

Manteca, California  
January 28, 2003

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      SCHULZ      ROOS      HAWORTH

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, District Counsel Emrick, and District Engineer Gilton.

President Schulz called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A.    SSJID warrants of \$795,263.88.
- B.    Minutes of January 14, 2003.
- C.    Resolution 03-04-F, Update Signature Cards for Guaranty Bank.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 03-04-F  
UPDATE SIGNATURE CARDS WITH GUARANTY BANK**

WHEREAS, the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (District) must update its signature cards with its financial institutions upon change of officers; and

WHEREAS, the officers changed on January 14, 2003.

RESOLVED, that one of the following named officers,

Robert Schulz, President  
or  
Lloyd Haworth, Vice-President

and one of the following named District staff,

Stevan Stroud, General Manager/Secretary  
John Stein, Assistant General Manager/Assistant Secretary  
or  
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.

D. Review and approve as to form and content; SSJID Claim Form.

Motion by Roos, seconded by DeGroot, to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Kamper	Schulz	Roos	Haworth
Noes:	None				

General Manager's report, Retail Power. Stroud said PG&E has filed a general rate case with CPUC to provide funding for the cost of lowering rates to those PG&E customers that receive a bonafide offer of electrical service from an irrigation district - loosely referred to as exit fees. Stroud distributed a useful summary of the exit fee proceeding, prepared by the California Municipal Utilities Association. Additionally, Stroud reported the draft report from Chevron is due in March 2003.

Consider approving equipment replacement: Stroud said we received bids from Steve's Chevrolet, Friendly Chevrolet, and American Chevrolet.

Six (6) ½ ton pickups: Low bid was Steve's, \$15,208.53 each, total cost \$91,251.18  
One (1) ½ ton extended cab: Low bid was Steve's, \$20,129.47.  
Two (2) Cab & Chassis 1 ton: Low bid was Steve's \$19,362.13 each, total cost \$38,724.26.

Friendly was 10.8% above Steve's and American was 27.2% above Steve's. Stroud recommended we go with the low bidder, Steve's Chevrolet at a total cost for 9 vehicles of \$150,104.91.

**Motion by Kamper, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried, to purchase the vehicles as listed from Steve's Chevrolet at a total cost of \$150,104.91.**

Stroud said relative to the D-4 replacement. Holt Bros values our D-4 at \$5,000. This is based on the fact that it is 35 years old, has over 30,000 hours on it, and needs significant work. Cost to repair it is approximately \$7,000. After repair it will be worth approximately \$10,000 according to Holt. Stroud recommends purchase of a new John Deere 550H at a cost of \$72,710, because it would be the best long term value when considering the length of time the District historically keeps such equipment and that new equipment come with full one year warranties to cover any defects. The next best value would be to purchase a used 1999 Cat D4C

with 1081 hours. We are currently renting this piece of equipment from Holt Bros. Cost of purchasing the rented D4C is \$59,778, less the rent we pay. Based on the work that must be completed before water season we will be renting this unit for approximately three more weeks.

Purchase of the rental is less costly up front, but has no warranty to cover any hidden defects. Haworth said we should have the operators try out a Case and the John Deere before we make a decision. Additionally, Haworth suggested that we might want to look at replacing the dozer/backhoe. If we buy two new units at the same time, we may be able to arrange a better discount. Stroud said we will try to demo the Case and John Deere and bring back a recommendation on February 11<sup>th</sup>. No action was taken.

Consider approval of Crossing Agreements, for the Water Treatment Plant Pipelines, with Burlington Northern and Union Pacific Rail Roads. Emrick recommended the Board approve signing all the Agreements with the exception of the Agreement described as 2112-41 on Howland Road in Lathrop, he stated we are looking at other options for the Howland Road crossing. **Motion by Kamper, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to authorize execution of the Agreements with Burlington Northern RR and Union Pacific RR.**

Discussion and possible action concerning San Joaquin County GIS Aerial Photo Program. Gilton said the County is asking the District, along with other public entities in the County to pay \$10,000 each, for a share in a program to provide participants with new countywide geo-referenced aerial photos every two years. The last time we had aerial photos of the District, it cost us \$60,000 and we only got photos of a small portion of the county. Sharing the cost with other agencies is much more cost effective and provides the District with more frequent updates at a fraction of the cost of going alone. We can use the up-to-date maps internally, share them with consultants and contractors working for the District and he recommends approving the \$10,000 expenditure. **Motion by Kamper, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to approve contributing the \$10,000 to San Joaquin County as requested.**

Review of cell phone cost comparisons. Stroud said that last year our cost at Nextel was 31,246.80, a savings of \$8,801.84 compared to AT&T costs the prior year of \$40,048.64. This is a 22% reduction in our cost. If you back out the cost of the four additional phones we have on Nextel service that we didn't have when we had AT&T, the savings is \$10,855 or about 37%.

Haworth said AT&T has a new unlimited everything plan for \$99 a month and we should get a quote from them. Stroud said we will, but it is important to remember that the above cost comparison did not include the original cost of purchasing new equipment or the staff and grower time involved in switching Division Manager's phone numbers again. No action was taken.

Consider request by Leo Richetta for Encroachment Permit approval. Gilton said this is an easement we purchased from Mr. Richetta for the Northwest SIDE Project for \$43,471. He wants to encroach up to 2 feet into the easement with trees. He said if Richetta would move the rows in by 2 inches per row he would not have to encroach. However, he has already dug the holes and put in the sprinkler pipe. DeGroot said he could move the last three rows 6" each and this would cause no problems even though he had dug the holes. Gilton said if he is granted

the encroachment agreement, and we need to do work in the easement, we will have future problems dealing with damages to his trees, and he recommends not approving the encroachment agreement. Directors Roos, Kamper and Haworth, felt it was not a big problem, and we should approve the encroachment. General Counsel Emrick said the Board should deny the encroachment permit and enforce the existing policy, and by providing mixed messages to landowners and staff when policies say one thing and we enforce another. After discussion the following action was taken. **Motion by Kamper, seconded by Roos, to approve the Encroachment Agreement. Motion Carried, 3 Ayes, 2 Noes, with Directors DeGroot and Schulz voting No.**

General Manager's report:

Relative to the mining project on River Road and Harrold Road, a meeting scheduled next week to discuss it with the landowner.

Relative to the SIDE Project, Boyle submitted their revised draft. General Manager is now reviewing comments on the draft from staff and Northern Digital and will present it to the Board in February.

The phone system at the Control Room crashed and the cost to repair it will be between \$600 and \$700.

Reporting on the rental of a Long Reach Excavator for cleaning on the FCOC at Louise, Roth, and French Camp crossings. The cost will be \$1,070 per day or \$2,900 per week. Haworth said to call Simco, he rented one there for \$500 per day about 2 years ago.

The claim against the District for the head on collision that one of our employees was involved in last year was settled at a cost of \$17,105.93

Stroud said we have a line south of Escalon with some kind of pollutant in it. The Health Department wants us to hire a hazardous waste company to clean it out by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Board was briefed on the status of the Treatment Plant Project, with emphasis on Lathrop's proposed funding program and the strong desire of Manteca and Tracy to avoid any water sale/rent/lease to non-participants. Both the plant and the pipeline are now out to bid.

We sent a cover letter with the Agreement to the City of Ripon relative to the Ue line and the property owners on Wilma Avenue. The City has until February 17<sup>th</sup> to respond if they are going to accept the offer.

River Group, Commission meeting was moved from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> (to be confirmed). District Employee Recognition Dinner February 7<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with City of Manteca relative to Drainage Agreement, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Almond Blossom Festival February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Stroud will be attending the final segment of the Special District Institute's Certification in Special District Leadership and Management Program, February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Stroud read the following Structure Permits into the record:

Wendlena Groen APN 226-130-28, to install sump with appurtenant sprinkler pump on Lateral

Wc, Station 185 +/-.

Visser Family Trust, APN257-260-19, to install sump with appurtenant sprinkler pump on Lateral V, Station 270 +/-.

John Vaughn, APN225-020-04, to install three 24" valves on Lateral A between Stations 299 and 301.

George Carnahan, APN245-040-09, to install sump with appurtenant sprinkler pump on Lateral Qf, Station 15 +/- on a private line.

Lenoard Gale Langum, Jr., APN245-100-04, to install sump with appurtenant pump on Lateral Kd, Station 80 +/-.

Kelly Barron and Bahadar Mahil, APN227-020-29, to install one 24" valve on Lateral A, Station 260 +/-.

Directors' reports:

DeGroot said he saw Stockton East Water District's booth at the Ag Show in Stockton. He would like to see the District put up a booth next year.

Kamper asked about the new Drain Policy, specifically where it states you can't store more than 2 feet of water in the drain. Stroud said you can't, but staff can look at each case and make exceptions.

Roos asked about budget overages in accounts 53-230 and 53-310. Stein said he would have an answer by the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Haworth, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried to adjourn to February 11, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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John Stein, Assistant Secretary

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