

**MINUTES FOR THE MAY 15, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in special session at the District office. President Kuil called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll-call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL
ABSENT: ROOS

Also present were General Manager, Peter Rietkerk; Assistant General Manager, Bere Lindley; General Counsel, Mia S. Brown; Special Counsel, Steve Emrick.

Public Comment – Public comments were received in the course of discussion of Agenda Item #1, as indicated below.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #1 – Discussion and possible direction concerning the potential for SSJID to offer administrative, operational, or other assistance to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District

CSJWCD reached out to SSJID to discuss the possibility of SSJID assisting CSJWCD in its efforts to distribute water to more of its customers. CSJWCD receives water from the Bureau of Reclamation's New Melones Project, which is delivered through the Goodwin Tunnel and Canal Project operated by Stockton East Water District (SEWD). The wheeling fees charged by SEWD for use of its facilities are not cost effective for CSJWCD, which experiences some measure of financial hardship in general. CSJWCD is presently indebted to SEWD for past wheeling and other charges, and cannot take water through its facilities until that debt is paid.

SSJID Director Bob Holmes introduced the meeting as an opportunity to discuss CSJWCD's current condition and its needs, as well as hear from the SSJID Board of Directors whether they would be interested in exploring any ways SSJID might be able to provide assistance to CSJWCD.

SSJID Board President, Dale Kuil, disclosed for the record that three (3) of SSJID's current Directors own property within CSJWCD's boundary. Director Kamper stated that he does not own property within CSJWCD's boundary.

CSJWCD Director, Richard Veldstra, enquired whether there might be some mechanism to form a JPA, undergo a merger, or another arrangement whereby CSJWCD could work with SSJID to supply CSJWCD with water. Veldstra identified what he saw as possible options for CSJWCD: to buy a share in SEWD's tunnel; to build its own facilities; to transfer water at the base of the Woodward Reservoir; or to have SSJID take over CSJWCD.

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SSJID Director, Dave Kamper, noted that SSJID's duties are to its in-District landowners, first and foremost, but that the District does have an interest in helping its neighbors where it can. Kamper also noted that SSJID has attempted to work with CSJWCD in the past on water transfers, and that CSJWCD was very reluctant to purchase water at market rates. SSJID Director, John Holbrook, commented that CSJWCD needs to meet with SEWD first, and then see if a solution can be arranged in working with SSJID. He also stated that SSJID could not guarantee water supply.

SSJID General Manager, Peter Rietkerk, stated that SSJID, if directed by its board, will take an objective look at the range of possibilities. Any efforts will require coordination and cooperation between CSJWCD, SEWD, and possibly other basin partners, to attempt to develop a solution that is beneficial to multiple parties.

CSJWCD Director, Richard Veldstra, identified that CSJWCD has two issues: a short-term solution, and a long-term solution. The short-term involves wheeling water through SEWD's facilities; the long-term should involve shared infrastructure and CSJWCD's ability to use its own facilities without wheeling fees.

SSJID's Board of Directors gave informal direction to staff and legal counsel to explore the various issues presented at the meeting and come back to the Board with additional information when it is obtained. SSJID Board President Dale Kuil noted that further discussion and exploration may be appropriately considered by the SSJID Ag Water Committee as well.

Item #2 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

ATTEST: _____
Mia S. Brown, Acting Clerk of the Board