

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, January 11, 1984:

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 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 Richard D. McFarlin
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager-Secretary

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on December 14, 1983, were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$67,154.37 were read, approved and ordered paid at the motion of Director Ketscher and seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried. It was noted by Engineer-Manager Moss that check #6609 to Commerce Clearing House, Inc., from last months bills had been paid, as the Commerce Clearing House publication was very useful regarding new and changing payroll laws.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented.

Matters concerning water supply were then discussed. Engineer-Manager Moss presented a letter from the Friant Water Users Association inquiring of the District's position on the carryover of the 1983 water supply into the 1984 water year. Moss was directed to reply that O.C.I.D. was not interested in carrying over any water and that they would not object to other Friant Unit Contractors requesting carryover, as long as there was no effect on the 1984 Class I supply. It was noted that the snow pillow readings of the San Joaquin watershed showed an average of 60 percent of the April 1st reading. This was up from 40 percent as reported at the last Board meeting. The U.S.B.R. had not yet declared an available supply for the coming water year.

The Monthly Operational Summary (MOPSUM) was presented.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on the Friant Power Project. Construction is on time and progressing well. Moss has attended one meeting on the flow restriction problem caused by the project. It appears the combination of a large demand on the Friant-Kern Canal and a reservoir level in the range in which the decreased capacity occurs, has never happened in all the years of operation. The problem should be resolved without any additional construction required.

The Granite Power Project was then discussed. The preliminary permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) will expire on March 31, 1984. It appears to be impossible to have an acceptable license application prepared by the March 31 date. The Power Authority will be able to make a new preliminary permit application. A request for additional funds from the member districts has been made. This money will be used to continue the pursuit of a power purchaser and to keep the Power Authority operative for a few more months. A motion was made by Director Ketscher and seconded by Director McFarlin to maintain our membership in the Power Authority and to participate in the expenses to an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried.

The purchase of two pickups was then discussed. Four bids had been received by the District. The bids were opened and the low bidder was Martens Chevrolet and Oldsmobile of Reedley. The price including sales tax was \$8,299.74 per unit. A motion was made by Director Ketscher and seconded by Director Orlopp to reject all

bids and to authorize Engineer-Manager Moss to sign all necessary documents for the purchase of the pickups through the Office of Procurement, State of California. Identically equipped pickups will cost \$7,249.00 purchased through the State. (See Resolution #1-84) Motion carried. Director Beach voted no, noting that he felt that the 6 cylinder, automatic, and AM radio options were not necessary.

The purchase of a data processing system was discussed. Engineer-Manager Moss reported that he had found a programmer in Visalia that had supplied software to several other irrigation districts in the area. The same company also had access to suitable hardware at a substantial savings. A motion was made by Director Beach and seconded by Director McFarlin to authorize Engineer-Manager Moss to negotiate and sign any necessary paper work for the purchase of the hardware and software from Boelter Computer Services. Motion carried. The hardware is to include a 40 MGB hard disc with a 17 MGB tape back-up, a main processor with 128 KB of random access memory, a work station with 64 KB memory and floppy disc drive, a second work station 64 KB memory, a printer and the necessary connecting cables. The total cost of the hardware is not to exceed \$15,500.00. The software is to include Payroll, General Ledger, Cash Disbursement, Water Accounts Receivable, Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable, Water Orders with monthly statements and Assessments History. The software costs are not to exceed \$7,500.00.

The agenda for the Regional Water Users Conference in San Jose was reviewed. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to attend the conference. None of the Directors will be able to attend.

Personnel items were then discussed. A motion was made by Director Beach and seconded by Director McFarlin to grant a 2.6% cost of living raise. Motion carried. The review of the current edition of the Personnel Handbook will be postponed until the February Board meeting.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented a concept for a systematic replacement of the District's distribution system. The Board of Directors may order the formation of an improvement district for the purpose of system replacement and upgrading. With an agreed-to design standard for the new system (e.g. type of pipe, flow rate, metered turnouts) the costs to each existing improvement district to bring their system up to the new standards may be estimated. These estimates may then be used as the basis for improvement district assessments. Instead of going to bonds to finance the construction, the estimated cost of the improvements would be assessed over a number of years. The annual income from these assessments would be set, (by the number years of spread over), so as to fund an annual construction program carried on by the District's own personnel. There are several advantages to this approach:

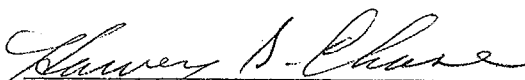
- (1) The District can build the system to the standards it desires.
- (2) The District avoids "up-front" costs (e.g. special election costs, bond council fees, bond printing costs, etc.) and interest paid on the bonds.
- (3) The District gets more for its construction dollar by doing the work with its own staff, avoiding private contractor overhead and avoid paying prevailing wage.


The concept met with general Board approval.

Engineer-Manager Moss read a letter sent to the landowners in Improvement District 11-B Ditch. The letter outlined the recent reduction in the 1984 water rate to 11-B Ditch landowners requesting their attendance at a special meeting set for the next Board meeting. The special meeting will be held to discuss the plans and estimate of cost to eliminate the open ditch portion of their system.

A letter from the Friant Water Users Association listing subjects to be considered for priorities of the Association for the coming years was read by Engineer-Manager Moss. There was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, February 8, 1984:

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

Directors	Donald W. Ketscher, Vice President
	Stanley C. Beach
	James O. Orlopp
	Richard D. McFarlin
Absent	Harvey S. Chase, President
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager-Secretary

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 11, 1984, were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$57,819.66 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Beach and seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented.

The water supply for the coming year and the upcoming water season were then discussed. Precipitation in the month of January was far below normal. Conditions in the Sierra snowpack have changed very little since the January Board Meeting. The latest Weather Service forecast indicates a "most probable" April-July runoff of 1,720,000 acre feet or approximately 143 percent of normal and a "reasonable maximum" and "reasonable minimum" April-July runoff of 2,570,000 acre feet, 213 percent of normal and 1,020,000 acre feet, 85 percent of normal, respectively, for the San Joaquin River. The Bureau of Reclamation has not yet declared an available supply for the 1984 season, but is expected to declare 100 percent of Class I supply at the February 10th water supply meeting in Fresno.

The District staff has received several inquiries into the possibility of starting the water season early. Water from the 1983 contract year can still be purchased from the Long Term Friant Contractors at the Class I price. A motion was made by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp to start the 1984 water season on February 15th if sufficient interest exists. Motion carried.

Douglas B. Jensen, attorney for the District, entered the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The Board meeting was recessed to allow for a special meeting of the landowners within Improvement District # 11B Ditch. The following people entered the room:

Joe P. Tarbell
 Jim Tarbell
 Pat Alegria
 Frank M. Benson

The principle purpose of the meeting was to solicit interest from the landowners in Improvement District # 11B Ditch on the placing of the open ditch portion of their system into a pipeline. Engineer-Manager Moss outlined the proposed improvements. They are to include approximately one-half mile of good quality plastic pipeline with associated stands, vents and connections to eliminate the ditch portion of the system. The cost of doing these improvements would be approximately \$46,000.00 or \$128.45 per acre, (358.11 acres). The annual cost to spread this over time was estimated as follows:

One time charge - \$128.45

<u>Interest Rate</u> (%)	<u>Period</u> (Years)	<u>Annual Cost</u> (\$)
8	5	32.17
10	5	33.88
12	5	35.63
8	10	19.14
10	10	20.90
12	10	22.73

It was noted that the costs of going with a bond issue were not included. The question was asked if the Irrigation District would be willing to finance the construction out of the General Fund. The Board said it would take this into consideration, but it has never been done before. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Director Ketscher and seconded by Director McFarlin to proceed with the necessary steps to have the Board summarily assess the landowners within Improvement District # 11B Ditch for the improvements as proposed. Motion carried. This formation or assessment process does not require a two-thirds petition, but does require a hearing and notice procedure. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to look into the cost to upgrade all of the Improvement District # 11B Ditch system and the cost of a bond issue. Improvement District # 11B Ditch landowners, Joe Tarbell, Jim Tarbell, Alegria and Benson left the meeting.

The Board meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Attorney Jensen briefed the Board on the status of the Reilly case. Engineer-Manager Moss announced the recent hiring of Arthur Pipkin on the maintenance staff. An adjourned Board Meeting was set for Wednesday, February 22, 1984 at 10 a.m. to thoroughly review the Personnel Handbook.

The status of the Power Projects was reviewed. The Friant Project was through the first critical "window" for construction. Water was once again flowing in the Friant-Kern Canal. The flow reduction problem anticipated with the new valves on the Friant-Kern Canal outlet seems to have solved itself. A review of the original estimates of flow capacity surfaced an error by the engineers for the project, Tudor Engineering Company. The results, now confirmed by model studies by the Hitachi Company (maker of the turbines), show no reduction in flow capacity. The first major change order in the construction contract has been received by the Project Management Committee. Tudor had estimated the change order to be significantly less than the contractor requested. Negotiation are in progress. The Granite Project has little good news. Recent meetings with Southern California Edison Company have surfaced little interest. They seem content to "wait out" the Power Authority at this time.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on a series of recent meetings involving the Friant Water Users Association. These meetings concerned the development of a working paper on the Association's position on Federal Water supply issues. These issues include:

- (1) The restoration of Class 2 water
- (2) Review of the March 1st storage criteria for Millerton Reservoir
- (3) Federal water pricing
- (4) Criteria for release of water to "Excess Land"
- (5) Carry over storage
- (6) Class I and Class 2 water concept
- (7) Water transfers

Attorney Jensen discussed the results of his review of the Special District Augmentation Funds, (SDAF). Apparently the SDAF has been depleted and is no longer a potential source of funds in Tulare County. Further, although the Fresno County Auditors office is under the impression that its disbursements to Orange Cove Irrigation District are Ad Valorem Funds, then are apparently actually Revenue Supplements. Fresno County is not required by law to contribute Revenue Supplements to the Irrigation District. The process to apply to Tulare County for Ad Valorem Funds is complicated, expensive and chances for success are limited. Attorney Jensen outlined these steps.

Engineer-Manager Moss briefed the Board on the status of the Orangewood Plaza subdivision. Recent meetings with the City Manager for Orange Cove, Ismael Rodrigues, indicate the City and landowners involved are willing to proceed with an assessment district for the purpose of relocating the Irrigation District's facilities. The board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to cooperate with the City in the preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimate and construction of the new line. All associated costs are to be borne by the assessment district. The Board still wishes to exclude all lands annexed by the city.

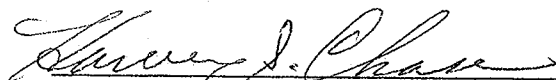
A letter from Jay Gillette requesting relief from payment of late charges associated with some recently purchased property was read by Engineer-Manager Moss. The request was denied.

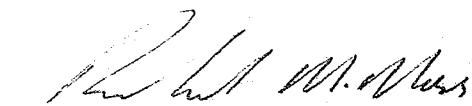
Bids for sale of a surplus 1974 Chevrolet pickup were opened. No bids were received on the 1974 Ford Courier. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to sell the Chevrolet pickup to the highest bidder and to drop the minimum bid on the Ford to \$800.00 with the bids to be opened at the adjourned Board Meeting, February 22, 1984.

Pre-registration for the 1984 Spring ACWA Conference in San Diego was then discussed. All Directors and the Engineer-Manager will attend.

Nominations to the Executive Committee for the ACWA/JPIA were discussed. The Board had no nominations.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 4:35 p.m., to reconvene on February 22, 1984 at 10:00 a.m.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Friday February 21, 1986:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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
Others:	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager-Secretary
Absent:	James O. Orlopp

President Chase immediately moved the Board into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, at which time James C. Chandler entered the meeting.

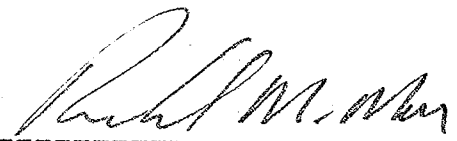
Mr. Chandler left the meeting and the Regular Board Meeting was reconvened.

President Chase stated that James Chandler had been interviewed for the position of General Manager for the District and that the decision as to whether there should be additional interviews of other candidates will be discussed at the March Regular Board Meeting.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.



Harvey S. Chase, President



Richard M. Moss Secretary

Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, February 22, 1984:

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors	Harvey S. Chase, President Don W. Ketscher, Vice President James O. Orlopp Stanley C. Beach
Absent	Richard McFarlin
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager-Secretary

Engineer-Manager Moss presented a request from Sarah Horvath requesting relief from paying the delinquency penalty on her Maintenance Assessment. She claims she never received a billing. The Board denied her request.

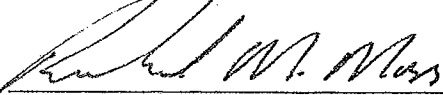
Bids received on the 1974 Ford Courier pickup were opened. A motion was made by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher to accept the bid of the highest bidder still wanting the pickup. The highest bid was \$900.00 the next highest was \$800.00. The motion carried.

Director McFarlin entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The Board then proceeded with a page-by-page review of the Personnel Handbook for the District. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to incorporate the comments generated by the review into a revision of the Handbook. The revised Handbook can then be accepted by the Board in a future meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, March 14, 1984:

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 Richard D. McFarlin
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager, Secretary

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 8, 1984 and the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 22, 1984 were approved as mailed, on a motion made by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp. Motion Carried.

Bills in the amount of \$121,513.66 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply was discussed. The following runoff forecasts for the San Joaquin River were presented:

<u>Forecaster</u>	<u>April/July</u>		<u>Water Year</u>	
	Acre-feet	% of Normal	Acre-feet	% of Normal
USBR	1,345,000	109%	2,275,000	130%
Sierra Hydrotech	1,330,000	109%	2,215,000	127%
DWR	1,350,000	110%	2,300,000	123%

The Bureau has declared 100% Class I and 45% Class II water supplies. Engineer-Manager Moss noted that as of February 27, 1984, the District had only received reservations for 32,051 acre feet, but since that time an additional 2,351 acre feet has been paid for, bringing the total amount sold to date to 34,402 acre feet.

A claim by Pacific Telephone for repairs to a buried phone line damaged by OCID personnel while uncovering a pipeline was presented by Engineer-Manager Moss. The claim in the amount of \$165.04 was accepted and ordered paid by Director Ketscher and seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

A claim by W.C. Picher for alleged damages to his property from water leakage was presented by Engineer-Manager Moss. The Claim of \$2,000.00 was ordered returned to the claimant for reasons of insufficiency on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp. Motion Carried. It was noted that the claim lacked a date of occurrence of the alleged damage, justification for the amount claimed and a description of the damages.

The Board then reviewed matters of concern to the Friant Water Users Association (FWUA). Recent meetings of the Water Pricing Committee of the FWUA has surfaced the need to canvas member districts on whether they can support the utility-type concept of water pricing for the Central Valley Project (CVP). Utility type water pricing allows future water development costs to be spread over all water users within the CVP as compared to marginal cost pricing which requires those benefitting directly from these new projects to pay all associated costs. After considerable discussion, the Board arrived at the consensus that even though our water needs as a district are fairly well fulfilled by our current contract, we must continue to promote future water development,

even to the extent of sharing in the cost with utility type pricing, as long as the water development maintains as a purpose the elimination of ground water overdraft within the San Joaquin Valley and satisfaction of present developed needs of the CVP as currently defined.

The O & M Task Force Committee was formed at the last meeting of the FWUA. Engineer-Manager Moss is a member of this committee. Its purpose is to review the possibility of the FWUA taking over the O & M on the Friant-Kern Canal. This review was precipitated by the Bureau's insistence upon putting the maintenance of the Canal out to bid by private contractors. It was felt that a less objectionable alternative to private contractor maintenance would be maintenance by FWUA or an organization responsible to the FWUA. At the very least FWUA should be involved in the review of the specifications for bidding the maintenance, review of potential contractor qualifications and performance evaluations of work performed by the contractor once the job is let. FWUA has already asked for a one year delay in the bidding process to allow for the review and input of this committee. The Board then reviewed a USBR proposed operations policy for the Friant Unit, specifically in regard to restoration of spilled Class II water in large water years that warrant the return of water not used during obligation periods. It appears that the rights of the "Class I Only" districts have been adequately protected. Included within the operations policy discussion as proposed by the USBR, was reference to "215 Contracts". This refers to Section 215 of the 1982 Reclamation Reform Act, which allows for the application of uncontrollable runoff to lands currently in "Excess" ownership, if the District enters into a separate contract. The form and content of these contracts is not yet available from the USBR. The Board instructed Engineer-Manager Moss to further investigate the requirements and conditions for these contracts.

A review of a "flow chart" like presentation of the new reclamation law then proceeded. This presentation clarified several of the problems anticipated with the new law. In particular it brought light to the problems caused by the USBR's interpretation of the law in their Rules and Regulations regarding "grandfathering" in land currently in excess status. Unless this land is brought under the discretionary provisions of the new law prior to April 12, 1987, (grandfathered in), it will retain its' excess status even though future actions to come under the discretionary provisions, such as an individual election or a district contract renewal amendment, would otherwise effect eligible status. Reporting forms, as required in the rules and regulations, have been received by the District. Little or no change has been made to the forms as originally distributed on a trial basis.

The status of the power projects was then discussed. A glimmer of hope is seen for the Granite Project as there is some interest by large engineering/construction firms in assisting in the development of the project. Financial consultants retained by the Authority also appear optimistic that the project can be brought in with acceptable backing. The Friant Power Project construction progress is finally accelerating, but the project currently is running about 7 weeks behind. The contractor is to submit a new schedule showing how this time will be made up shortly.

Engineer-Manager Moss briefed the Board on negotiations with the City of Orange Cove to relocate pipelines within the area annexed by the City. The City has agreement from the landowners involved to pay for the relocation by means of an assessment district. The City will contract with OCID for the design and installation of new pipelines, including preparation and securing the landrights involved. All of OCID's expenses will be reimbursed. An agreement stating all of this is being drafted by Moss and Attorney Jensen for presentation to the City. Water is currently being run through the existing lines with only a few minor leaks.

The Board then reviewed a letter from the Tulare County Transportation Commission requesting the location of all District facilities within Tulare County. The Board deferred a decision on whether to supply this information until such time as the reasons and need for it are fully understood.

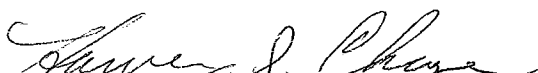
The Board declined to supply ACWA a biography of the Board member representative to ACWA as requested by that agency.

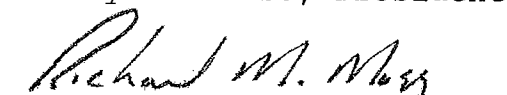
The Board authorized payment of a \$35.00 special assessment requested by the California Chamber of Commerce to assist in the Chamber's involvement in public education matters.

The Board reviewed a proposal from a firm specializing in the placement of funds in the Certificate of Deposit investment market. The Board took no action, stating that if the firm could meet the requirements of state law for collateralization of irrigation district funds and substantially improve upon the rate of return currently available to the District through the Local Agency Investment Fund, then it would consider their services.

The Board then considered subscribing to the Water and Agribusiness Newsletter, currently being published by Gordon Nelson. Nelson was the principle lobbyist in Washington D.C. for the Farm Water Alliance when the new reclamation law was being formulated in Congress. The Board deferred a decision on whether to subscribe to his new publication until Engineer-Manager Moss has had a chance to review the information and benefits derived from it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on April 11, 1984:

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 Richard D. McFarlin
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager, Secretary

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 14, 1984, were approved as mailed, on a motion made by Director Orlopp and seconded by Director Ketscher. Motioned carried.

Bills in the amount of \$47,647.05 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply was discussed. It was noted that the precipitation for the month of March was below normal. The Bureau has continued to declare 100% Class I and 45% Class II water supplies. The April/July and water year forecasts for runoff on the San Joaquin River have decreased approximately 10% from the previous months forecasts. The April/July runoff is now forecast at 98% of normal and the water year runoff is forecast at 120% of normal. The runoff to date has been considerably above normal, indicating an early ripening snowpack. The District delivered 810 acre feet in the month of March, leaving a balance of 38,390 acre feet for the year.

The Employee Handbook was then reviewed by the Board. On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin the Employee Handbook was adopted pending any comments or changes requested by the employees after their review.

Engineer-Manager Moss informed the Board that Peter Lockwich, Repairman I, has successfully completed his probationary period of six months. Moss then recommended that Lockwich be given full time, permanent employee status and a merit increase to Range 6, Step B(\$1,329 per month). On a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach, the Board approved Moss recommendation.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on a letter received from Attorney Jensen's office informing the District that the complaint filed by Patricia Reilly had been successfully concluded.

The Board then reviewed the service agreements for Tri-Valley Water District and Hills Valley Irrigation District. On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp the Board authorized President Chase and Engineer-Manager-Secretary Moss to sign the service agreements as presented. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Moss then presented a review of the budget, income and expenses as currently estimated through the first quarter of fiscal year 1984. Most items appeared to be within anticipated levels for the first quarter.

Engineer-Manager Moss then presented the completed Audit for 1983. Administrative-Assistant Howard Barker entered the meeting to assist in the presentation. After considerable discussion the Board decided to defer further consideration of the 1983 audit until a future Board meeting, where a representative of the accounting firm of Baker, Peterson and Franklin might attend and assist in the presentation. Barker left the room.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented a copy of the recently published Rate Setting Policy, proposed for the Central Valley Project by the Bureau Of Reclamation. This policy will most likely be the one in place when OCID renegotiates its' water service contract in 1989. It therefore is important that the District review and comment on this proposed policy, as it represents a large portion of the negotiations to be held in the near future. The major change from previous rate setting policies is the elimination of the "rolling" repayment period. Previously, whenever a new component was added to the CVP, the entire project was reauthorized and the repayment period for existing components extended to match that of the new components. The proposed policy would fix the repayment period to that currently authorized, with no consideration of future components other than spreading the costs over the entire CVP.


Engineer-Manager Moss briefed the Board on the status of the project for Improvement District #11B-Ditch. Moss has received a letter from Attorney Jensen's office which gives the "green light" to proceeding with the improvements and financing them out of the District General Fund, with the Improvement District repaying the Irrigation District over time. A decision on whether to offer this as an option to the landowners in Improvement District 11B-Ditch was deferred by the Board to a future meeting, when better estimates of costs and alternatives are available.

The status of the power projects was discussed. The Granite Project was resubmitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a new preliminary permit. There doesn't appear to be any competing applications at this time. The Friant Power Project is still behind its original construction schedule. A new schedule is to be submitted soon.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on a workshop he and Administrative Assistant Howard Barker attended regarding the certification and reporting requirements being imposed by the Bureau of Reclamation. It does not appear the forms to be used have improved any over the trial forms sent to the District last summer. The form and content of the information requested will undoubtedly cause confusion and resentment among the landowners involved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on May 9, 1984:

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

Directors	Donald W. Ketscher, Vice-President James O. Orlopp Richard D. McFarlin Stanley C. Beach (entered at 2:00 P.M.)
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager, Secretary Kyle Stevenson, Accounting Firm of Baker, Peterson & Franklin
Absent	Harvey S. Chase, President

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 11, 1984, were read. On a motion by Director Orlopp and seconded by Director Beach the Minutes were approved as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Stevenson was then asked to present the completed Audit for 1983. A page by page review was made. On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin the 1983 Audit as prepared by Baker, Peterson & Franklin was accepted. Motion carried. Mr. Stevenson left the meeting.

Bills in the amount of \$56,015.77 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented a claim of alleged damages from W.C. Picher. The claim was ordered returned to the claimant because it was not filed in a timely manner as required by law. This was done on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Moss informed the Board that hearings on the Proposed CVP Ratesetting Policy will be held on May 15, 1984, at the Holiday Inn in Visalia, California. The Board directed Moss to make a statement at the hearings. One or more of the Board members will also attend.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented recent correspondence with the Emergency Services Coordinator for Fresno County, Roy Manning. Orange Cove Irrigation District has been declared eligible for emergency assistance for damages resulting from the Coalinga Earthquake of May, 1983. On a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Orlopp a resolution was adopted designating Engineer-Manager Moss as the Authorized Representative for OCID. (See Resolution 2-84)

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on the recent Friant Water Users Association meeting. There was a request made to member agencies to seek or force delays in the Certification and Reporting process as required in the Rules and Regulations of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. The Board directed Moss to continue to seek elimination of the reporting requirements and to only do what is required by law. There was a general feeling generated at Friant Water Users meeting that the Association should be more active in issues such as this. They should be out front assisting in the writing of this type of legislation, instead of reacting to it after it is in place. The Board agreed to this feeling and directed Moss to discuss with President Chase ways to make Friant Water Users Association more responsive.

Engineer-Manager Moss reviewed in general the main topics of discussion at the recent Association of California Water Agencies meeting in San Diego. These included the Jarvis III Initiative, the Governor's Water Plan, the Figoni Decision and insurance matters.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

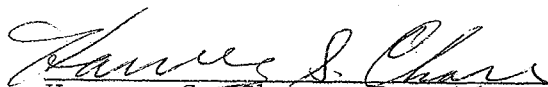
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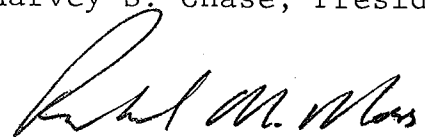
The water supply was discussed. April turned out to have below normal precipitation. Consequently the April-July forecast was reduced to approximately 90% of normal and the Water Year forecast reduced to 110% of normal. The Bureau declared that the Class II supply had been reduced to 35%, a reduction of 10% from the previous month. The District delivered 3,159 acre feet in the month of April, leaving a supply balance of 35,231 acre feet. The April deliveries were the largest of record for that month.

The Status of the power projects was discussed. The Granite Project has been receiving scrutiny by a couple of large engineering/construction firms. Negotiations to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with one of the firms or a consortium are in progress. A call for funds (\$500) was made at the Granite Project Board Meeting. This is still within the amount authorized by the OCID Board several months ago. There still appears to be no competing applications on the refiled preliminary permit for the Granite Project. The Friant Project report is optimistic. P G & E appears to be moving ahead on the transmission line. The right-of-way problems for the transmission line may be resolved with the placement of the line on USA (Bureau) property instead of private property. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has revised their proposed "falling water" charges for use of government owned facilities. The new proposal would mean approximately a \$150,000 per year savings to the Project over the original proposal by FERC. A new construction schedule has been submitted by the prime contractor on the Friant Project, R. G. Fisher. All the "float" time has been removed from the new schedule. It is critical that the project remain in line with this schedule, since all of the slack has been eliminated. Personnel costs for the project will be approximately \$100,000 per year higher than originally anticipated, at least for the first few years of operation. Automated operations of the plant can not be relied upon to the extent of eliminating key personnel. The Friant Power Authority has hired a consultant that has many years of experience in power plant startup and operations.

Under other business, Engineer-Manager Moss brought to the Boards attention his intentions to have a counter built in the Superintendent's office as well as bookshelves in the Manager's office and Board room. The approximate cost will be \$1,340.00. He also suggested to the Board that the District should subscribe to the Water and Agribusiness Newsletter, as published by Gordon Nelson, a Washington D.C. lobbyist. This decision had been deferred from a previous Board meeting. The Board directed Moss to move ahead on both items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on June 12, 1984.

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 James O. Orlopp Richard D. McFarlin Stanley C. Beach
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager, Secretary

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 9, 1984 were read and approved as mailed on a motion by Director Orlopp.

Bills in the amount of \$ 74,411.51 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach. Motion Carried.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply was then discussed. It was noted that there was little or no precipitation for the month of May. However, runoff on the San Joaquin River for May was above normal, primarily as a result of the unseasonably warm temperatures occurring in the later part of the month. As a result, the June, April-July runoff forecast was increased to 1.076 m.a.f. (87% of normal) from 1.000 m.a.f. (81% of normal) and the water year forecast increased to 1.956 m.a.f. (112% of normal) from 1.883 m.a.f. (108% of normal) over the May forecasts for the San Joaquin River. The Bureau remained at a declaration of 100 per cent Class I supply and 35 per cent of Class 2 supply.

Several items relating to personnel were then discussed. Merit increases for the following personnel effective July 1, 1984 were approved on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion Carried.

Howard Barker	- \$2201/mo. to \$2250/mo.
Joe Martinez	- 1465/mo. to 1496/mo.
Efrain Aguirre	- 1437/mo. to 1465/mo.
Frank Angulo	- 1465/mo. to 1496/mo.
Pete Lockwich	- 1329/mo. to 1355/mo.

Also, approved under the same motion was a revision in the salary schedule to move the position of Administrative Secretary to Range 8 (equivalent to a Watertender I) from Range 4. Lorraine Celaya will fill this position at Step A, \$1368/mo.

The Board then adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the salary of the Engineer-Manager Moss, The Board reconvened granting Moss an increase from \$3000/mo. to \$3500/mo.

The workers comprehensive insurance coverage was discussed. ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Agency is offering a self insured workers comprehensive plan to its' members. Engineer-Manager Moss recommended remaining with the current plan through State Comprehensive Insurance Fund. The potential for savings with the JPIA plan is there, but with the uncertainty that surrounds a new program, it appears prudent not to join at this time. The Board directed Moss to remain with State Comp.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented a review of health insurance programs being offered to the District. The plan offered by Bankers Life appears to best suit the District's needs.

The Board directed Moss to continue his search for health insurance programs with a final decision as to which plan to be made at the next Board Meeting.

The Board then reviewed a written presentation which outlined the activities surrounding the development of the Mid-Vally Canal. Of particular interest were the remarks made concerning the development of more storage on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley. The benefit to Orange Cove Irrigation District from increased storage on the east side of the valley would be one of a larger and more dependable water supply. The Board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to further investigate any developments concerning increased east side storage.

Engineer-Manager Moss reviewed with the Board some ideas to sell water in excess of the District's annual demand to other districts that would in return make other waters available to Orange Cove Irrigation District when the District encounters shortages. There are a couple of districts which have supplies that could fulfill this type of arrangement. The Board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to further develop his ideas, which would include discussions with other district managers.

Engineer-Manager Moss then recommended that the District participate in the preparation of a report on the use of CVP power revenues to assist in irrigation repayment. The report is to be prepared by Mr. Chris Williams of the Washington, D.C. legal firm of McCarty, Noone & Williams. On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher, the Board approved the District's participation in the preparation of this report not exceed the sum of \$500. Motion carried.

President Chase and Engineer-Manager Moss then outlined for the Board the increased activities proposed for the Central Valley Project Water Association (CVPWA). It is becoming increasingly important that the Federal Contractors become more organized and united to promote their needs and protect their rights. One of the immediate tasks at hand is an analysis of the appropriateness and effect of the proposed water pricing policy being offered by the Bureau of Reclamation. The CVPWA has hired an economics consultant by the name of Ray Gaines, to prepare this analysis. Engineer-Manager Moss has been designated as an alternate to the steering committee to oversee Gaines work, representing the Friant Unit of the CVPWA.

The Friant Water Users Association will hold its annual meeting on the 21st of June. All Directors and Engineer-Manager Moss indicated they and their wives would attend.

The Friant Water Users Association is moving ahead with negotiations for taking over the operations and maintenance of the Friant-Kern Canal and appurtenant facilities. A negotiating team consisting of a representative from each zone within the Association has been appointed. Meetings with the Bureau will begin soon. Engineer-Manager Moss has been designated an alternate to the negotiating team.

A comparative schedule of District expenses for the years 1982 and 1983 was presented to the Board for their review. This schedule was prepared by Mr. Kyle Stephensen of the accounting firm of Baker, Petersen and Franklin as a result of questions generated at the May Board Meeting.

The District has received an indication from the Bureau of Reclamation that the forms for reporting landholdings of irrigators subject to the 1982 Reclamation Act are printed and being distributed. How to proceed with the distribution and filing of these forms will be a major item of discussion at the next Friant Water Users Association Meeting.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented the status of the power projects. The Friant Project construction is on schedule. The transmission

line license application and associated work appears to be progressing smoothly. There is nothing new regarding the Granite Project.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Harvey S. Chase

Harvey S. Chase, President

Richard M. Moss

Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, July 11, 1984:

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 James O. Orlopp Stanley C. Beach
Absent	Richard D. McFarlin
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager Secretary Kenneth Fransen, Attorney with Baker, Manock & Jensen

Mr. Fransen was introduced to the Board.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 13, 1984 were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach, Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$155,842.99 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp. Motion carried.

The statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply was then discussed. The July forecast was decreased slightly. The April-July forecast for runoff on the San Joaquin River is 1.052 m.a.f. (85% of normal). The Water Year forecast is 1.932 M.A.F. (110% of normal). The Bureau remained at a declaration of 100 percent Class 1 supply and 35 percent Class 2 supply. There might be a problem in the later part of August of not enough water in Millerton Lake to meet the daily demands. Districts would be prorated, with their contractual volume of Class I as the basis to limit demands. This has been done in the past without OCID ever being affected, since our prorated amount exceeded our actual demand. The Bureau is looking into ways to avoid this situation. The total use for June was 5,761 acre feet leaving a balance of 24,168 acre feet for the remainder for the year.

Engineer-Manager Moss informed the Board that Arthur Pipkin, Repairman I, has successfully completed his probationary period of six months. Moss then recommended that Pipkin be given full time, permanent employee status and a merit increase to Range 6, Step B (\$1,329 per month). On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher, the Board approved Moss' recommendation. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on his investigation into obtaining health insurance coverage for District employees. Several carriers were in the process of making proposals. On a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach, Engineer-Manager Moss was authorized to complete all necessary documents in order to obtain health insurance coverage from the carrier he selects. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented to the Board an offer from Vincent Communications for the sale of a radio repeater currently in use by Fresno Irrigation District. The nearly new repeater would significantly increase the range of the District's current radio system with only minor changes made to the mobile and base units. On a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Orlopp, Moss was directed to obtain the repeater and required equipment at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried. This would be approximately half the price of a new unit. The repeater will be located at Meadow

Lakes with a site rental fee of approximately \$60 per month. Director Beach abstained from voting on the motion.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported to the Board that the forms for reporting land ownership to the Bureau had been sent to the landowners. It appeared that all Districts within the Friant Water Users Association were also forwarding the forms to their landowners. Minimum assistance will be provided by the District Staff in the preparation of the forms, with most or all questions being directed to the Bureau. The Board agreed with this concept.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported that several days had been spent with representatives of the State and Federal agencies responsible for coordination of disaster relief benefits as a result of the Coalinga Earthquake. It appeared that assistance in the amount of approximately \$7,500 would be available to the District. Moss indicated that he was still pursuing additional monies from this program, but documentation proving damage from the earthquake was limited.


Engineer-Manager Moss informed the Board of progress made in the relocation of the South Avenue lateral pipeline in Improvement District No.7. The County of Fresno has agreed to do the engineering, cost estimates and right-of-way work for the relocation. The District will retain the approval of the design and installation of the pipeline. It also appears the District will be reimbursed for the effort already expended as part of engineering and design. Negotiations are continuing.

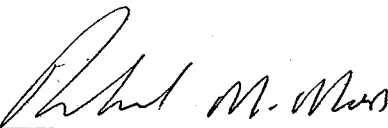
Engineer-Manager Moss informed the Board of a trouble-some situation developing among the landowners within Improvement District No. 11 B-Ditch. They continue to dam off the natural slough that runs through the improvement district which carries rainfall runoff in the winter and operational spill from 11 B-Ditch regulating pond and tail water in the summer. The slough transports this water to the Alta Canal under normal conditions. The damming of the slough causes flooding in the fields directly upstream from the dams, increasing the potential for damage claims against the irrigation district. Moss indicated that it may be necessary to terminate deliveries to landowners serviced by Improvement District 11 B-Ditch unless the situation improves. The Board agreed that this should be the next step unless the problem is corrected. Moss is continuing to work with the Tulare County Flood Control Engineer and the landowners to correct the problem.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented a formal request from Chris Picher to accept a late claim for alleged damages to his driveway from leaks in years past. The formal claim was read and discussed. On a motion by Director Beach seconded by Director Orlopp the application for leave to present a late claim was rejected. Motion carried. Moss was directed to inform Mr. Picher of the Board's answer.

Moss reported to the Board on the status of the power projects. Construction on the Friant project is going very well. The draft tube liners and other inbedded parts are being installed with lots of concrete being poured daily. The turbines and generators for the River Outlet power plant are ready to be shipped from Japan. The license to build the transmission line will be received very soon, with construction scheduled to begin in August. The Granite project has been receiving considerable interest from large engineering/construction firms. It is anticipated that a "Request for Proposals" will be sent to these companies in the near future to solidify their interest. The preliminary permit re-application has been accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It will take 3 to 4 months of review before we will receive a new preliminary permit. There doesn't appear to be any competing applications.

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


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, August 8, 1984:

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
	James O. Orlopp
	Stanley C. Beach
Absent	Richard D. McFarlin
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager Secretary

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 11, 1984, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Orlopp. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$ 77,068.36 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

The statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply was then discussed. Runoff on the San Joaquin River for the April-July period was 1,114,500 a.f. or 90 percent of normal. The Water Year forecast was 1,994,300 a.f. or 114 percent of normal. The Bureau remained at a Class 1 declaration of 100 percent and increased the Class 2 declaration to 38 percent. The threat of an inflow prorated in the later part of August was lifted with the higher than forecasted runoff and decreased demand in July.

The total use by the District for July was 7,239 acre feet leaving a balance of 16,929 acre feet for the remainder of the year.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported that he had chosen the Bankers Life Health Insurance plan for the District's employees. All the necessary paper work had been completed and the coverage began August 1, 1984.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported that approximately 80 percent of the reporting forms have been returned by the landowners to the District. Approximately 90 percent of these had been completed correctly. The Bureau is asking the District to prepare a summary of all the reported landholdings. Moss has informed the Bureau that the District does not have the staff to review the forms for accuracy and completeness and/or complete a summary. Moss will request an extension of time for completion of the forms.


Engineer-Manager Moss noted that the draft preliminary budget for 1985 was near completion and would be mailed out to the Directors prior to the September Board meeting.

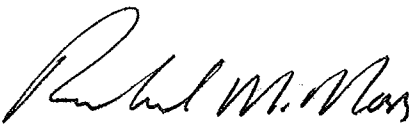
A copy of an analysis of Proposition 36 on the November Ballot prepared by a committee of ACWA was circulated. Proposition 36 or the "Jarvis IV Amendment" could have serious impacts on the way the District does Business. No position was taken by the Board.

The status of the power projects was discussed. The Friant Project is on schedule for the most part. It appears that a delay in the condemnation process might slow the construction of the transmission line. The Granite Project Board has decided to ask for proposals from the engineering/construction entities that have shown interest. They also wish to approach So. Cal Edison again as well as some municipalities that might have an interest in the project.

A letter from C. Dan Lang was read to the Board regarding Mr. Lang's desire for a new pipeline system for Improvement District #3-A along a reconstructed Cove Avenue. The Board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to meet with Mr. Lang and discuss his ideas. It was also noted that a large portion of Mr. Lang's property is not within the Irrigation District Boundaries and that his request for inclusion is somewhat down the list.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. at which time the present members of the Board and Engineer-Manager Moss departed for a tour of the Friant Power Project under construction.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, September 12, 1984:

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

Others

Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager
 Secretary

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Of Directors held on August 8, 1984, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin.

Bills in the amount of \$87,074.34 were read approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried. The bill from Bronson, Bronson and Mckinnon for legal services in 1982 and 1983 is to be held from payment until verification by Attorney Jensen that said amount is actual owed.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply was then discussed. The water year forecast was increased to 2,026,700 a.f. or 116% of normal. The Bureau has increased the Class 2 percentage to 43%. 6,991 a.f. was delivered to the District in September. This leaves a balance of 9,938 a.f. for the year. Engineer-Manager Moss was directed to try to purchase at least 1,000 a.f. of additional water for the remainder of the season.

The Regular Meeting was recessed at 2:30 p.m. and the Board reconvened as the Board of Equalization. In that no persons elected to appear before the Board of Equalization, the Board reviewed and accepted the Assessment Book as prepared.

The hearing of the Board of Equalization was then adjourned. The regular meeting reconvened.

The Board then reviewed the proposed budget for 1985. On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher the budget was approved as prepared. This budget calls for revenues of \$1,129,682 in the General Fund, \$46,700 in the Equipment Replacement Fund and \$148,758 in the Special Project Fund. Motion carried. On a motion by Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Orlopp, a resolution fixing the amount and rate of assessment for 1985 was offered. Motion carried. (See Resolution 3-84). On a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach, a resolution setting the standby charge for 1985 was offered. Motion carried (See Resolution 4-84). On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director Ketscher a resolution creating and setting a minimum assessment of \$10 was offered. Motion carried. (See Resolution 5-84).

Engineer-Manager Moss reported that the District has received approval of its application for federal and state emergency disaster monies as a result of the Coalinga Earthquake in 1983. The federal portion of the relief money will total \$7,640.00 and the state will supply \$2,547.00, totaling \$10,187.00. The checks should be arriving soon with only a minor audit procedure to follow.

Engineer-Manager Moss told the Board that he had recently prepared a letter of interest to the Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy, regarding the development of a third 500 KV transmission line intertie with the Northwest. The District has the ability

to contract with Western for power and have it delivered by P.G. & E at a considerable savings over what it pays P.G. & E directly for power.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on discussions held with Mickey George, George Brothers Farming, regarding the installation of an over-the-bank turnout on the Friant-Kern Canal approximately 3/4 of a mile South of Avenue 416. The turnout would serve an area of approximately 240 acres currently served by Improvement District 14, (14/13 pipeline). This system does have some capacity problems during peak use periods. The Board tentatively agreed to the concept of removing this property from the I.D. #14 maintenance and power cost participation in return for his installation and maintenance of the over-the-bank facilities. This is all being pursued assuming the Bureau will grant a license for the facilities without any additional requirements, such as forcing the opening of the existing water service contract.

President Chase and Engineer-Manager Moss brought the Board up to date on comments made on the Bureau's proposed water pricing policy as prepared by the Central Valley Project Water Association, the Friant Water Users Association, the comments prepared in conjunction with the San Luis Water District and the additional comments prepared by Moss. It was noted that considerable efforts had been made by Chase and Moss to assist in the preparation of these comments since the policy, made under the governments rule making process, will most likely be in effect when the District renegotiates the water service contract at the end of this decade.

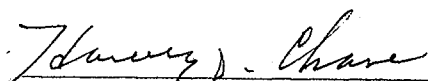
Engineer-Manager Moss presented a letter from the Friant Water Users Association requesting the District's participation in a message to various members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives regarding the expansion of the Central Valley Project service area to accomodate the Pleasant Valley Water District. The Board had trouble with the suggested message which indicated agreement to the inclusion of Pleasant Valley if changes in the Reclamation Reform Act, specifically the "Hammer Clause" (Section 203-B), could also be incorporated in the bill (HR5836). The Board directed Moss to inform the Friant Water Users Association that they could not agree to the message as stated. They felt that the "Hammer Clause" had little effect on the Orange Cove Irrigation District and consequently was not an adequate trade off for allowing expansion of the Central Valley Project service area without securing additional water supplies to satisfy the existing needs within the current boundaries.

Bids for sale of two Ford Courier pickups were opened. Antonio Rios was the successful bidder for truck #7 with a \$200.00 bid. Terry Applebee was the successful bidder for truck #8 with a bid of \$1,050.00.

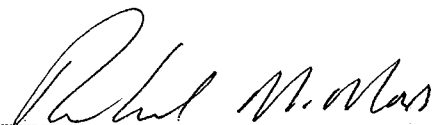
Engineer-Manager Moss reported that the status of negotiations with the City of Orange Cove regarding the relocation of the South Avenue lateral pipeline in Improvement District No. 7. Moss presented the Board with a copy of the draft agreement between the District and the City. No action was necessary to be taken at this time.

The Board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to make reservations for all directors, officers and their wives for the ACWA Convention to be held in Monterey in November. The Board then Authorized Engineer-Manager Moss to attend a two day short course offered by the U.C. Davis Extension regarding California Water Law and Policy in Davis at the end of October.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Harvey S. Chase, President



Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, October 10, 1984:

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

Directors	D.W. Ketscher, Vice President
	James O. Orlopp
	Stanley C. Beach
	Richard D. McFarlin
Absent	Harvey S. Chase, President
Others	Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager Secretary

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 12, 1984, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$ 89,443.98 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director McFarlin, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

The statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply was then discussed. 5,920 A.F. of water was delivered to the District in September. This leaves a balance of 4,018 A.F. for the year. Engineer-Manager Moss indicated that his prior estimate of needing an additional 1,000 A.F. to complete the season still appears to be good. He has received a verbal commitment from Tulare I.D. to sell any additional water needed. The Bureau has increased the Class 2 percentage to 48 percent.

The status of the South Avenue Pipeline was then discussed. Engineer-Manager Moss reviewed with the Board recent meetings with the City and their attorney regarding the proposed agreement between the City and Orange Cove Irrigation District. The City has agreed to the proposed agreement as presented taking exception only to the provisions limiting their ability to issue building and occupancy permits for the proposed subdivisions. With removal of these provisions the District will only sign the agreement after the formation of improvement District to pay for the pipeline and after full agreement of the landowners to be excluded from the Irrigation District. Moss said that recent conversations with the City Administrator had indicated that all the landowners were in agreement to both the formation of the improvement District and the exclusion from the Irrigation District. Moss has also met with representatives of the County of Fresno who will be doing the engineering and design of the pipeline. He anticipated that construction will begin and be completed during the winter shutdown period.

The status of House Bill HR5836 was then reviewed. This bill calls for the inclusion of Pleasant Valley Irrigation District into the San Luis unit of the Central Valley Project. Engineer-Manager Moss then reviewed a telegram sent to various members of Congress indicating the Districts opposition to this bill. He also read the reply from Congressman Charles Phashayan. The bill was defeated on a house vote of 402 to 19.

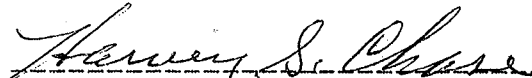
Engineer-Manager Moss then reviewed recent developments with the power projects. The Friant Project was having some problems with a change order for a sub-contractor regarding welding on the turbine housing. This problem was jeopardizing the critical construction schedule during the canal shutdown period. The design changes proposed by the project engineers, Tudor Engineering, were able to mitigate the problem. Recent meetings on the Granite Project indicate considerable interest among large engineering-constructions firms. Bechtel Engineering appears to have a good approach to construction and financing that would put the power authority in a much better financial status sooner.

A bill from San Luis Water District regarding the preparation of comments on the Bureau's 1984 Water Pricing Policy was then presented to the Board. These comments were prepared by Christopher Williams of a well regarded Washington D.C legal firm. The cost for preparation of these comments was more than originally anticipated. On a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director McFarlin the Board authorized the payment of the district's share of the cost to prepare these comments. The District share will be \$1,071.43. Motion carried.


Engineer-Manager Moss reported on the status of the proposed take over of the operation and maintenance of the Friant-Kern Canal by the Friant Water Users Association. Negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation are progressing well. Current items of discussion include the method for payment and development of a schedule for the proposed take over. It is anticipated that the first few years of operation by the Friant Water Users Association will be paid on a reimbursable basis by the Bureau of Reclamation. An optimistic schedule shows the take over beginning in October of 1985.

Engineer-Manager Moss presented notice of the annual meeting of San Luis and Delta Mendota Canal Users and the USBR Regional Water Users Conference. The Regional Water Users conference is to be held in Klamath Falls, Oregon during the week of January 16th thru 18, of 1985.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Harvey S. Chase, President



Richard M. Moss, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, November 7, 1984:

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

Others

Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager-Secretary
 Douglas B. Jensen, Attorney

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 10, 1984, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$_____ were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Beach. Motion carried.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

At 2:05 p.m., Mr. Charles Fink entered the meeting. Mr. Fink was investigating possible solutions to the drainage problems associated with the Mussy property. Mr. Fink presented the problem along with several possible solutions. The Board applauded the Mussy's and Mr. Fink's attempt to arrive at a solution to the problem. They also noted that any easy solution would have resolved the problem many years ago. Mr. Fink thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the Mussy situation and left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

The water supply and use for the preceeding month was then reviewed. There was 2,678 a.f. of water delivered to the District in October, this leaves a balance of 1,340 a.f. for the remainder of the year. Engineer-Manager Moss estimated that the remaining supply would be sufficient for the balance of the year. The Board directed Moss to make arrangements for the sale of any water in excess of the Districts needs. The Bureau has increased the Class 2 percentage to 50 percent. Long range forecasts indicated average precipitation is expected thru the month of November. Precipitation to date has been slightly above normal. The status of the power projects was then reviewed. The construction contract for the Friant Project is on schedule. The problem regarding welding of the turbine housing appears to be resolved. The prime contractor, R.G. Fisher, was directed by the Friant Power Authority's Engineer, Tudor Engineering, to obtain bids from other sub-contractors for the welding. The construction of the transmission line appears to be at a stand-still with the recent judicial decisions forcing a new alignment. The potential for a serious delay in bringing the project on line is real. It is hoped that the problem can be resolved with an appropriate monetary offer to the landowners. A letter from the Friant Power Authority to Pacific Gas & Electric dated March 2, 1984, was then reviewed. This letter outlined the reasons the Authority is not repaying Pacific Gas & Electric their portion of the development funds as originally contemplated under the Memorandum of Understanding. There is some reason to believe that Board Members will be contacted during the AWCA Convention by representatives of Pacific Gas & Electric regarding repayment of these development monies. Engineer-Manager Moss then reviewed for the Board the recent proposal made by Bechtel Engineering concerning the development of the Granite Hydro-Electric Project.

Moss also informed the Board of the request by the Upper San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority Board for additional authorization of funds. The request was for \$3,000.00 each to keep the Authority operative for an additional four months while Bechtel is doing their evaluation. The Board agreed to continue sharing in the Authority expenses but desires to approve each request for funds as they are needed instead of a blanket request for the whole \$3,000.

Engineer-Manager Moss noted recent interest he has developed with a small hydro development company in the Kings River Siphon, Sand Creek and Dodge Avenue Check hydro power projects. Hydro Electric Constructors is proposing a turn-key construction of the projects with limited District participation in the development cost. A firm proposal is being prepared for the next Board meeting.

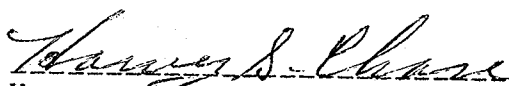
The Board then reviewed a tentative agenda for a meeting to be held on November 8, 1984, concerning the present and future water needs of the Orange Cove area. Attending this meeting will be representatives of Orange Cove Irrigation District, Hills Valley Irrigation District and Tri-Valley Water District. It is anticipated that this meeting will be the first of several meetings in an effort to develop a unified approach to solving any current and future water problems for the Orange Cove area. Major items of discussion will be current and future water needs, current and future sources of supply, delivery system requirements and possible consolidation of services.

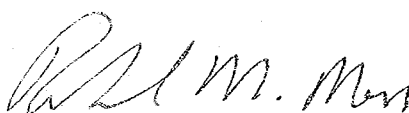
Engineer-Manager Moss then presented recent developments concerning the over-the-bank turnout for George Brothers Farms. The District has received an approved license agreement for installation of the structures. On a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin, Engineer-Manager Moss was authorized to sign the license agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Motion carried. It was noted that it appears a siphon will function without pumping being required at the new turnout. This development along with the fact that an existing pump lift station will no longer be required to service the George Brother's property has validated the thought that this project can be financed out of Improvement District #14 maintenance monies instead of a new capital expenditure.

Engineer-Manager Moss then reviewed the process by which the District pays the employees share of F.I.C.A. (Social Security). It was noted that this benefit is the equivalent to a 10 to 15% increase in base salary depending on the tax bracket the employee is in. It was felt that this benefit was not being fully appreciated by the employees and that it distorts the salaries when comparing to those of other Districts. It was noted that there are no other districts or private agencies in the area paying the employee's share of F.I.C.A. On a motion by Director Orlopp, seconded by Director Beach the Board instructed Engineer-Manager Moss to revise the salary schedule so as to supply an equivalent benefit to the employee and eliminate the District's paying the employee share of F.I.C.A.

Engineer-Manager Moss informed the Board that the Chevrolet pickup driven by Adolfo Martinez had recently blown a head gasket or crack a head. The Board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to find a used replacement gas engine and have it installed in the pickup.

With no further business to discuss the Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.


Harvey S. Chase, President


Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday, December 12, 1984:

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

Others

Richard M. Moss, Engineer-Manager-Secretary

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 7, 1984, were approved as mailed on a motion by Director Beach, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$68,207.08 were read, approved and ordered paid on the motion of Director Ketscher, seconded by Director McFarlin. Motion carried.

The Statement of Finances and Cash Plan Report were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The Monthly Maintenance Report and Operational Summary were presented by Engineer-Manager Moss.

The water supply and forecast was then discussed. There was 869 acre feet of water delivered to the District in November, this leaves a balance of 471 acre feet. Engineer-Manager Moss noted that arrangements have been made with Tulare Irrigation District for the sale of this water. Precipitation to date has been considerably above normal. Engineer-Manager Moss noted however, that the forecasters predict a significantly below average runoff year sometime during the next three years.

The cost-of-living salary increase to non-management personnel was then discussed. The average of the Consumer Price Index for San Francisco and Los Angeles shows an increase of 4.53% over the period of June 1983 to June 1984. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Director Ketscher, seconded by Director Orlopp to grant a cost-of-living increase of 2.28% to all non-management personnel effective January 1, 1985. Motion carried.

The District Rules and Regulations regarding water ordering and delivery were then reviewed. The Board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to keep the Rules and Regulations the same as has been in past years.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on recent developments regarding the replacement of a distribution pipeline on the Matsumoto property in Improvement District No. 3. Verbal approval has been received from Agricultural Concepts Corporation of Dinuba to allow the relocation of this pipeline onto their property. Agricultural Concepts Corporation property borders that of Matsumoto on the West side. Engineer-Manager Moss noted he is currently preparing easement documents and obtaining bids for the construction of the new pipeline.

The Board then reviewed a letter of proposal prepared by Hydro Electric Constructors for the development of the Kings River Siphon Hydro Electric Project. The Board directed Engineer-Manager Moss to send a letter to Hydro Electric Constructors indicating the District's sincere interest in the development of this project and also noting some questions and concerns that need further clarification before moving ahead.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported that he had prepared an estimate for the installation of the over-the-bank turnout for George Brothers Farms out of the Friant Kern Canal. A cost of \$6,000.00 is estimated for the installation of the turnout. The turnout will function as a siphon with only a vacuum pump required to prime the pipe. The Board directed Moss to proceed with the project.

Engineer-Manager briefed the Board on recent developments regarding the construction of a third AC Intertie with the Pacific Northwest to transmit electrical power. The District, along with several other irrigation districts in the South Valley, apparently has been eliminated from participation in the intertie, although no formal notice of this has been received to date. Engineer-Manager Moss reported that he has written a letter to Congressman Pashayan asking the Congressman to look into the participation allocation process for the intertie and to insure himself that all required government procedures were followed. Moss also reported that the District will be joining with the other South Valley Districts in pursuing this matter. Legal and engineering consultants have been hired by the districts to assist in determining the best course of action to take. The District will be expected to share in the cost of these consultants. The Board directed Moss to continue with these efforts.

The Board then reviewed the status of the Reporting and Certification Forms required by the Bureau. Of particular concern was the question of how to handle those landowners who have not complied by sending in completed forms. The consensus was to not make any overt effort at this time to force compliance but to wait for enforcement steps to be taken by the Bureau.

A report, by item, of discussions at the December Friant Water Users meeting was then given by President Chase and Engineer-Manager Moss. The report dealt with Central Valley Project Water rights issues including the growing threats to the San Joaquin River water rights above and below Friant Dam. Also discussed were recent developments concerning the take over of operations and maintenance on the Friant Kern Canal. Other units of the Central Valley Project are now looking at O & M take-over as well and the idea has surfaced to have the Central Valley Project Water Association be the parent organization to facilitate the take-over and the units be divisions under the this association. While this concept is being looked into, the negotiations for the Friant take-over have been put on hold.

Engineer-Manager Moss then reviewed for the Board the status of the Power Projects. Construction on the Friant Project appears to be on schedule although the effects of an accident involving the Roter for the Madera Plant has raised questions about the ability to bring the Madera unit on line as scheduled. Apparently the Roter was damaged in transit from the Port of Oakland to the site. The Granite Project is currently being reviewed by Bechtel Engineering, preliminary results of their investigations will be available in middle of January.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported that a letter from Fresno County has been received indicating that the district will receive \$28,988.00 in 1985 from Fresno County property tax revenues.

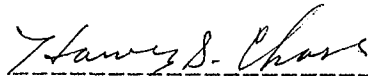
As reported in last month minutes a meeting was held on November 8 by representatives of the Orange Irrigation District, Hills Valley Irrigation District and Tri-Valley Water District. Discussed at this meeting were several items regarding current and future water needs of the Orange Cove Area. There will two action items as a result of this meeting:

1. Engineer-Manager Moss is to review with the Bureau of Reclamation their requirements for consolidation for annexation and;

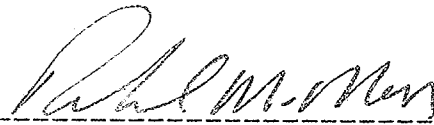
2. Dennis Keller of Serensen & Kellar Engineering is to determine the transfer available of the Cross Valley Canal contracts of Hills Valley and Tri-Valley Districts. It was suggested and agreed that Stanley Beach would attend any future meetings of this group as representative of the Orange Cove Irrigation District Board of Directors.

Engineer-Manager Moss reported on another meeting called by Alta Irrigation District concerning local runoff and drainage that ultimately ends up in the Alta East Canal. Orange Cove Irrigation District only interest in this issue is the possible joint use of a reservoir facility. Alta Irrigation District is looking towards government assistance in the form of a project to solve this drainage problem.

With no further business to discuss the Board meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Harvey S. Chase, President



Richard M. Moss, Secretary

