

Manteca, California
January 25, 2005

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular adjourned session in their chambers at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: DEGROOT KAMPER ROOS SCHULZ KUIL

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, District Counsel Emrick, Utility Systems Director Shields, District Engineer Gilton, Engineering Department Supervisor Bologna and Water Treatment Systems Manager Hubkey.

President Roos called the meeting to order and asked for Public Comment.

Kathleen Harris addressed the Board relative to property on North Ripon Road. She said two years ago they asked for water on the two parcels and have heard nothing. Stroud said there are two parcels of approximately 19 acres each that do not meet District criteria for extending water service. He said the District provided an estimate of cost and offered to bring water to the south end of the property, but that Mr. Harris wanted it on the north end. He said we have no feasible way to bring water to the north end across the Travaille property to the east. Mrs. Harris stated that if they were not going to get water they demand the District give back the right of way, and refund with interest the fees they have paid for water. Stroud suggested that the Harris' sign a Service Abandonment Agreement if they wish to avoid paying full water charges. President Roos asked that staff look at this again and report back to the Board in 30 days.

President Roos asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID Warrants of \$1,054,947.31.
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2005.

On the minutes, Director Roos said on the item appointing an Assistant Secretary, he is shown making the motion and the second. Stein said he would make the correction. Director Kuil said on the Committee appointments for the City of Ripon, he is shown, and it should be Director Kamper. Stein said he would change Kuil to Kamper per direction of President Roos.

Motion by Kuil, seconded by DeGroot, to approve the Consent Calendar Items with the corrections noted above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of January 2005 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Kamper	Roos	Schulz	Kuil
Noes:	None				

Consider conditional approval of facility replacement plans and authorize signature of appurtenant documents, involving Drain 3, 3a and Lateral "Rf" located north of Lathrop Road, between Union Road and Airport Way. Director DeGroot left the meeting since he may have a conflict as a nearby landowner. Bologna said the City of Manteca has checked the plans and they are okay with them. All District lines will be replaced in the streets. Bologna recommended approving the plans and authorizing signature of all documents subject to compliance with all standard conditions and the special conditions and requirements of item 13 of the Developers Agreement. Kuil asked if the timing was critical. Bologna said the developer would need to put in the boxes and make the hookups later in order to get the work done before the 2005 water season begins.

Otherwise, the development project would be delayed. After discussion, it was moved by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, to approve conditionally as recommended.

Motion Carried,

Ayes:	Kamper	Roos	Schulz	Kuil
Noes:	None			
Absent:	DeGroot			

Director DeGroot returned to the meeting.

Consider conditional approval of improvement plans and related documents pertaining to the Terra Bella subdivision involving improvements to a portion of Lateral “Ya”, located north of Woodward Avenue, west of South Manteca Road. Bologna said the existing line is 42 inches, will be upgraded to 48 inch RGRCP. Currently irrigates approximately 550 acres. Line will be placed in the front yards of the properties. It was the consensus that the line should have been in the street, rather than the front yards of homes. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Schulz, to deny the request, and to instruct staff to revisit the plans to determine if it is feasible to put the line in the street. Motion carried 3 Ayes, 2 Noes with Directors Roos and DeGroot voting No.

Consider conditional approval of improvement plans and related documents pertaining to the Paseo West Subdivision involving improvements to a portion of Lateral “Ya”, located north of Woodward Avenue, east of South Manteca Road. Bologna told the Board this project involved 3,040 feet of 42 inch RGRCP. Ron Cheek of RLC Associates told the Board that this line was, as in the Terra Bella subdivision, in the front yards. He noted that there could be and in many instances there are more problems with the line in the street than in the front yard. He said at this time if the Board would approve installing two boxes, he would be happy to work with staff to resolve the issue of front yard vs. street. Motion by Kuil, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried to approve putting in the boxes as requested, and to go back and look at the pros and cons of alternative locations of the pipe.

Kuil asked that we go back to the Terra Bella subdivision, and made the following motion. Motion by Kuil, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to authorize the installation of boxes as required, and to go back and look at the options for different a location of the pipe again.

Consider conditional approval of plans and authorize signature of appurtenant documents, involving the replacement of a portion of Lateral “Z”, to be relocated to Industrial Park Drive extension project by the City of Manteca, located west of Spreckels Road. Bologna said the city is going to replace the line from Industrial Park Dive to Moffat Blvd. This involves approximately 786 feet of 48 inch RGRCP. District’s portion of the cost is \$22,401. Bologna recommended the Board conditionally approve this request. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to conditionally approve the plans and authorize execution of all documents, subject to compliance with all standard requirements and those special conditions and requirements referenced in the Developers agreement.

Consider conditional approval of In-Shape Health Club expansion project and authorize signature of appurtenant documents. Bologna said that the club has complied with all District specifications and requirements and recommended approval of the project, and authorized signature of all necessary documents subject to the In-Shape Health Club complying with all requirements in the Developers agreement. District portion of the cost is \$3,648.00. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to approve as recommended.

Consider approving job specifications for Water Treatment Plant positions and authorization to fill positions. Hubkey told the Board we need 5 Grade III operators. However, of the applicants, only 2 were qualified and offered positions, leaving us 3 short. Another alternative is to hire a Grade V who can supervise and help train the Water Plant Operator Apprentice positions. The Senior Water Plant Operator’s top pay is

\$66,000 per year. The Apprentice position top pay is \$46,000. Grade III top pay is \$59,000. Hubkey recommended the Board approve the Senior Water Plant Operator and the Water Plant Operator Apprentice job positions and authorize filling them as requested. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried to approve the two positions as requested.

Consider awarding N&S Irrigation contract for Pump Preventive Maintenance Program and pump efficiency tests, and authorize signature of appurtenant documents. Stroud said N&S was the low bidder at \$216 per pump, Don Pedro and Howk were over \$300 per pump. Total cost for servicing & testing approximately half of our pumps is \$3,240. Stroud recommended approving N&S. Motion by Kamper, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to approve agreement with N&S as presented, and authorize signature of same. Director Kuil asked staff to find out how much extra it would cost to perform the preventive maintenance inspection, without the pump efficiency tests on the remaining 15 pumps,.

Approve Cancellation of Service Abandonment Agreement 420, Walter Arnold, 247-030-10. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously to approved, on the condition that all repairs are made prior to irrigating and that they maintain these facilities in the future. Additionally they will need to apply for a Structure Permit for modifications to structures that service the property.

President Roos asked for Managers' Report:

Stroud reported the following:

Tri-Dam Board Meeting, January 27, 2005, 9:00 a.m. at SSJID.

Public meeting relative to the Ag Waiver Program, at the Harvest Hall in Modesto on February 14, 2005

Relative to O & M we are making good progress. The work on the Bk line is almost complete. The R line work will be done next week, and we will begin work on the Vg line next week, weather permitting. The reinforcement of the Long Tunnel on the Joint Supply Canal is complete

Ag meeting, Calla Nile, on February 17, 2005. DeGroot and Stroud will attend.

Reported on two parcels, each approximately 5 to 6 acres. They requested a Termination of Service Abandonment last year. The property owner has not made the changes recommended by staff. Staff is gathering the background material. Director Roos asked this be put on the agenda for the next scheduled Board meeting.

Relative to the Storm Drain Agreement with the City of Manteca, drafting the agreement is on going, there are still four issues, which have not been resolved.

Directors' reports:

Kamper suggested we have a policy for the rental of pumps from farmers. Stroud said he would review the policy and bring it back to the Board for discussion.

Kamper asked why Sexton Road was dug up and closed over the Christmas weekend, why not wait until the work could be done and avoid closing over the weekend? Stroud said the work was done per County instructions, but he would check and see if it could have been changed.

Kuil reported that the education committee met on January 17th and felt the meeting, along with prior meetings, have been very beneficial. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2005 at 7:00 a.m., however due to that being a Holiday, he will change the date and let all interested parties know the new date.

Schulz asked about park rules in Stanislaus County. He asked why Modesto Reservoir does not allow animals, but Woodward does. Emrick said it has to do with Domestic Water, and will most likely be addressed by the Health Department when it permits the Water Treatment Plant. Stanislaus County is obligated to cooperate as necessary to get State Health Board approval. However, at this time pets are still allowed at Woodward.

Kuil asked why we reimburse a portion of the cost to replace an irrigation line to developers? Stroud said he would bring the documents to the next meeting. Kuil asked that it be put on the agenda to discuss and take action if desired.

President Roos called for closed session relative to litigation matters, personnel matters, and labor update. District Counsel Emrick said we will discuss items a., b., and c in closed session.

- a. Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9, Delta Keeper v. SSJID, and Delta Keeper v. OID.
- b. Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation, Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 (c). One case.
- c. Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. One case.

Upon returning from closed session District Counsel announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by DeGroot, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to February 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary