

Manteca, California  
January 14, 2014

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in their chambers at the hour of 9:01 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 General Manager Jeff Shields, General Counsel Steve Emrick, Engineering Department Manager Sam Bologna, and Executive Secretary Betty Garcia.

Director Roos asked for public comment and 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 \$1,049,281.48; A/P Wires in the amount of \$657,394.30; payroll for December 26 (IBEW Retro), December 26, 2013, and January 10, 2014.
- B. Approval of the regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2013.
- C. Approval of Consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and owner's agreement to maintain flow meter, RJM Vineyards, LLC, APN 245-200-27 and APN 245-290-33.
- D. Approval of the following Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreements:

David Spolerich	APN 249-200-05
Mary Slikker/Elizabeth Watson	APN 203-070-38
Alfredo Castellanos	APN 208-200-07
Scott Debrouwer	APN 204-030-04
Morey & Michie Egusa	APN 177-480-07

Director Holbrook noted on page 9, item #12 of the minutes, that it was he who had visited a booth on the Ultra High Efficiency Toilet at the ACWA conference and not Donald Thornburg. A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to adopt the Consent Calendar items, with the changes above, by the following roll call vote:

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

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **Item #1 – Consider request from Christopher Cosner in regards to a floating concession stand at Woodward Reservoir.**

Mr. Cosner addressed the board in regards to establishing a floating concession stand in Woodward Reservoir. He stated he has a bachelor's degree in business, he is an environmentalist, and an entrepreneur. He has made several attempts with the Stanislaus County to obtain a license to operate his floating concession stand at the lake but has not been successful. He is seeking a letter of support from the SSJID Board of Directors to operate his business at Woodward.

The Board believes Mr. Cosner had a good idea, to operate a concession stand at Woodward, however, the District could not support putting a concession facilities out into the water that could possibly create more litter as it is the Water Treatment Plant's goal to keep the water as clean as possible. The District informed Mr. Cosner that they could not direct the County of Stanislaus on how to conduct their business, that it would be best to go back and seek their approval to operate a concession stand on the land, and that SSJID would work with him and the County to clarify the requirements of the District as needed.

### **Item #3 – Consider 2014 Water Supply Forecast and 2014 Irrigation Schedule**

Mr. Shields stated the District is potentially dealing with the driest irrigation year since 1976-1977 and possibly the driest year on record. He distributed "Accuweather" forecast reports and the most recent reservoir storage data. He said the District's goal is to make enough water available for the irrigation season to assure growers have a successful crop and assure that the municipal water users receive enough high quality water from the Water Treatment Plant to protect the health and safety of the community. He informed the Board that the Governor of California is considering declaring a state of emergency. Mr. Lindley distributed data to the Board that looked at what SSJID's water supply and demand is projected to be for the 2013-2014 water year. A lengthy discussion with the Board followed.

A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Kamper to take the following actions:

- a. Notify the cities that their annual allotment may be reduced by 20% during 2014, in keeping with reduction in deliveries to farmers.
- b. Notify Stanislaus County that the level of Woodward Reservoir may be reduced for part or all of the 2014 irrigation season to conserve water.
- c. No winter run.
- d. Start date of irrigation season will be determined at a future date based on precipitation over the next 60 days.
- e. The length of irrigation runs in the 2014 irrigation season will be tied to evapotranspiration (ET), and could be 14 days in the beginning, 12 days and 10 days in June, July, and August, and on demand during and after harvest as in recent years, depending on the weather.
- f. Run all District wells whenever possible in order to boost surface water supply.

- g. The questions of cutbacks to Tier 2 customers and enforcement of time limits will be addressed when we start the season.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Item #2 – Review Board Committee Appointments**

The Board reviewed the Committee appointments and asked that the Groundwater Basin Authority Committee be added to the list for 2014 with Director Kuil as the main representative and Directors Holmes and Roos as alternates. No other changes were made.

### **Item #5 – Communications**

Ed Erisman, WTP Operations Supervisor

- He reported the California Department of Public Health had conducted their annual inspection of the Treatment plant on December 19, 2013 and were happy with their operations.
- The issue concerning the transmission pipeline of Dodds Road and the BNSF railroad crossing has been resolved and the District's existing pipe sleeve would be sufficient for the project BNSF is planning.
- The membrane integrity test on the V3 module had an issue with one of the clips holding the frame that failed to hold the module in place. They are working with GE to ensure there are safeguards in place to prevent this condition, which could damage the cassette.
- On Wednesday, January 15, the WTP will be conducting their annual fire drill with the City of Manteca and plant staff.

Director Holbrook reported he spoke with Trey Cutler who informed him that he would be sending two of the low flow toilets to the District and we could install them to see how they work.

Director Holmes read an article in the Modesto Bee that the BDCP would be holding a public meeting in Stockton at the University Plaza Hotel on January 21 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Director Roos reported that February 28 was the deadline to submit reimbursement for the Public Records Act. He stated that development was taking place south of the High School farm property in Ripon and asked Mr. Bologna to verify if the District has a water line that runs through that property.

Bere Lindley, Finance and Administration Manager

- He spoke with Union Bank in regards to the 1% investment on money market accounts and was told the District did not qualify because it only applied to individuals.

Troylene Vallow, Communications

- Boys & Girls Club Annual Crab Feed is Saturday, January 18 at the MRPS Hall in Manteca at 5:30 p.m.
- BIA is holding their annual general membership installation of members on Wednesday, January 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Country Club in Ripon.

- Ripon Almond Blossom Festival is on February 21 – 23, but last year there was not a good turn out and the District would not be providing a booth at the event.
- Director Roos asked what day the Employee Appreciation Dinner would be held and Ms. Vallow stated a date had not yet been set.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- Conservation Program has received 15 applications with 2 pending; \$206,400 committed to the program.
- Web enhancements have been made on the Division 9 project to enable operators to work easier on the system.
- Fine tuning is being done on the moisture sensors.
- District is reviewing where to place a well in Division 9.
- Pressurized study workshop planned for the end of January.

Jeff Shields, General Manager

- The Groundwater Basin Authority Committee met and discussed groundwater grants. SSJID will be advising the farmers to pump so they would be using groundwater.
- The new IRS mileage reimbursement rate is 56 cents per mile.
- David Murillo, with the Mid-Pacific Bureau of Reclamation will be holding a meeting on Thursday, January 16, from 3 to 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Sacramento to discuss the drought.
- Manteca Rotary will be hosting the Superbowl Omelet-Pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 2.
- Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference will be held in Reno, Nevada beginning Tuesday, January 21.

It was announced that the Board would be discussing items #6a & c under Closed Session.

**ITEM #6 – CLOSED SESSION**

6. a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of  
Government Code Section 54956.9  
- 2 cases
  
- c. Public Employment Performance Evaluation  
California Government Code Section 54957  
General Manager

Upon returning from closed session, the following action was taken.

**Item #4 - Consider compensation adjustment for General Manager**

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holmes to approve a one-time compensation adjustment for the General Manager in the amount of \$12,000. Motion passed 3 to 2 with Directors Holbrook and Kuil casting no votes.

**ITEM #7 - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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