

Manteca, California
January 27, 2009

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 KAMPER KUIL SCHULZ ROOS

Also present were Secretary/Manager Shields, District Counsel Emrick, Communications Coordinator Saylor, WTP Manager Hubkey, and Engineering Department Manager Bologna.

President Kuil 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. SSJID Warrants \$787,833.77 and Wires \$459,883.38.
- B. SSJID Board Minutes of January 13, 2009.
- C. Approve the following Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreements:

Agreement #	Director Division	Landowner	APN	Acreage
1556	Kamper	Silva, Joe C. Jr.	217-280-08	.50
1557	Kuil	Ergonis Land Co.	241-300-68	4.08
1558	Holbrook	Evans, Robert	177-090-09	2.17
1559	Holbrook	Calvary Community	197-020-49	4.18

Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Schulz, to approve the Consent Calendar items as submitted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2009 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Holbrook Kamper Kuil Schulz Roos
Noes: None

President Kuil asked the Board to consider appointing new Board Officers and to review committee appointments. Motion by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Holbrook, to elect Director Kamper as President of the Board effective immediately. Motion Carried Ayes 4, Noes 1, with Director Kamper voting No.

President Kamper asked the Board for a motion for new Vice President. Motion by Director Roos, seconded by Director Schulz, to elect Director Holbrook as Vice President of the Board effective immediately. Motion Carried Ayes 4, Noes 1, with Director Holbrook voting No.

President Kamper asked the Board for a motion to appoint Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assessor and Collector. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kuil to Elect General Manager Shields as Secretary to the Board; and Assistant General Manager Stein as Assistant Secretary to the Board, Treasure, Assessor, and Collector. Motion Carried unanimously.

President Kamper said he would like to change the appointment of Commissioner to the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission to Director Holbrook and the Alternate Commissioner to himself (Kamper). He said he would review the other appointments and make necessary changes at a future Board meeting. No action was taken.

Consider approving purchase of Chlorine Analyzers for the Water Treatment Plant. Hubkey said our current units (we have 8) were supplied by Hach. At least one of the analyzers has worn out and all will eventually have to be replaced. The Hach analyzers

require the use of a costly reagent, and the reagent has not been certified under new regulations. For this reason we sought out and received 4 quotes ranging from \$2,547 to \$4,198. After checking references and only Prominent had references that were positive or available. Hubkey's recommendation is to replace the current Hach units with a new Prominent unit. In addition to the replacement unit he would like to buy one as a spare. Additionally, he would like the General Manager to have authority to replace others as needed without coming back to the Board. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kuil, and unanimously carried to approve purchasing 2 new Prominent models at \$4,050 per unit and authorizing the General Manager to replace the others as they wear out.

Consider approving annual renewal of Zenon technical support contracts. Hubkey said the Zenotrac Monitor Contract is \$12,282 and the 27/7/365 Emergency Technical Support contract is \$2,470, for a total cost of \$14,752. He said we need this support and therefore recommends approval. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried, to approve the two contracts above at a total cost of \$14,752.

President Kamper asked Hubkey to give his report:

Hubkey reported the following:

Staff is converting our daily Contact Calculation into a numerical tag so we have an alarm now. Previous estimates from outside vendors ranged from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The Sonic level indicator at the M-2 pump station has failed. We are going to replace it with a pressure sensor.

The net communication link failed last Saturday. Staff had to reboot the system, reason for failure is unknown.

The City of Lathrop 's operations staff has indicated they want to increase their use of WTP water to meet arsenic standards.

Plant staff is pumping water from #1 sludge lagoon. This is to reduce our total organic compounds in the sludge water so that it is recycled back through the plant.

Consider participation with the City of Manteca for a Storm Drainage Outreach Program. Bologna said he has met with the City and feels we should participate in the program. City has funded this program entirely in the past, but needs assistance this year. They are asking us to contribute \$11,000, they will provide all labor. Bologna recommends approval. Bologna was asked about Escalon and Ripon. He said Ripon has limited use and does not have an agreement with us, however Escalon does. Escalon was contacted but does not presently have an outreach program and they are not required to have one at this time. We may be asked for some assistance if they initiate one in the future. Emrick said we are not acknowledging any drainage responsibility and should not say we are. Bologna said he and Saylor will work with Emrick to mitigate his concerns. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried, to approve a not to exceed \$11,000 and to get District Counsel Emrick to draft a Letter Of Agreement between the City and the District.

Consider conditional approval of JM Equipment Project located on Austin Road affecting a portion of Lateral "T", Station 311 dd. Bologna said the plans are being modified per our specifications. They want to complete this before the irrigation season starts so that is why it is on today's agenda. JM is going to remove one box and replace another. We will share in the cost of the box being replaced because it benefits us. No other District contributions will be made. Bologna recommends conditional approval. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Holbrook, and unanimously carried, to approve as recommended.

Consider implementation of District Moisture Monitoring Program. Kamper said this program will give us information so that we will have accurate data. Kuil asked where

we are looking at doing the tests. Kamper said he has some growers lined up and is working on finding others. Roos stated he felt this test would not work with flood irrigation. Holbrook said this would help us justify the water we apply. After discussion it was moved by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried, to approve request to negotiate with the service to implement and administer a moisture monitoring program in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

Consider approving job description for the Tri-Dam General Manager position. Authorize recruitment for Tri-Dam General Manager position. Shields said Steve Felte, Tri-Dam's current Manager, did not have a job description only a contract. The Joint Board asked Knell, Felte and Shields to look at the recruitment of a General Manager. To hire a headhunter to fill this position would cost around \$35,000. Shields said Don Thornburg our HR Analyst got quotes from professional journals, two months worth of advertising would cost between \$5,000 to \$7,000 total. Thornburg believes he can do the entire job for around \$12,000, including his time and costs. We would of course split this cost with OID 50/50. Shields said the Joint Boards still need to resolve the housing issue. Shields asked the Board to approve the job description and authorize use of our staff to fill the Tri-Dam Manager's position. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried to approve as recommended.

Kamper asked for Manager's reports:

Shields reported the following:

The annual Farm Bureau dinner is at Isadores February 5, 2009, he asked Directors who want to attend to contact him after the meeting.

The Spring ACWA Conference is in Sacramento May 19 through May 22. Those wishing to attend should contact Cheryl.. Director Kuil said he wants a room, Director Schulz said he will commute.

APPA Conference is in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 13, through June 17. All Directors will be attending except Kamper.

To date in January we received 5.86 inches of rain at Strawberry.

Emrick and Shields attended the CMUA Legislative Day in Sacramento. The meetings were good and should help our intent to enter the retail power business.

Winter maintenance in the Joint Supply Canal is complete. OID is running water per a court order into their North Main.

Received \$4,200,000 from Tri-Dam Project yesterday.

Bologna and Shields met with Stantec relative to them increasing their hourly rates. After the meeting they agreed to keep their hourly rates the same. Also on the Division 9 Project, we have three possible parcels which could be used for an eastern reservoir.

Woodward/Frankenheimer study is nearly complete. The report will be on the first or second agenda next month.

Sayler reported the following:

Asked the Board if any of them want to be on the float in the Almond Blossom parade at the end of February. She asked they contact her if interested.

We are planning a "Community Food Event" during our 100th year celebration. We need growers with fruits and vegetables that can be used by chefs that will be preparing foods for the celebration. She asked if they know of any to please let her know. She also asked if Board is aware of potential property that the event could be held at, to please notify her.

The annual Employee Appreciation Dinner is Friday night, January 30, open bar at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. We have 123 signed up to attend.

Director's reports:

Holbrook reported on the Mid Pacific Region Water Users Conference in Reno, January 21-23, 2009. Directors Roos and Kuil attended along with him.

The main theme throughout the conference is that water needs are growing while water supplies are diminishing, Infrastructure is aging and water rights are being undermined.

With this year's trend towards being the driest year since the 1920's water supply is becoming critical and discussions volatile. The feeling is that some type of conveyance through the Delta is imminent.

Three points I feel are important to SSJID that were discussed are:

1. Figures show we are headed towards the 2nd driest year in history.
1923-24 driest at 17.1 inches
1977-78 second driest at 19.0 inches
The average is 50.0 inches (Base on northern Sierra Area).
We are presently at 27% of normal for this time of year.
2. The Drought Water Bank that puts willing sellers with willing buyers is still alive and may become very important in the summer months.
3. The present going rate for water is \$250 per acre foot and is expected to reach \$750 per acre foot if the drought year materializes.

Holbrook asked Bologna if we put covers on new standpipes. Bologna said we do and they will be on before the contractors are paid.

Kuil said at the conference it was noted that any new storage would be used for environmental purposes.

Roos said the conference was generally very depressing. He said one thing that impressed him was they were told about a leak in a local delivery system near Fallon, Nevada that was repaired by local farmers in 10 days, because the USBR was too slow to react to the emergency.

Roos said farmers on the west side of the valley are not fertilizing because they do not know if they will have water.

Kamper said Flood Control was discussed at the conference.

Kamper asked about SEWD/CSJWCD merger. He asked what we had heard. Shields said they are still moving on it and have offered to take out areas we may be interested in annexing.

Kamper said Dr. Rees Brown spoke at the County Water Conservation District meeting about ways to solve problems in the Delta without building a peripheral canal.

Roos asked about monthly reports from Cantella. Roos and Kamper asked Stein to set up another meeting with Kevin Martin the Broker. Stein said he would.

President Kamper called for closed session. District Counsel Emrick said three items will be discussed in closed session:

1. Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. One case.
2. Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation, Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Deltakeeper v. SSJID, Superior Court, Sacramento County, Case No. 04CS00228.

3. Conference with real property negotiator. Negotiation parties: District, City of Stockton, Stockton East Water District, California Water Service Company. District's Negotiator: General Manager and District General Counsel. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for sale of water.

Upon returning from closed session Emrick reported there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Director Roos, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried to adjourn to February 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary