

Manteca, California  
March 9, 2010

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.

Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK KUIL KAMPER SCHULZ ROOS

Also present were Secretary/Manager Shields, District Counsel Emrick and Engineering Department Manager Bologna.

President Kamper called the meeting to order and asked for public comment. There being none he asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar Items as presented:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Warrants of \$1,075,446.68 and Payroll of \$324,900.27.
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2010.
- C. Approve the following Service Abandonment Agreements:

Agr #	Acreage	Assessors Parcel #	Owner
1587	2.00	228-150-33	David Escobar

- D. Adopt Resolution 10-03-F, Update Signature Cards with Union Bank of California.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 10-03-F  
UPDATE SIGNATURE CARDS WITH UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (District) must update its signature cards with its financial institutions.

RESOLVED, that any one of the following named officers,

Dave Kamper Dale Kuil  
Ralph Roos John Holbrook  
Robert Schulz

and one of the following named District staff,

Jeffrey Shields, General Manager/Secretary  
Bere Lindley, Finance & Administration Department Manager  
Robin Giuntoli, Finance Supervisor

are authorized to co-sign checks, drafts or other orders for and on behalf of the District from the bank designated as the District's Business Checking Account.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any one of the above noted staff is authorized to sign PAYROLL checks, drafts, direct deposit wires or other orders for and on behalf of the District from the bank designated as the District's Business Checking Account.

- E. Adopt Resolution 10-04-F, Naming Bere Lindley, District Treasurer/Collector.

**RESOLUTION NO 10-04-F  
OF THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
APPOINTING BERE LINDLEY AS DISTRICT TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

WHEREAS, John Stein, who for many years held the position of Treasurer/Collector, retired in February 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer is responsible for investing the District's funds and collecting the District's unpaid accounts, among other duties, and

WHEREAS, the Board appointed Robin Giuntoli as Interim Treasurer/Controller effective January 22, 2010, until a permanent replacement is appointed,

WHEREAS, Bere Lindley became employed by the District as Finance and Administration Manager on March 1, 2010 and is qualified to assume the duties of Treasurer/Collector,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bere Lindley is hereby appointed the Treasurer/Collector of South San Joaquin Irrigation District effective on this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a bond in the amount of \$100,000 shall be provided for this office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010

Director Holbrook said that his motion in the February 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes to adopt Resolution 10-02-E, should include the wording, "for the purpose of informing the public". Motion by Director Roos and seconded by Director Kuil to approve the Consent Calendar with the addition of the above mentioned changes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2010 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Holbrook	Kuil	Kamper	Schulz	Roos
Noes:	None				

General Manager then introduced the new Treasurer/Collector, Bere Lindley to the Board. Mr. Lindley addressed the Board and briefly gave his career background.

General Counsel then made the Board aware that there was an individual in the audience taping the procedures, fully within his rights under the law.

President Kamper then asked Bill Hubkey, Plant Manager to address the Board concerning Item 1. Approve concrete work and accept low bid for same. Hubkey explained to the Board that there are two areas of the Plant that have need of concrete slabs. The first area is located by the speaker at the front gate and the second is located by the Atlas Copco screw compressors. Hubkey said he received five bids, with the low bid coming from Jack Mattos Construction. He recommends acceptance of the bid from Jack Mattos at a cost of \$6,256. Motion by Holbrook, seconded by Schulz to approve the concrete work and accept low bid of \$6,256. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #2: District Pump 77, panel replacement and oil leak. Frank Avila, Telemetry Systems Supervisor addressed the Board. Frank gave a brief history of Pump 77. He explained that it is a very important pump, that has the ability to service three different lines for water delivery. He said this pump was scheduled to be replaced next year. On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the electrical panel and meter on this pump started on fire. At this point, GM Shields interjected that it took PG&E over an hour to respond to this emergency. Director Holbrook asked what the cause of the fire was. Frank said that although we can't be absolutely sure, he believes it is related to the heavy wind and rain in the area on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, which may have loosened the leads in the back of the meter causing arcing and fire. Regardless of the cause, PG&E will not reconnect the service until our panel is brought up to code. Avila told the Board he received bids from three companies, N&S Irrigation Inc., Don Pedro Pump and Delta Pump Co. Each company submitted a bid for both, repairing the pump including panel upgrades and for replacing the pump including panel upgrades and permits. Low bidder for both options came from N&S Irrigation Inc. Frank told the Board that a new efficiency pump will ensure reliability and will save as much as 30% on energy costs. He recommends replacing Pump 77 with a new efficiency pump. Don Battles addressed the Board, expressed his agreement with Frank. He explained that along with the lower energy costs you also get higher water efficiency with these new pumps. Director Roos asked about the quality of water that this pump draws.

Frank told him that the water is a very good quality. Director Kuil asked if the old pump would be saved as a spare. Avila said yes, they would rewind the old pump and use as a spare. Director Holbrook made a motion that was seconded by Kuil, to replace Pump 77 with a new efficiency pump and accept the bid from N&S Irrigation Inc. The motion passed 4 to 1, with Roos opposing.

Item #3: Temporary water service for out of District property. GM Shields acknowledged landowner, Paul Voortman in the audience. Shields explained that the 80 acre parcel owned by Voortman & Dykshoorn is an "island" within District boundaries. The current property owners, Darrel Voortman and Dirk Dykshoorn have applied for annexation into the District, but delays related to LAFCO's Municipal Service Review, have prompted them to ask for temporary water service. Shields said he feels confident that the land will be annexed during this water season. Director Schulz said he doesn't think we should require that the landowners install a water meter, as part of this agreement. Emrick explained that in less than 2 years the District will be required by law to have volumetric metering in place and he feels we should use opportunities such as this to begin compliance. Director Kamper said he has a meter on one of his pumps and that he likes having that information available to him. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Schulz to remove the requirement of a water meter in the agreement and approve a one year water service agreement to the property identified as APN 206-050-03. The motion was seconded by Holbrook. The motion carried 3 to 2, with Kamper and Holbrook voting no.

Item #4: PG&E Gas Line Replacement (L-108 Project) Sam Bologna told the Board that District staff recently met with PG&E staff in an effort to resolve District concerns as they relate to this project. PG&E has agreed to modify their project plans in accordance with District standards and they withdrew their request to use District facilities for their dewatering needs relative to the project. Bologna said the Board is being asked to consider a conditional approval of PG&E's plans. One of the conditions of approval would be that PG&E submit a dewatering plan. Bob Jones, a representative of PG&E was in attendance. He spoke to the Board and confirmed that the dewatering plan is almost complete. Director Holbrook spoke to the importance of avoiding dirty runoff into our public waterways. President Kamper asked that the issue be deferred until after Closed Session.

Item #5 Amendment to Irrigation Service Abandonment # 858 for APN# 226-120-08 & 226-120-09. The current owner wishes to reestablish water service to these properties. Bologna told the Board that there was no opposition from the Water Department and that the irrigation system on the property was already set up to accept our water. Bologna recommended approval of the Amendment to Agreement #858. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Roos to approve the Amendment to Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement #858. There being no further discussion, President Kamper asked those in favor of the motion to indicate in the positive. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #6: Continuation of the Moisture Monitoring Program. Bologna reported that 18 properties within the District participated in the program last year. The participants received information on a weekly basis concerning moisture content, to help them determine how much water they should apply to their crops. It was the general consensus of those who participated in the program, that it is a valuable tool. Kamper said he and Director Roos were participants in the program last year and that they found the information they received valuable. The program not only benefited the participants but also provided the District with good information about irrigation practices. Director Schulz asked how people can sign up to participate. Bologna said we had an article in the Spring newsletter last year, in which people were directed to contact the Engineering Department if they were interested. Director Kamper said it should be in the Newsletter again this year. Bologna asked the Board to authorize a cost of \$6,000 to continue the moisture monitoring program this season. Director Kuil made a motion to approve continuation of the moisture monitoring program at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Holbrook and unanimously approved.

Item #7: Setting the start of 2010 Water Season. After a brief discussion, it was decided that water deliveries will begin March 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Roos, seconded by Kamper and unanimously approved to start water deliveries on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

President Kamper asked for the General Managers Report.

Jeff Shields reported as follows:

- Handed out pictures of a slide which occurred in the Joint Main Canal last Friday. Repairs are being made and will not delay the start of water.
- Nick Fereria is being temporarily reassigned to the position of Assistant Water Superintendant.
- The Engineering Department will be shorthanded due to Nick's reassignment so MCR will be assisting with final inspection services to help wrap up construction season.
- The March 10 Groundwater Banking Association has been cancelled, the next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on April 14.
- Will be speaking against Proposition 16 at the CPUC hearing in San Francisco on March 17.
- Reported that he will be at the CMUA Conference March 23-25 and will not be in attendance at the next Board meeting.
- Approved the following Structure Permit
  - 1). Anne Russell, APN 208-040-30 to replace A-frame and valve on Lateral "R" @ Sta. 594 +/-
- Approved the following Encroachment Agreement:
  - 1). Ghahramani, APN 202-360-17 to encroach upon Lateral "T" with a storage shed.

Directors Reports:

Director Holbrook

- Issues discussed at the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 1 were Management & Administration Employee Policy, Investment Policy and Review Tri-Dam Power Authority Debt instruments. No reportable action.
- Attended forum entitled "Conversations on Water" held at UOP on March 6. There were excellent presentations on both sides of the peripheral canal issue. The forum was well worth attending. The next forum will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at UOP.

Director Kamper

- Reported that he read a good article in the Farm Journal magazine about the water bond issue.
- Asked if any of our consultants have been marking pumps in the Division 9 project area. Sam said he didn't know of any.
- Public has asked about the work being done along Austin Road because it has caused unsafe driving conditions. The project is the City of Manteca's not SSJID.

Director Kuil

- Asked about the water line to the District office. Sam Bologna said that the City has agreed to allow the connection. We are in the process of confirming the location of the pipe. We may need to obtain new easements.

Manager's Reports:

Bill Hubkey, WTP:

- Plant staff have completed CPR training and mandatory Pulmonary Function Tests (PFT).
- The mechanical part of the "POP" project is substantially completed. Ross Carrol did a final walk through and the warranty period for equipment has begun.
- Tesco has now begun working on the instrumentation side of the "POP" project.

- California Department of Public Health has completed their annual inspection. They made two requests; 1). Submit monthly total of fiber repairs, 2). Only report actual events on SCADA trends.
- Quarterly recovery cleans are now complete on the fibers, per Zenon's maintenance schedule.
- Plant staff working with Stanislaus County staff, making repairs to damaged fencing at Woodward Reservoir.
- Will move to upper intake at Woodward, one week after irrigation season starts.

Don Battles, Utility Systems:

- Handed out District pump energy use reports.
- Stated that the new pump program will be helpful in making changes in pump use to ensure optimum efficiency.
- He and Frank Avila will look at using pumps at "off peak" times when it is feasible.

President Kamper called for closed session. General Counsel, Emrick stated the Board will discuss the following items in closed session.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9- 2 cases
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 - 2 cases
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Existing litigation  
Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
PG&E General Rate Case 2011- CPUC A.09-12-020

Upon returning, General Counsel reported that in closed session the Board voted unanimously to reject a tort claim filed by OID. No other reportable action was taken in closed session.

Kamper announced that the Board would return to Item 4, the conditional approval of PG&E gas line replacement project. Board reported that staff was authorized to sign the agreement with the following conditions: PG&E will reimburse all District costs associated with this project and that an acceptable dewatering plan is submitted. Sam Bologna will be getting an additional retainer to cover legal and engineering costs. He also assured the Board that the District Inspector will be keeping track of the work. Motion by Holbrook to authorize staff to sign agreement with PG&E when staff is satisfied that our conditions have been met. Motion was seconded by Kuil and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Kuil, and unanimously carried to adjourn to March 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Cheryl Burke, Executive Secretary