

Manteca, California  
January 12, 2016

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

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS  
ABSENT: NONE

Also present were General Manager Peter M. Rietkerk, General Counsel Steve Emrick, Engineering Department Manager Sam Bologna, and Executive Secretary Betty Garcia.

**Public Comment** - None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$671,706.02; A/P wires in the amount of \$375,107.80; payroll dated December 25, 2015 and January 8, 2016 in the amount of \$388,245.92.
- B. Approval of the special board meeting minutes of December 16, 2015.
- C. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for Robert L. Bryant Trust, APN 245-190-12.
- D. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for J & S DeBoer Investment Property, APN 245-240-02.
- E. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for Sherwin & Helene DeBoer, APN 245-230-71.
- F. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for M & E Almonds, Inc., APN 197-020-02.
- G. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for Jacques & Sarah Oblin, APN 226-110-27.
- H. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for Louie J. Tallerico, APN 204-020-11.

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Holbrook to accept the consent calendar as submitted.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following roll call vote:

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

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Item #1 – Approve appointments to board committees, district offices, and other assignments**

After the motion was made and seconded, Mr. Steve Emrick, General Counsel, informed the Board that item #10 on the committee appointments of District Officers does not need to be approved by the Board every year. He said if the board would specify that these District Officers serve at the board’s pleasure, they remain in office until the Board takes action to change them. Director Kuil said he prefers to leave the motion as is and reconsider these appointments every year.

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Holbrook to accept the committee appointments as submitted. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

**Item #2 – Consider approval of Blankinship proposal for the State Implementation Plan (SIP) 5.3 exception on the District’s NPDES Permit**

Mr. Walt Luihn, Safety and Environmental Compliance Officer, said the SIP allows for short-term or seasonal categorical exceptions from meeting certain pollutant criteria/objectives under section 5.3 of the State Implementation Plan. Director Holbrook asked how many Districts have pursued the SIP exception on their NPDES permit. Mr. Luihn said that Merced, Modesto, Oakdale, Turlock, and Solano Irrigation Districts hold a Section 5.3 SIP exception.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to accept the proposal from Blankinship and Associates, Inc., to prepare the State Implementation Plan (SIP) Section 5.3 exception request for the use of copper and acrolein (Magnacide H) in the amount of \$40,000.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

**Item #3 – Consider allocation of funds for On-Farm & Measurement Network**

Mr. Frank Avila, Telemetry Systems Manager, stated that funds for this project were allocated in 2015. In preparation of the 2016 budget, Mr. Avila believed the District would have 100 sites with meters installed that would be ready for telemetry. However, reviewing the information, he found only 21 had been approved with nine applications pending. Currently the District has 10 sites with flow meters only to measure spills into the drains and have no telemetry. There are an additional 10 priority locations that are on the list waiting for budget opportunities and scheduling.

Director Holmes asked if the District has other meters installed by outside vendors that do not yet have telemetry. Mr. Avila stated he is unaware of any. Directors Kamper and Holmes agreed there are meters within the District lacking telemetry that have been installed by outside vendors.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to amend the existing contract with Energy Systems Engineering to purchase 30 flow monitoring units and to adjust the budget accordingly to re-allocate funds. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

**Item #4 – COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Roos announced that the Mid-Pacific Water Users conference will be held next week, from January 19 – 22 in Reno. He is concerned there may not be a quorum at the upcoming Tri-Dam Project meeting. Director Holmes will inquire if that meeting can be moved to Tuesday, January 19 in the afternoon.

Director Kamper advised the Board that it is best not to ask employees to do favors for them.

Director Kuil informed the group that the GBA meeting is tomorrow in Stockton at 9:00 a.m. and immediately followed by the SGMA working group.

Ed Erisman, WTP Manager

- He advised the Board that the Operations Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 11. One of the topics discussed was the annual flow meter calibration testing. Staff presented a report that indicated the percentages of accuracy for the turnout meters are greater than the raw water meters at the WTP. Since the early years of the WTP operation, the Cities have been billed using the raw water meters. It was discovered the last few years that these numbers do not appear accurate. Using the information from the City of Tracy’s meters, staff was able to determine that the turnout meters should be used for billing purposes.
- A tank drain and inspection with the City of Manteca at the M2 booster site has been scheduled for the week of January 25. The tank will be drained on Monday, inspected on Wednesday, and disinfected and refilled. It should be back in service by Friday.

- A meeting with River Islands and the City of Lathrop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13 to discuss getting the L2 connection at Manthey Road back on track. The project was started several years ago but never completed.

Don Battles, Utility Systems Director

- He reported that the last two weeks were spent with appraisers and inventory groups to inspect the PG&E facilities and sub-stations. The group did a lot of work and is processing the appraisal report. This was a \$14,000 expense for PG&E staff to assist the District. One transformer that was believed to be out of service, was found to be in rehab. The Ripon sub-station is being rehabilitated and its size will increase. A second sub-station will be installed for increased capacity. He reported that PG&E is making major upgrades to their system.

Bere Lindley, Assistant General Manager

- He reported the annual employee evaluations will begin soon.
- Staff will be working on the 5-year capital construction expenditure plan.
- He will be implementing a new governmental accounting standard, GASB 68, which he believes will improve accounting and financial reporting for pensions.
- Preparation for the 2015 audit is about to begin at the staff level and the auditors are expected to be onsite at the end of March or first part of April.
- Plans to meet with TruePoint regarding the preparations for the 2016 irrigation season.
- The finance department will have lost three of their long term employees by the end of January 2016. Two full time employees have been hired and at this time are doing well. A temporary employee was recently hired to fill the third position until a permanent hire can be completed.

Troylene Vallow, Communications

- She thanked the Board for the time off during the holidays and shared that other employees were also thankful for the time off.
- Almond Blossom kickoff dinner will be held on Thursday, January 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Spring Creek in Ripon.
- Boys & Girls Crab feed will be held this Saturday, January 16. Stantec and Quincy Engineering are sponsors of the event and will join the District for dinner.
- A retirement party for Margo Van Voorst will be held on Wednesday, January 27 at 2:30 p.m. and she encouraged the Board to attend.
- Notices for the Prop 218 public hearing were mailed out on Thursday, January 7.
- Almond Blossom festival parade will be held on Saturday, February 27. Jeff Shields and Peter Rietkerk will participate in the parade and a committee is being established to help with planning the parade festivities.
- She is seeking to secure a location to hold the annual employee dinner. No date has been set but she will keep the Board informed.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- He attended a meeting with the City of Manteca and their consultant on Monday, January 11 regarding the proposed FEZ (family entertainment center and hotel complex). They

indicated there is a new investor that wants to build a hotel complex at the site where the Great Wolf Lodge was to be built. Many issues were raised relative to the potential impacts to the FCOC that will need to be mitigated. The City hopes to address the Board with a conceptual plan at the February 9 meeting.

- Test pumping at the east basin well project is completed and waiting for test results to determine the size of pumps that will need to be developed. Draw down tests were performed on nearby wells to insure that pumping activities will not have any significant impact on surrounding wells.
- District received revised information from Kleinfelder on the MDC study regarding seepage issues. The new information contains possible options to lining that may resolve the issue at a significantly lower cost. The options look promising and we plan to bring these recommendations to the next Board meeting.
- Staff held a meeting regarding the feasibility study for the district wide pressurized system and plan to meet next Monday to review all of the tech memorandums submitted by Stantec and to formulate recommendations for the next steps.
- Engineering department has been inundated with development projects that are in various stages of the approval process. Several projects are planning to be constructed during this maintenance season.
- Staff plans to meet with Alldrin regarding soil erosion into the District's main canal and other unresolved issues.
- FTG Construction Material (Alegre) signed the contract for dirt removal at the west basin and should begin moving dirt soon. A pre-construction meeting will be held next week.

Peter Rietkerk, General Manager

- He reported a large rock slide on the MDC.
- Reviewed the water supply conditions stating the San Joaquin River 5 station index has received 18.8 inches to date, 120% of average to date. The Sacramento River 8 station index has received 19.4 inches or 93% of average to date. Beardsley has received a total of 22.5 inches of precipitation in all of water year 2014-2015; and currently measures 20.3 inches as of January 11, 2016. The snow in the Central Sierras are approximately 107% of normal, about 48% of April 1 average. The forecast calls for a great series of storms.
- He reviewed the cumulative precipitation at the Stockton Metro Airport and created a graph that displayed the 30 year average from 1981 - 2010 which was approximately 14 inches. During the 2014-2015 water year the precipitation was almost 10 inches. The current water year appears to be following the 30 year average.
- He met with Jeff McPhee on January 8 regarding encroachments on Woodward Reservoir and there are plans to meet with Alldrin.
- He met with the Bureau of Reclamation on January 8, 2016 to discuss 2016 project operations for New Melones and the Stanislaus River. Critical water supply points for discussion include April/May and Fall pulse flows as they are the largest volumetric release events. Followup meetings will be scheduled mid-February after Bulletin 120 runoff estimates are provided by DWR on the Stanislaus.

- Nothing new to report on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act GSA formation but San Joaquin County did apply to become a GSA. The Groundwater Basin Authority meeting is on January 13.
- An internal review of the draft Pressurized System Feasibility study has been initiated. The next meeting is set for January 18 and will outline schedule, comments, and next steps for the process. Staff needs to look at costs within the District.
- He attended the SJTA monthly meeting on January 6 and updates on unimpaired flows were reviewed.
- Ken Robbins will be attending today's meeting and will report in closed session.

Structure Permits:

- Sherwin DeBoer, APN 245-230-71, Lateral "R"
- Sherwin DeBoer, APN 245-240-02, Lateral "R"
- Robert Bryant, APN 245-190-12, Lateral "Vb"
- M&E Almonds, Inc., APN 197-020-02, Lateral "Rh"
- Louie Tallerico, APN 204-020-11, Lateral "Qk"

At this time, General Counsel announced that items 5a, b, c, & d would be discussed in closed session.

**Item #5 – Closed Session**

- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
  - 3 cases
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
  - 3 cases
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
  - 1 case

Case Name: Pacific Gas & Electric Company vs.  
San Joaquin LAFCo  
Superior Court for San Joaquin County  
Case No. 39-2015-00321743-CU-JR-STK

- Conference with real property negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: A portion of the District's real property between the 215 and 218 foot contours above the north shore of Woodward Reservoir, east of 28 Mile Road

Negotiating Parties: SSJID and Jeff McPhee  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and terms of payment of sale or lease

Upon their return from Closed Session, it was reported there was no reportable action.

**Item #6 – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Director Roos and seconded by Director Kuil to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

The motion passed 5 to 0 with the following vote.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Betty Garcia, Executive Secretary