

Manteca, California
April 8, 2014

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in their chambers at the hour of 9:00 a.m. President Roos called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
ABSENT: NONE

Also present were Finance & Administration Manager Bere Lindley, General Counsel Steve Emrick, Engineering Department Manager Sam Bologna, and Executive Secretary Betty Garcia.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The Board was asked to consider the following Consent Calendar Items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$261,413.43; A/P Wires in the amount of \$233,508.96; payroll dated April 4 in the amount of \$190,782.90.
- B. Approval of the regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014.
- C. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and owner's agreement to maintain flow meter, John Azevedo, APN 206-110-04.
- D. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and owner's agreement to maintain flow meter, Richard & Lori Van Vliet, APN 205-060-10 & 38.

Director Roos noted on page 5 of the minutes, his comment regarding the Farm Bureau, should state, "the portion of the meeting he attended was not spent discussing nitrates in the water, but regulations that would force the Coalition to police its members."

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Holbrook to adopt the Consent Calendar items with the changes noted above by the following roll call vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #1 – Consider 2014 Water Supply Forecast, Irrigation Schedule, and Woodward elevation

Mr. Lindley distributed information on the projected water budget for 2014 and says the water supply is looking better than anticipated but the District needs to continue to conserve water. He indicated the 12 day irrigation rotation is saving approximately 36,000 AF. He discussed the inflow to New Melones and said the odds are good that we will not use any water from our conservation account. He said there have been improvements to the snow pack which helps to increase our water supply. He stated the water level at Woodward reservoir will be raised higher and after July 7 that level will be brought back down. At the end of the irrigation season, the water will be brought back up to ensure the water treatment plant can operate normally. There was no action taken on this item.

Item #2 – Consider approval of amendment to irrigation service abandonment agreement for Allen Sipma, APN 226-150-20

Mr. Bologna said in reviewing this application he anticipates no problem with Mr. Sipma coming back on and receiving water from the District. He stated the land was signed off by the previous land owner, Souza Family Living Trust, on January 25, 2013. Mr. Sipma purchased the land in March 2013. He was unaware that the previous owner had signed off and has received water in 2013 without paying full water charges for that year.

Mr. Emrick suggested in the future when parcels sign off or abandons water, the water department needs to be advised that no more water will be taken and then staff needs to insure that land owner does not continue to get water. Mr. Lindley asked if item 2 under conditions needs to be re-written because it seemed to conflict with previous statements about current ability to receive sprinkler water. Mr. Bologna explained that this was intended to address a situation where changes are made that may trigger the need to install a new sump such as change of ownership or lease of the property as stated in Item 4.

Item 2 will be modified to clarify that condition as follows: “Owner shall acknowledge that a new Structure Permit for a sump structure shall be obtained to provide sprinkler service to the subject property in the future, if the subject property is sold or leased to another party.”

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to accept staff’s recommendations and to suspend Tier II policy provisions for this one matter because of the unusual circumstances and allow Mr. Sipma to receive water as a Tier I land owner. The Board also waived the one year notice requirement.

The following specific conditions for approval are outlined below, with such changes in wording as staff determines to be necessary:

- 1) Owner shall agree to make all modifications necessary to be able to utilize the existing pipeline, valves, or sprinkler service at his own expense.
- 2) Owner shall acknowledge that a new Structure Permit for a sump structure shall be obtained to provide sprinkler service to the subject property in the future, if the subject property is sold or leased to another party.

- 3) Owner shall acknowledge that water measurement for this property will be based on calculated information recorded by Division Manager and any disputes with regard to water delivery accuracy may result in the owner installing a flow meter at his expense. Further, owner shall adhere to District policies and standards relative to installation of a meter upon notification by the District of the need to install a meter.
- 4) Owner shall also acknowledge that the District reserves the right to withhold service until water measurement requirements and other specified requirements are satisfied. District further reserves the right to impose additional conditions in the future if substantial changes occur, such as change of ownership or lease to another party.
- 5) Owner must pay for the last year' water charges plus the current year's charges.

Motion passed 4 to 1 as follows:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KUIL ROOS
NOES:	KAMPER
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

The Board gave direction to staff to bring the Tier II policy back to a later meeting to be further reviewed.

Item #3 – Communications

Director Holbrook attended the CMUA conference and stated the big issue with Congress is to void tax exempt municipal bonds. He also attended a workshop on cyber security which is a huge problem throughout the industry. It was reported the use of electricity is decreasing because of solar.

Director Kuil attended the Tri Dam Project advisory committee where they discussed a special distribution concept. Frank Clark of Oakdale Irrigation District said OID has no need but is willing to cooperate. He gave a report on Donnell's and briefly mentioned items that will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Director Holmes asked what is the status of replacing Jim Atherstone and the duties he performed. Mr. Lindley reported the current plan is to distribute his responsibilities to current employees and some of the duties could be handled by a consultant. He also said that hiring a replacement has not been entirely ruled out.

Director Roos went to the USGS workshop at the Groundwater Banking Authority meeting where they discussed groundwater recharge and land subsidence. He also attended the SJTA where he met with Steven Phillips who has good ideas on the water movement and he invited him to come and speak with the Board.

Ed Erisman, Water Treatment Plant

- Quarterly recovery cleans on the membranes have been completed and staff is seeing an increase in fiber breaks for ZW6.
- Testing for the Operator in Training position was completed on March 21 and interviews are scheduled for April 9.

- Operators are installing a new wash down system in the DAF basins to reduce the need for staff to enter these confined spaces. The initial test system was installed on DAF #4 and is working well.

Don Battles, Utility Systems Director

- He attended the CMUA conference and they discussed distributed generation where you can generate your own electricity and separate from the grid. One percent of homes have rooftop solar but most have not separated from the grid. A potential threat to electric utilities could be that entire communities could separate from the grid. Legislature passed a bill that allows the PUC to charge \$10 per customers who have solar.

Troylene Vallow, Communications

- SJFB 100 year anniversary dinner is Friday, April 11.
- Escalon Wine Stroll will be held on April 25.
- Boys & Girls Club golf tournament will be held on May 2.
- Give Every Child a Chance Rodeo will be held on June 6 – 7.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- He attended the USGS workshop on groundwater on March 26 hosted by the Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA). He said the (GBA will consider including 6 proposed District projects in its Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) to assist the District in applying for Prop 84 grant funding for the following projects: East Basin Conjunctive Use project; Irrigation Flow Measurement and SCADA Improvements Implementation project; Main Distribution Canal Lining project; On-Farm Water Conservation program; Phase 1 Feasibility Assessment of Pressurized Water Delivery project; and the West Basin Water Reuse project. Jeff Shaw and he plan to give a presentation tomorrow to the GBA committee regarding the merits of the projects.
- Notice to proceed was given to Stantec for the next three Milestones with focus on studying feasibility to utilize pressure head from Woodward and one line versus a two line service. They will also be working on the draft grower survey to help provide information relative to pumping costs for farmers.

Bere Lindley, Finance & Administration Manager

- He attended the SJTA meeting where action was taken to delegate to the district managers to decide how to respond to the draft term sheet for the San Joaquin settlement process; environmental groups like the idea of zone of control.
- Action was also taken to file a protest against the Bureau of Reclamation's petition for relieve from D-1641 flow requirements of the Bay-Delta Plan.
- Director Roos was elected as chair to the SJTA for next year.

Structure permit approved:

- Brian Franzia, APN 205-090-52, Lateral "Bf"
- Jesus Olmos, APN 203-210-17, Lateral "Bk 257 dd"

Encroachment agreements approved:

- Steve & Jacqueline Fredriks, APN 226-140-23, Lateral "W" and "W110dd"

Robin Giuntoli and Julie Vrieling reviewed a presentation of a new feature provided under Billing and Customer Service section on the SSJID website. It allows customers to create an account and pay their bills online. In addition to paying their bills online, the customer can access their payment history and water consumption for the past beginning with 2013. Customers will have an opportunity to receive paperless billing. These features will save time for both office staff and ditch tenders.

Steve Emrick, General Counsel

- Reported that Jeff Shields is in Washington, DC meeting with legislative members and that his focus is on preserving tax exempt municipal bonds. He is also meeting with Senator Feinstein in regards to the City of Ripon project.
- He is still working on the Mohler matter stating that he has been communicating with Mohler's legal counsel
- Reported that Mr. Shields met with Joe Catanzarite and other staff members to address Director Holmes concerns about the division consolidations. Part of the challenge is that ditch tenders have received questions from customers about volumetric billing which they cannot answer. Answers will be provided to the ditch tenders and posted to the SSJID website.

Joe Catanzarite stated the water level at Woodward reservoir is currently at elevation 203 and will continue to be raised until it reaches elevation 204 .

Item #4 – Closed Session. It was announced that items 4a, b, & c would be discussed in closed session.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision © of
Government Code Section 54956.9
- 2 cases
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of
Government Code Section 54956.9
- 1 case
- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Property – 17200 Murphy Parkway, Lathrop
Agency Negotiators: Jeff Shields, Don Battles, Steve Emrick
Negotiating Parties: SSJID, Beowolf Energy, LLC and Bicent Power, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price

Upon their return from closed session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken.

ITEM #5 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ROOS

ATTEST: _____
 Betty Garcia, Executive Secretary