

Manteca, California
January 28, 2014

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. 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 \$346,978.97; A/P Wires in the amount of \$212,170.01; payroll dated January 14 and January 24 in the amount of \$189,880.31.
- B. Approval of the regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2014.
- C. Approval of Resolution #14-01-Q authorizing disposition of surplus equipment.
- D. Approve form of agreement with RD 17 for installation and operation of gates on lateral "We".
- E. Authorize acceptance of new easements for Lateral "T" - James and Jessie Odle, APN 245-210-41 and Bonnie Mulder, APN 245-210-30.
- F. Approval of the Irrigation Service Abandonment agreement for Arthur and Barbara Mathis, APN 208-210-07.

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Holbrook to adopt the Consent Calendar items by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #1 – Consider approval of bids for the installation of control box for Lateral “Vh” (Mohler Property)

Mr. Bologna informed the Board that Mr. Mohler has been notified of his contribution amount towards replacing the boxes and that the encroachment agreement needs to be signed prior to proceeding with the project. Mr. Mohler was in the audience and he indicated that he would be meeting with his legal counsel prior to signing the required encroachment agreement. Director Holmes advised Mr. Mohler that any delays to starting the project would be in his court.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to authorize the award of contract to Cunningham & Son in the amount of \$83,043; subject to receipt of money and signature of an encroachment agreement from Mr. Mohler; increase the requested budget by \$7,155 as outlined in the staff memo; verify that the valve is the responsibility of the landowner, if not, Mr. Mohler will get a credit of his deposit. Motion passed 3 to 2, with Directors Holbrook and Roos casting no votes.

Item #2 – Approval of amendment to Irrigation Service Abandonment agreement for Spirito Ballatore, APN 245-120-43, consisting of 21.93 acres

Mr. Bologna stated that Mr. Ballatore has been using a well to irrigate but also been using district water when the neighboring property irrigates and he has been blending the district water with his well water.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holmes to accept staff recommendations as follows:

- a) Owner shall acknowledge that the District is not obligated to provide flood water to this property and that they shall obtain a structure permit and install new facilities to District standards (including the installation of a meter) should flood irrigation be desired in the future.
- b) Owner shall obtain a Structure Permit, as required, and adhere to District standards regarding operations of the existing sump and structure including the installation of meters required to measure water to both parcels that are serviced by the sprinkler system.
- c) Owner shall be responsible for all costs related to providing service to this property.
- d) Conditions stated above shall be incorporated into the amended agreement.
- e) Owner must pay for the last year's of water charges plus the current year's charges.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 – Quarterly presentations of Financial Statements

Mr. Lindley reviewed the quarterly Financial Statements with the Board.

Item #4 – Quarterly presentations of Investment Reports

Mr. Lindley reviewed the quarterly Investment Reports with the Board.

#5 – Consider 2014 Water Supply Forecast and 2014 Irrigation Schedule

Mr. Shields reviewed the New Melones Inflow Chart which was prepared by Bere Lindley and stated the number of consecutive dry years are adding up and it is not good for irrigation. He also distributed Accuweather Forecast and Climate Prediction reports to the Board. He discussed the reservoirs water storage. A lengthy discussion followed.

Item #6 – Directors Report from Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference

Director Roos reported that groundwater banking regulators will take water from an individual's property over a period of time. He said the fish have been assigned a higher water allocation than farmers have. If the government can control the water, they can control the people. Government is also looking more at water storage dams.

Director Kuil said there is a bill in Congress regarding watering cattle and regulating use of water on Federal land. Exchange contractors spoke to groundwater and pumping, pressurization and micro drip system forms of irrigation.

Item #7 – Communications

Director Kuil reported that Gene Lee indicated there are grant monies available for conservation accounts.

Director Kamper attended the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee and Stockton East budget meeting. He said the District needs to consider allowing the farmers a set amount of inches of water per acre to promote water conservation from the beginning of the irrigation season. Director Holmes agreed it is important to get the farmers to think about conserving water. Mr. Lindley indicated Tru Point can produce reports that indicate who the high consumption water users are.

Ed Erisman, WTP Operations Supervisor

- He reported the City of Manteca has decided to stop using the M3 booster station after being notified of a potential 20% cut in water allocations. To prevent stagnant water quality issues, the District has decided to drain, clean and inspect this tank. The tank will be left empty until we receive notice from Manteca to put the tank back into service.
- Staff has been working with District engineering staff to determine the lowest, safe operating level of the Woodward Reservoir. It appears 192 feet is the lowest level and still be able to supply the Water Treatment Plant with adequate head pressure to move water through the plant.
- City of Lathrop is working with the River Islands project and SSJID staff to finalize the agreement for Interconnection to Water Supply Pipeline and agreement to dedicate Infrastructure.
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will be considering adoption of the WTP Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) on February 7. The WDR is part of the

Waste Discharge Permit to allow the WTP to put a portion of the waste water generated during the citric acid cleans into one of the storm water evaporation ponds.

Don Battles, Utility Systems Director

- He distributed the 2013 reports for Woodward and Frankenhimer that are provided to FERC. He said the power and renewable energy credits are being purchased by Turlock.

Troylene Vallow, Communications

- She is preparing a drought update for the SSJID website.
- BIA is holding their annual general membership installation of members at Spring Creek Country Club in Ripon on Wednesday, January 29.
- The Employee Appreciation Dinner will be held on February 21 at the Spring Creek Country Club.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- Conservation Program has received 18 applications for \$237,025; There is \$500,975 left in the program.
- He attended the California Irrigation Institute conference where they discussed Urban and Agriculture water issues and the energy and water delivery correlation; they encouraged water efficiency and conservation.
- Pressurized system “needs assessment” workshop will be held on January 31 with District staff and the AG Committee.

Jeff Shields, General Manager

- FERC filing on Goodwin Dam. There will be a public meeting in Oakdale on Wednesday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Best Western. Dan Pope and the District will be there to protest on behalf of SSJID. Both the USBR through the DOI and NMFS filed intervention and opposition to the license application.
- SJFB Water Committee meeting is today at 5:30 p.m.
- Calla Nile Farm Center annual dinner is at Isadors on February 6. Jeff will be speaking on the 2014 Drought.
- LAFCo asked to have a board member from each Special District in SJC to attend a meeting on April 18 to discuss expanding their board to include two seats and an alternate.
- Jim Atherstone is retiring on March 31.
- ACEA membership was renewed at \$1000.
- Bill Hubkey retirement recognition is on February 26.
- Rita Schmidt Sudman retirement from Water Education Foundation; a reception will be held in her honor on March 26 at the Vizcaya Inn in Sacramento.
- The MSR draft review was delivered by Mintier Harnish to LAFCo on January 27.

It was announced that there would be no closed session at today’s meeting.

ITEM #8 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Holbrook to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: _____
Betty Garcia, Executive Secretary