bureau and the District executing a renewal contract. However, the Judge ordered that the Contract contain the stipulation that the Contract is subject to the final ruling by the Court.

In related matter, the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) had accepted the referral from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to advise President Bush as to the needs for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regarding the renewal matter. CEQ agreed to hold two Hearings, one in Washington D.C., April 13th, and one in Fresno, April 17th. It was felt that the contractors needed to be well represented at the Washington D.C. Hearing and especially Orange Cove since it was the contract of immediate concern. Proposed representation was Jason Peltier, CVPWA; Dick Moss, FWUA; Jeff Meith, Harvey Bailey and Jim Chandler representing the District and ownership with the District. Mr. Bailey was substituted for Director Ketscher at the last minute because of schedule conflicts on Director Ketscher's part.

Under Hydroelectric Power Projects, a status report was given on the construction activities on the Kings River Siphon. Then, the Fishwater Release Project was discussed. Of particular concern was a new concept in which the project might be built. This would involve a joint participation between the Districts and California Fish and Game to build the pipeline from the power plant to the Fish Hatchery. In turn, the Developer would share net revenue from the project at 60 percent to the Districts and 40 percent to himself rather than vice versa as originally proposed. Under this concept, the Developer would not have to build the pipeline, therefore, lowering his total capital outlay and making the project more attractive to the participating Districts. The Districts would earn between 12 percent on their investment, first year, to 33 percent in year 10. Following this concept, the maximum capital outlay would be about \$125,000 per District or \$500,000 total for the four Districts if Fish and Game made no contribution to the project. However, Fish and Game have requested funds to contribute 50 percent of the pipeline cost which would further improve the earning potential to the Districts.

Engineer-Manager Chandler also asked that the Board consider a third party consultant on this matter because of the complexities associated with the water being delivered to the Fish Hatchery. The maximum fee for consultation at this time would be set at \$6,000 which would be split equally between the four Districts. Director Beach moved that the concept of the Districts participation in the pipeline be approved along with the use of an independent consultant not to exceed the \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board.

A brief report was then given on the Silva Property Condemnation. Trial was not started March 13th as scheduled due to the unavailability of a court room. The trial was rescheduled for April 24, 1989.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then asked the Board to consider fencing Turnout #8 because of reoccurring vandalism. Ron Schneider, Operations Superintendent, had asked for bids to install a six foot chain link fence and gates. One bid of three requested was received for the amount of \$1,277.00. On a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach, the installation of the chain link fence was approved. Motion carried.

A request by Vulcan Ranch to use system l-North to deliver water to land in Tri-Valley Water District was then discussed. After discussion, the Board agreed to let Vulcan Ranch deliver water through the system under the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Pay a use fee of \$10.00 per acre feet.
- 2. Pay their proportionate share of the pumping charge.
- Their capacity demands are second right to those of Improvement District 1-North landowners.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Friday, April 14,1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. with the following Directors, Officers and District personnel present:

Directors:

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice-President

Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

ABSENT:

Harvey S. Chase, President Stanley C. Beach

James C. Chandler, Engineer-Manager-

Secretary

District Personnel: Howard C. Barker, Administrative Assistant

Howard C. Barker informed the Board that he had been in contact with James C. Chandler, Engineer-Manager-Secretary, who is in Washington, D.C., attending the Council on Environment Quality Hearings (CEQ) and this meeting had been called to approve the amending of the current water service contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to insure the Right of Renewal. Engineer-Manager Chandler also stated that since he was not available to conduct the meeting and sign the appropriate documents, the Board should appoint the Administrative Assistant, Howard C. Barker, Assistant-Secretary to the Board of Directors to act in the absence of the Secretary.

On a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Orlopp, a resolution was offered to appoint Howard C. Barker Assistant-Secretary to the Board of Directors. Motion carried. (See resolution 3-89)

On a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Orlopp a resolution was offered to amend the current water service contract to include language to insure the Right of Renewal and authorizes the Vice-President and Assistant-Secretary to sign the amended contract for and on behalf of the District. Motion carried. (See contract for and on behalf of the District. resolution 4-89)

With no further business to discuss, the Special Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30 A.M..

W. Ketscher, Vice-President

Howard C. Barker, Assistant-Secretary Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Friday, April 28, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:45 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

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

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers:

James C. Chandler,

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Others:

Mrs. Alice Chase

Mrs. Priscilla Ketscher Ms. Carole Ketscher Mr. Wallace Reed

Engineer-Manager Chandler explained that the purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to consider for approval the Renewal Water Supply Contract approved by Secretary of Interior, Manuel Lujan. The Contract had been revised slightly since the last time the Board had seen it.

The changes were addressed in the Bureau's transmittal letter dated April 17, 1989. The changes included the stipulation ordered by Federal Court in NRDC vs. Houston, and, an acknowledgment that the quantity of irrigation water is subject to the Water Rights Permit appropriated by the State of California.

After discussion of the issues, Director Ketscher offered a Resolution (Resolution #5-89) to approve the Contract and authorize the President and Secretary to sign the Contract. The Resolution was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board. Photographs were taken of the occasion.

With no further business to discuss, the Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

S WMAN(Chase, President

C. Chandler, Secretary

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 April 28, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of Water Supply Contract Renewal.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1989

Directors

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 April 28, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of Water Supply Contract Renewal.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1989,

Directors_

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, May 10, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:40 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors: Ha

Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp James C. Chandler

Officers: James C. Chandl

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 7, and Special Meetings held April 14, and April 28, 1989, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$119,973.88 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Ketscher.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,602,000.00 earning interest at 8.96 percent. The water supply forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation revised their declaration from 100 to 98 percent for Class I water.

Under "Public Input", Mr. Ralph Simon and Mr. Kendal Miller appeared before the Board to discuss pipeline leakage problems in Improvement District 9 along Huntsman Avenue. Mr. Simon recommended replacing about 300 feet of pipe in lieu of repairs because of the continual problems. The Board agreed that District staff should evaluate the problem and prepare a cost estimate to replace the worst section of the pipeline.

Mr. Keith Harrison then appeared before the Board to discuss a similar problem in Improvement District 12. His property is adjacent to Improvement District 12 Canal Turnout and is bordered on two sides by 24 inch pipelines. Mr. Harrison said he was releveling his property and wanted the District to look at upgrading the pipeline adjacent to his property because of the excess leakage of water running onto the neighbors property. Engineer-Manager Chandler then explained the efforts being made to upgrade Improvement District 12 and other systems and suggested that Mr. Harrison join the Advisory Committee and solicit the necessary local support to make the improvements.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then gave a status report of the Renewal Contract. Although, the District had approved and executed the Contract April 28, 1989, the Bureau had not executed the Contract on behalf of the Federal Government. The Bureau was reviewing the District's transmittal letter presenting the District's interpretation of the Bureau's cover letter. Attorney Jeff Meith had been asked to discuss the issue with the Bureau's Solicitor since it appeared they were going to write another letter. After the discussion, Attorney Jeff Meith reported he thought he satisfied the Bureau's concerns and that the Contract would be signed and returned to the District without further delays. Also, it was reported that the Office of the Treasurer, Districts Securities Division, had approved the Renewal Contract.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reported that the District's O & M Deficit for the CVP for 1988 was \$150,023.18. The total interest bearing deficit for the District including 1986 @ \$172,503.71 and 1987 @ \$106,734.00 is \$329,260.89. Prior to 1986, the total accumulated O & M Deficit was \$150,000 which is non interest bearing.

A report was then given on a meeting with the Bureau regarding the 1987 delinquent landholder forms. Several Districts, including Orange Cove, met with the Acting Regional Director, Larry Hanock, his staff and Joe Hall from the Denver office. Mr. Hall was very interested in hearing the position of each District and how the reoccurrence of this problem could be prevented in the future. After considerable discussion on the matter, Mr. Hall said he would refer the matter to the Bureau's Permanent Management Team to review the matter and make recommendations.

Engineer-Manager Chandler gave a report on the Cove Avenue Project. First, the Eminent Domain action was reviewed. There were two issues before the Court on this matter. One, the right to take land outside the District Boundaries and the second, the value of the land being taken. After four days of trial, Judge Creed ruled that the District proved the necessity to take the land and thereby had the right to take the property under Eminent Domain action. After two additional days of trial on the value of the property, the Judge elected to review the testimony and give a ruling within ten days.

The Cove Avenue Budget was then reviewed. At this time, there was over an \$11,000 budget deficit. Over \$63,000 had been spent in legal fees which almost all went toward the condemnation of the Silva property.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then discussed the need to complete the project in order for it to function as intended. The reservoir would need to be constructed and the connecting pipeline installed. The material for the pipeline had been purchased and is stored in the District yard. In addition, the old concrete lateral going west to Wakefield Avenue needed to be replaced to eliminate the excess maintenance cost. After discussion, it was agreed by the Board that the District needed to have all costs, including the final land settlement cost, prior to deciding how to proceed.

A Notice from Fresno County Clerk regarding District elections was then reviewed. Harvey Chase and James Orlopp positions would be up for election in November. After discussion, Director Beach offered a Resolution to consolidate the elections with Fresno County. the motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board. (Resolution 7-89).

Under Hydroelectric Power Projects, a site tour and report was given on the Kings River Siphon Project this A.M. This project is about 50% completed on concrete placement for the draft tubes. Phase II design drawings have not been completed but needs to be finished and submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation very soon to prevent delays in construction.

The agreements for the Fishwater Release Project had final approval from Attorney Jeff Meith and would come before the Friant Power Authority Board for approval at their next meeting, May 12, 1989.

A letter from the Kings County Farm Bureau was then reviewed which suggested that a study be conducted as to the impact of losing water to agriculture in the Valley. The letter requested that Ag interest work closely together to support such an effort. After discussion, the Board agreed to support the effort.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, May 24, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach James O. Orlopp

Officers:

James C. Chandler,

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Absent:

Richard D. McFarlin

Engineer-Manager Chandler explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider replacing sections of pipelines in lieu of repairs for two improvement districts.

The first is the old concrete pipeline along Wakefield Avenue in I.D. 3A. The pipeline is in heavy clay soil and is continually having to be repaired. The estimated cost to repair this section is \$7,600 which would add a little over \$10 per acre to the maintenance cost for 1989. After discussing the problem, Director Ketscher offered a motion to replace this section which consisted of 720 feet of 10 inch pipe. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

The other problem was in I.D. 11A. Approximately 1,100 feet of pipeline had been replace with low head plastic pipe several years ago which collapsed and was restricting flow to two growers. The growers, Mr. Butler and Mr. Riddle, offered to pay one-half of the cost to replace this section of pipe if the remaining cost was picked up by the Improvement District. Also, both individuals requested that they receive a credit for their share of the capital cost toward the total cost to upgrade the 11A system if and when it occurs. Director ketscher offered a motion to replace the pipeline and accept the credit concept. The motion was accepted by Director Orlopp and unanimously approved by the Board. This replacement would add slightly over \$10 per acre to the I.D. 11A maintenance cost.

With no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Marvey S. Chase, President

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 May 24, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of pipeline replacement in Improvement Districts 3A and 11A.

Dated this 24th day of May, 1989.

Directors dan

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 May 24, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of pipeline replacement in Improvement Districts 3A and 11A.

Dated this 24th day of May, 1989.

Directors Jan

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday,

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

Harvey S. Chase, President Donald W. Ketscher, Vice-President

Stanley C. Beach James O. Orlopp

Officers: James C. Chandler

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Others: George Moranda

Kendall Miller

Absent: Richard D. McFarlin

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 1989, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$378,415.00 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Ketscher.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,517,000 earning interest at 9.13percent. The Water Supply Forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation retained their declaration of 98 percent of Class I water. A packet of information regarding water issues was furnished to the Board Members for their review separate from the Board Meeting.

Under "Other Items", Engineer-Manager Chandler requested the Board hear a matter not listed on the Agenda. Director that the Board hear a matter not listed on the Agenda. Director Orlopp offered a motion to hear the new item. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

The new item was a letter requesting support for Mr. H. Warren Buckner as Vice-President of ACWA. After reviewing the letter and biographical data for Mr. Buckner, Director Ketscher moved that the District support this individual. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Kyle Stephenson, Baker, Peterson & Franklin, then appeared before the Board and reviewed the 1988 Audit Report. Mr. Stephenson reported that no discrepancies were found by the Audit. Mr. Stephenson also reported that the District's reserves had received about the same growth as had occurred over the last several years.

report was then given on the Kings River Siphon Hydroelectric Project. Construction was nearing completion for Phase I. The plans and specifications were not completed Phase II so a delay in construction was inevitable.

A P.G. & E. Parallel Operations Agreement was then presented This Agreement had been sent to the Developer but to the Board. appeared to require execution by the District since the original P. G. & E. contract is with the District. This agreement needed legal review prior to execution. Director Orlopp offered a motion to approve the agreement contingent upon Counsel review and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed a letter from the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the reimbursable cost for the Kings River Siphon Project. The letter suggested raising the reimbursable limits from \$20,000 to \$50,000 and requested a payment of \$25,000 since the expenses had already reached \$37,424.38. These costs are reimbursed by the Developer, therefore, Director Ketscher offered a motion to revise the Letter of Agreement and make the \$25,000 payment. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed a flooding problem on the 11BD system. There were several upset landowners along the ditch because of recent flooding. Since the District delivers water through the ditch, there were threats of lawsuits against the District. This matter had been discussed with Legal Counsel, it was Counsel's recommendation that the District stop using the ditch because the of potential liability. Director Ketscher offered a motion to stop water deliveries in the ditch after the 1989 water season. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board directed Engineer-Manager Chandler to notify the landowners of the decision and to hold a meeting to discuss the costs to make the necessary improvements. The Board also offered to finance the improvements.

The cost estimate to replace a portion of pipeline along Huntsman Avenue was then reviewed. The estimated cost was \$8,7000.00 to replace 300 feet of pipe. Engineer-Manager Chandler informed the Board that the leaks had been sealed and the replacement of only 300 feet would not solve the problem. The Board elected not to replace the 300 feet of pipeline at this time.

Under "Personnel", Engineer-Manager Chandler reviewed the cost-of-living, the cost-of-living raise given by other Districts and recommended a 4 percent cost-of-living raise for all employees except the Operations Superintendent and the Manager. After discussion, Director Orlopp offered a motion for a 4 percent cost-of-living raise. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then discussed the plan to hire a student engineer for the summer to pick up some of the work that Garth Pecchenino was doing, and then asked that an Executive Session be called to discuss other personnel matters. The Executive Session was called at 3:45 P.M.

The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 4:05 and the sale of used vehicles was then discussed. Engineer-Manager Chandler recommended the sale of units 6, and the old units 7 & 8. The Board concurred with the recommendation.

The City Tax imposed on District pumps within the City limits was then discussed. The pumps at Turnout #6 would be charged the maximum amount of \$500 per year. A letter was sent to the City requesting an exemption from the tax. The pumps not only serve land that is totally outside the City limits, but is located on Federal land.

A request to support the Agricultural Water Committee's Information Program was brought before the Board again. This matter was discussed with the Board at their regular meeting in March but was not recommended at that time because of financial support needed for the Districts Water Supply Contract renewal. However, after attending the Agricultural Water Committee meeting in May and seeing the dynamic effort being put forth to change the image of agriculture in California, it appeared to be a very valid program. Director Ketscher offered a motion to support the program for one year to see if the program is successful. Director Beach seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board. The cost of the program was assessed at \$0.10 per acre or \$2,800 for the District.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at $4:20\ P.M.$

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday,

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

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

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers: James C. Chandler

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Others: Neal Johnson

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 14, 1989, were approved as mailed with two corrections on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher. Motion carried. Director Orlopp stated that his motion to pay the bills included an exception to pay the Baker, Manock & Jensen Bill. Also a typographical error existed in the cost to replace 300 feet of pipeline along Huntsman Avenue.

Bills in the amount of \$176,825.37 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded Director Ketscher.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,402,000 earning interest at 9.15percent. The Water Supply Forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation retained their declaration of 98 percent of Class I water even though their calculations indicated over 100 percent.

Under "Public Input", Mr. Neal Johnson appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns over Improvement District lAE not being improved or taking the opportunity to connect to the Cove Avenue Reservoir. Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to run a pipeline from the Cove Avenue Reservoir to his property in Improvement District 1AE and pay the appropriate cost to the Improvement District 3A landowners for the use of that facility. He further stated that he would then want his land removed from Improvement District lAE to eliminate the Improvement District lAE maintenance expense. The Board then directed Engineer-Manager Chandler to discuss this matter with legal counsel to see if either of these items could be done.

A report was then given on the Water Supply Contract issue. The Council on Environmental Quality had issued their recommendations in regards to doing Environmental Assessments for contract renewal. However, only Chairman, A. Alan Hill, had signed the recommendation and then resigned as of July 1, 1989. The only other person on the committee. Ms. Jacqueline Schafer. did not signed the report and elected to write her position separate from Chairman Hill. Her position was that the issues are very complex, but the Bureau had reviewed and made the proper decision to renew the Contracts without detailed Environmental Assessments studies.

Engineer-Manager Chandler also reported that in a recent hearing before Judge Karlton for a change of venue for the NRDC vs Friant Contractors was denied. Therefore, the lawsuit will continue in Sacramento.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed the latest call for funds by the Friant Water Users Authority. The call for an additional \$100,000 was made to cover ongoing expenses to preserve the Friant water supply for the current contractors. The Districts share of the special call is \$3,644.22. Director Ketscher offered a motion to pay the additional expense. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then gave a brief status report on the Kings River Siphon and the Fishwater Release Power Projects. Construction on the Kings River Siphon is shut down. Phase I was completed and the plans and specifications have not been completed for Phase II. It is unknown at this time when Phase II will begin.

On the Fishwater Release Project, the License and Operating Agreement had been executed with the Developer. The Tri-Party Agreement between Friant Power Authority, California Fish and Game and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation had been completed and reviewed and approved by Attorney Meith. Fish and Game was making their final review before execution of the Agreement.

A report was then given on the Cove Avenue Reservoir. Judge Creede has not made his final ruling on land valuation. However, since the District had been given the right of possession as of June 21, 1989, we had now started fencing the site in preparation for construction.

Health Insurance coverage and cost was then discussed. District Staff had conducted a new survey for health insurance coverage. The rates for Blue Cross through ACWA for comparable coverage were superior to our existing plan. A savings of \$1,032 could be made by switching to the ACWA plan. Director McFarlin offered a motion to switch to the ACWA plan. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed letters from Mr. E.E. Konvalin and Mr. Johnny Barton claiming damages against the District. Mr. Konvalin had previously claimed the same damages against the District for which he ruptured a District pipeline causing sediments to wash into his reservoir. The claim was denied previously and there were no new reasons for paying the claim at this time. The Board also directed Engineer-Manager Chandler to look into filing a claim against Mr. Konvalin in Small Claims Court for water theft since the District Attorney failed to prosecute on this matter.

The claim from Mr. Johnny Barton alleged damage to a car door lock when his car was removed from District right-of-way to repair a ruptured pipeline. He also requested that a road base material be replaced on the disturbed area or payment made by the District for such work. Engineer-Manager Chandler informed the Board that he would meet with Mr. Barton on these matters and correct any damages caused by the District.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reminded the Board that those members whose terms were up would be able to pick up and complete their Declaration for Candidacy papers between July 17 and August 11, 1989.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at $4:00\ P.M.$

Blurry S. Warl Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, August 9, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

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

Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp James C. Chandler

Officers:

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 12, 1989, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$398,168.89 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,117,000 earning interest at 9.05 percent. The Water Supply Forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation retained their declaration of 98 percent of Class I water even though their calculations indicated over 100 percent. This was partially done in an attempt to avoid a prorate due to the low water level in Millerton Lake.

Under Reclamation Issues, Engineer-Manager Chandler reviewed the interest bearing O & M deficit charged to the District since October 1985. After review and discussion, Director Ketscher offered a motion to pay off the 1986 deficit. The motion was seconded by Director Orlopp and unanimously approved by the Board.

The preliminary 1990 Water Rate schedule was then reviewed. The projected rate for Orange Cove was \$16.16. This would be the cost the District would have to budget for since this would be the only projected rate received prior to setting the District budget.

A discussion was then held regarding land acquisition and reservoir construction for the Cove Avenue Project. The final ruling was issued by Judge Creede for the condemnation of the Silva Property. The final ruling valued the property at \$3,500 per acre plus \$2,000 for severance damages for a total of \$13,025.

Also, construction of the reservoir was started by watering the soils in place and removal of the topsoil by Mr. Ralph Roberts, owner/operator contractor for construction of the reservoir.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed Counsel's opinion to Mr. Neal Johnson request to annex land to the Improvement District 3A system and detach from Improvement District lAE. It was Counsel's opinion that this could be done but would require at least two-thirds support vote from the landowners in Improvement District lAE for the detachment. Mr. Johnson was to be informed of Counsel's opinion on this matter.

A proposal letter from Counsel Meith was then reviewed. The letter was offered at the request of the Board to look into using the Minasian Firm for General Counsel for the District. After review and discussion of the matter, Director Beach offered a motion to switch to the Minasian Firm for General Counsel. The motion was seconded by Director Orlopp and unanimously approved by the Board.

A discussion was then held regarding annexation and detachment of District land. Some land such as that owned by Don Adams had no other water service than that provided by the District. Mr. Adams did not expect his land to develop in the near future and requested that his land not be detached from the District. Mr. Adam's land has been in the City limits since the Orange Cove Irrigation District formation. The Board agreed to leave this decision with the landowner provided the property was not being developed as urban property.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed a proposed Amendment to the Water Use Agreement with the City of Orange Cove. The primary purpose of the Amendment was for the City through its FmHA grant to provide a connection fee to the District in the amount of \$195,000. This fee would provide for the installation of a pipeline to connect to Improvement Districts 7 and 8. Director McFarlin offered a motion to accept the Amendment. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

A status report was then given on the Kings River Siphon and the Fishwater Release Hydroelectric Projects. The second phase drawing for the King River Siphon is nearing completion. The drawing would then be submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation and others prior to awarding a contract for this phase.

Regarding the Fishwater Release Project, the Developer is moving ahead with designs although the Tri-Party Agreement has not been approved and executed by California Department of Fish and Game. The specification for the turbine has been finalized but the order would not be placed until a commitment is made by California Department of Fish and Game on the Tri-Party Agreement.

Engineer-Manager then discussed the upcoming National Water Association's Annual Conference and recommended attendance by representatives of the District. After discussion, Director Orlopp offered a motion to have President Chase and Manager Chandler attend the Conference. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Water Delivery Control Workshop to be held at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo was then discussed. The Workshop centers around a demonstration project constructed on the Cal Poly Campus that provides more flexible deliveries to water users. After discussion, all members of the Board indicated an interest in attending and directed Engineer-Manager Chandler to make the arrangements.

An Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for the Friant Water Users Authority was then discussed. The Amendment was to permit Hills Valley Irrigation District to become a member of the Authority. Director McFarlin offered a motion to approve the Amendment. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

The 1990 draft budget was then handed out and briefly reviewed in preparation to finalize at the September Board Meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at $4:50\ P.M.$

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Friday, September 8, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. with the following Directors and Officers present;

Directors:

Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers: James C. Chandler

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Absent:

Stanley C, Beach

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 1989 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin.

Bills in the amount of \$128,320.92 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded be Director Ketscher.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$1,007,000 earning interest at 8.95 percent. The Water Supply Forecast was then reviewed. The Bureau of Reclamation retained their declaration of 98 percent of class I water for the remainder of this Water Year. A review of the District's water use showed 26,357 acre feet used with 12,121 acre feet remaining for use. The remaining supply looks very good to finish this irrigation season.

Also under the Monthly Report, a discussion was held regarding the Millerton Lake operations during August. Some districts were permitted to take their full 98 percent supply by August 15th when only 82.5 percent was available at Millerton. This could lower Millerton very close to minimum storage and forced delivery through the Friant Power Authority turbines. Members of the Power Authority elected to use a two day rolling delay to avoid possible damage to the Friant Power Authority turbines. This all occurred after various meetings were held to discuss the potential Millerton prorate problem and all districts agreeing to keep a reserve in the reservoir to avoid the prorate. Unfortunately, a problem that apparently was caused by the Bureau suddenly became a problem for the members of the Friant Power Authority. Engineer-Manager Chandler informed the Board of his intentions to request a review of the Operations Policy for Millerton Lake in an attempt to avoid the reoccurrence of this problem.

A crop damage report was then reviewed. Someone had opened a gate valve on a pipeline that was not in use, the pipeline ruptured flooding about 2,800 trays of raisins. The flooding occurred September 7th, and although not yet received, a substantial claim is expected for the damages.

The Regular Meeting was recessed at 9:30 A.M. and the Board reconvened as the Board of Equalization. In that no person elected to appear before the Board of Equalization, the Board accepted the Assessor's Book as prepared on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin, Motion carried,

The Hearing of the Board of Equalization was then adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened. The Budget was then reviewed and after discussion the Water Delivery Charge and the Standby Charge were left the same as 1989 at \$3.25 per acre foot and \$2.25 per acre respectively. Director Orlopp offered a motion to approve the Budget. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board.

Director McFarlin offered a resolution fixing the amount and rate of the 1990 Assessment. The resolution was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board. (See Resolution 11-89).

Director Ketscher then offered a resolution setting the 1990 Standby Charge. The resolution was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board. (See Resolution 12-89).

A status report was then given on the Kings River Siphon and the Fishwater Release Hydroelectric projects. The Kings River Siphon project is waiting for Bureau of Reclamation approval. Construction on Phase II could begin almost immediately when the Bureau approves the drawings and specifications. A written status report by Energy Source Development was then reviewed for the Fishwater Release Project.

A request to support the "California Water Awareness Campaign" was then reviewed. After discussion, Director Orlopp offered a motion to support the program. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board.

A letter from the "Friends of Agricultural Extension" was then reviewed. The letter was asking for financial support for the Extension programs. After discussion, the Board elected to do nothing on the request at this time.

Bids were then opened for the used vehicles being sold. After review of bids, Director Ketscher offered a motion to accept the high bids for the pickups and hold the sedan open for bids until the next Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Orlopp and unanimously approved by the Board.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Harvey S. Chase, Bresident

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, October 11, 1989.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

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

James O. Orlopp

Officers:

James C. Chandler Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 1989 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach.

Bills in the amount of \$94,366.31 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$617,000.00 earning interest at 8.89 percent. A review of the District's water use showed 31,409 acre feet used with 7,069 acre feet remaining for use. The remaining supply looks very good to finish this irrigation season.

Also under the monthly report, a discussion was held regarding a Small Claims suit filed against the District by Earl Konvalin. Mr. Konvalin was claiming damages for sediments that washed into his reservoir resulting from the rupture he caused to the 1 North pipeline. The District in turn filed a Cross Complaint for an illegal pipe connection and water theft. The case is scheduled for October 16th, 9:30 A.M. in Reedley.

Under Annexation and Detachment, Engineer-Manager Chandler reviewed the Initial Environmental Study associated with the District's proposed reorganization. After review and discussion, Director Orlopp offered a motion to approve the Initial Study. Director Beach seconded the motion which was approved by majority vote. Directors Chase and Ketscher abstained from voting.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then gave a status report on the Kings River Siphon and the Fishwater Release Hydroelectric Project. On the Kings River Siphon, bids were delayed a week because the electrical drawing had not gotten to subcontractors in time to prepare bids. Also, the District had received design review comments form the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and had responded to their comments.

Under the Fishwater Release Project, a preliminary design review meeting was held October 5th with representatives of FPA participants, USBR and Fish and Game. The design plans were to totally duplicate the existing system with a new facility. This would make the conversion from the old system to the new facility with the turbine and generator very easy without flow interruption to the Fish Hatchery.

Activities with the City of Orange Cove were then reviewed. The City had held a special meeting to consider alternatives for realigning the South Avenue conveyance facility that currently lies with the City's annexed land. The relocation of this facility was to be paid for by the owners of the land annexed to the City. However, the ownership had changed and the only current owner to appear before the City Council objected to paying any cost for the relocation. Another meeting will be held in the near future in an attempt to resolve this matter.

Under a similar issue, the City requested the District to review and prepare a cost estimate to relocated a portion of the 5B System. The City has applied to LAFCO to annex 20 acres adjacent to Anchor and Sumner. The City proposed that a relocation fee be paid directly to the District at the time the new land is annexed to the City to avoid the problems that have occurred on the South Avenue realignment. The District has also objected to any further annexation to the City until the South Avenue realignment is completed since this was a condition of annexation by LAFCO.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then gave a status report on the NRDC vs. Houston lawsuit. The NRDC group was preparing to have biologists and others testify on the habitat changes that have occurred on the San Joaquin River as a result of the Friant diversions. The Districts in turn had to be prepared to counter those arguments if Judge Karlton permitted this type of testimony from NRDC. However, the Districts' proposal was to fight the case on the merits of the law.

Bids were then opened for sale of the 1983 Mercury sedan. Three bids were received with the high bid being \$2,575. Director Ketscher offered a motion to accept the high bid. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed a proposed second amendment to the City of Orange Cove/OCID Water Use Agreement. After review and discussion, Director Ketscher offered a motion to accept the Amendment subject to approval by legal Counsel. The motion was seconded by Director Orlopp and unanimously approved by the Board.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M..

Mary S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, October 18,

The Meeting was called to order at 1:55 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

> Directors: Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice-President

Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officer: James C. Chandler

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Others: William H. Spruance, Counsel

Michael V. Sexton, Counsel

Absent: Stanley C. Beach

Counsel Michael Sexton reviewed the ongoing activities of the NRDC vs. Houston lawsuit including the schedules for depositions and Summary Judgement. Counsel Sexton also related to the Board the weak position the Departments of Justice and Interior taking on this matter. However, Counsel Sexton was hopeful that his recent trip to Washington D.C. with FWUA Manager Richard Moss was successful in strengthening their position. Counsel Sexton then reported to the Board on the various meetings that were held Washington regarding contract renewal of other Contractors.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed the reconasiance studies that were done on the District facilities. The studies an improvement district basis and then ranked conducted on order of rehabilitation need based on the benefit to cost ratio of making the improvements. Also, alternatives were discussed regarding the financial program so legal counsel could give the District guidance in this matter. Of particular concern whether the Board could make the decision to start a rehabilitation program or whether the decision rest with two-thirds vote of the landowners within each improvement district. It was agreed that additional information should be furnished Counsel in order for Counsel to make recommendations to the Board as to their options.

with no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M..

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Harvey S. Chase, President

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 October 18, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of:

- 1. Update on NRDC vs. Houston Lawsuit and related political activities.
- 2. Discussion regarding the need to implement a system rehabilitation program and related matters.

Dated this 18th day of October, 1989.

DIRECTORS

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 October 18, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of:

- 1. Update on NRDC vs. Houston Lawsuit and related political activities.
- 2. Discussion regarding the need to implement a system rehabilitation program and related matters.

Dated this 18th day of October, 1989.

DIRECTORS

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

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

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

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers:

James C. Chandler Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 1989 and Special Meeting held on October 18, 1989 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach.

Bills in the amount of \$79,253.33 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$502,000.00 earning interest at 8.77 percent. A review of the District's water use showed 34,835 acre feet used with 3,743 acre feet remaining for use. The remaining supply looks very good to finish this irrigation season.

Various other issues were then reviewed as part of the Monthly Report. The water shut off date was discussed and agreed to continue deliveries as long as needs exist and water was continue deliveries as long as needs exist and water was available for use. Several Contract Renewal Issues were also reported on including the status of the NRDC vs. Houston lawsuit, status of the other district's renewal efforts and the 60 Minutes television report on the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

A report was then given on the NWRA Conference and the meetings held with Undersecretary John Sayre, Commissioner Underwood (waiting confirmation) and Bureau staff members. A report was then given on the California Farm Water Coalition and its efforts to present the positive aspects of agricultural water use. Also a report was given on the Small Claims Court hearing of Konvalin vs. OCID.

Under District Reorganization, the Notice of Determination file a Negative Declaration was discussed and recommended for Board approval. Director Ketscher offered a motion to approve the Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board. Director Orlopp then offered a resolution to submit the proposed reorganization to Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board. (Resolution No. 13-89).

Reclamation Issues were then discussed. The Reclamation had furnished the District its final cost analysis for 1990 water. After discussion, the Board agreed to set the base price for 1990 water at \$17.00 per acre foot. The 1987 landholding form problem was then discussed. The Bureau had issued a written denial of OCID's claim to refund the penalty money. Therefore the District now has six months to file suit in order to reclaim the penalty money. However, some hope was gained at the NWRA Conference that this matter might be resolved without litigation. After further discussion, the Board decided to table this item until a later meeting.

Discussion was then held on the Cove Avenue Project. An update on the budget was presented including the amount needed to complete the reservoir and the connecting pipeline. Also, the cost to acquire the reservoir site was discussed. It was recommended that a portion of the cost to acquire the reservoir property be paid from one of the general funds since it was a precedent setting issue. After discussion, the Board directed Engineer-Manager Chandler to transfer \$68,000 from the Unobligated Special Project Fund to the Cove Avenue Project Budget.

A brief status report was then given on the Kings River Siphon and the Fishwater Release Projects. The Kings River Siphon was still waiting negotiations with a contractor to construct Phase II. The Developer was uncertain as to when construction would resume on this project. The Fishwater Release Project was progressing through the design stages with an anticipated construction start in January 1990.

The ACWA dues for 1990 was then presented to the Board. After discussion, Director Ketscher offered a motion to pay the dues. The motion was seconded by Director McFarlin and unanimously approved by the Board.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 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, December 13, 1989.

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

Directors:

Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

Officers:

James C. Chandler Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 8, 1989 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach.

Bills in the amount of \$91,234.08 were read, approved and ordered paid on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin.

The Monthly Report was then discussed. Cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund is \$472,000.00 earning interest at 8.73 percent. A review of the District's water use showed 37,338 acre feet used for the irrigation season. 1,055 acre feet was transferred to Lindmore Irrigation District with the right to recall reserved by OCID.

Various other issues were then reported and discussed. The Small Claims judgement against Konvalin was appealed to Superior Court. After discussion, the Board elected to use the District's General Counsel to defend the appeal. Also reported on were premium comparisons between JPIA and commercial insurance rates, Congressman Pashayan's meetings on Reclamation Law, the Contract Renewal litigation and the electrical power rate projections for the next two years.

Under "Other Items", Director McFarlin offered a motion to hear a discussion regarding the Alternate Board Member for JPIA. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board. After discussion, Director McFarlin offered a motion to make Engineer-Manager Chandler the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board.

Under "Public Input", Messrs. Ralph Simon and Kendall Miller appeared before the Board to request replacement of a portion of the pipeline along Huntsman Avenue which is a part of I.D. #9. Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed the Winter Maintenance proposal which included replacing 1,320 feet of 18 inch pipe along Huntsman Avenue.

A request from the Local Agency Formation Commission to modify the application to reorganize the District's boundaries was then discussed. The request from LAFCO was due to the City of Orange Cove filing an application to annex 120 acres. Since the District's original application proposed to annex about 7.5 acres less than what would be detached, Director Ketscher offered a motion to annex 130 acres which would complete the Chase request to annex. the motion was seconded by Director Beach and unanimously approved by the Board.

Reclamation Issues were then discussed. A review was made of the Bureau's position on the 1987 landholder form problem. After discussion, Director Orlopp offered a motion to file suit to reclaim the penalty money illegally charged to the District. Director McFarlin second the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board. A review was then made of Interior's statement regarding Contract Renewals including the intent to seek a Court Order to amend the District's executed contract.

The Winter Maintenance Needs Report was then reviewed. The Report itemized major maintenance needs by Improvement Districts. Items were circled that had a high priority to replace or repair while the systems were shut down for the Winter. After review and discussion, Director Beach offered a motion to perform the maintenance circled on the Winter Maintenance Report. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board.

Engineer-Manager Chandler then reviewed a proposal to settle the Cove Avenue Pumping Plant Contract. The proposal was to decrease the contract amount by \$4,087.00 which was the estimated cost for additional energy due to the lower pumping plant performance efficiency. After discussion, Director Orlopp offered a motion to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board.

Under "Budget Items", the application of the additional revenues from the 1988 water transfers was discussed. Director McFarlin offered a motion to apply the funds to the unobligated reserves to restored some of the funds used to pay the 1986 O & M deficits. The motion was seconded by Director Ketscher and unanimously approved by the Board.

A discussion was then held regarding the need to collect the Operations and Maintenance share of funds to replace the District's computer system. After discussion, Director McFarlin offered a motion to collect the money during 1989 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Director Orlopp and unanimously approved by the Board.

A brief status report was then given on the Kings River Siphon and the Fishwater Release Hydroelectric projects.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, December 20, 1989.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors:

Officers:

Harvey S. Chase, President

Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President

Stanley C. Beach Richard D. McFarlin James O. Orlopp

James O. Orlopp James C. Chandler

Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Others:

Jeffrey A. Meith, Counsel

Engineer-Manager Chandler made a detail review of the reconnaissance studies, including the ranking of rehabilitation needs, maintenance and power cost for the existing systems and projections for renewed systems, alternatives for paying for a rehabilitation program and decisions that could be made by the Board. After discussion, the Board felt that it was important to have input from the landowners prior to making any Board decision. Therefore, the Board directed Engineer-Manager Chandler and Counsel Meith to prepare an informational letter and questionnaire to be mailed to all landowners. The Board would then review the response and reconsider this matter at a later date.

Counsel Meith then gave a report on the Contract Renewal Issues which included the Bureau's intent to ask Orange Cove to amend its contract to stipulate to the San Joaquin River Basin Study.

With no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Harvey S. Chase, President

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 December 20, 1989 at 1:00 P.M. for the purpose of:

- 1. Rehabilitation of District Conveyance Systems.
- 2. Attorney's briefing on Water Contract Status.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1989.

DIRECTORS

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