

Manteca, California
February 08, 2011

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: KAMPER KUIL HOLBROOK HOLMES ROOS

Also present were General Manager Shields, District Counsel Emrick and Engineering Department Manager Bologna.

President Holbrook called the meeting to order and asked for public comment. There being no public comment the president asked the Board to consider the following Consent Calendar Items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrants of \$458,097.68 and January Payroll of \$333,458.41.
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2011.
- C. Approve payment of 2011 membership invoice to Agricultural Energy Consumers Association

Motion by Holmes, seconded by Roos to approve Consent Calendar as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of February, 2011 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kamper Kuil Holbrook Holmes Roos
Noes: None

Item # 1, Authorize abandonment of Lateral "RGC-40dd" in connection with the Union Ranch Development subject to agreement from Cardoza Family Trust to release the District from any obligation to service property from that lateral. Bologna addressed the Board. He explained that after the Board approved the development on October 26, 2010 it was discovered that the District's Lateral "RGC-40dd" and a 40 foot wide easement were located within the proposed development. The pipeline services only one property which is owned by Cardoza Family Trust. The Developer has negotiated with the property owner to accept a monetary settlement in lieu of replacing the pipeline. The property will still be able to get District water but may have to make modifications to their existing irrigation system. Motion by Kuil to authorize conditional approval of the abandonment of Lateral "RGC 40 dd" subject to an agreement being signed by Cardoza that releases the District from providing any additional service to them as a replacement to the abandoned pipeline. Also, authorize amendment to Developer's Agreement which identifies this obligation and other changes that were made to the plans as a result of this modification. The motion was seconded by Kamper and unanimously approved.

Item #2, Approve purchase of a new flow measuring device for the Main Distribution Canal below Woodward Reservoir. Frank Avila, Telemetry Systems Supervisor explained that David's Engineering is finalizing a Flow Measurement Plan for the District. In a recent meeting with David's Engineering, a number of upgrades to the District's measurement capabilities were recommended. The number one upgrade recommended was to install an Acoustic Doppler-

SonTek meter below Woodward Reservoir in the MDC. Staff is seeking approval of this equipment now so that it can be installed before the start of water season. Three quotes were received with HydroScientific coming in with the low bid. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Roos to authorize purchase of Acoustic Doppler-SonTek meter from HydroScientific West for a total cost of \$12,535.00 (incl tax and shipping). Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3. Adopt Resolution 11-02-C, Approving Initial Study and Negative Declaration for SSJID Microwave System Project and authorize implementing Microwave System Project. Charlie Simpson, Insite Environmental addressed the Board. Mr. Simpson told the Board that the initial study was subjected to public review from January 7 to January 26, 2011. To date we have received only one written comment. The comment was from the San Joaquin County Airport Land Use Commission and it was determined that we will be operating under that agency's stipulations threshold. Mr. Simpson explained that a fee of \$50.00 will need to be paid to the San Joaquin County Clerk for filing the Notice of Determination. Also a \$2,044.00 fee is required by California Fish and Game. Roos questioned why we owed money to Fish and Game. Charlie explained that the fee is the same for all Negative Declarations filed with the County.

The following Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of South San Joaquin Irrigation District held on the 8th day of February, 2011, on the motion of Director Kuil, seconded by Director Holmes on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kamper Kuil Holbrook Holmes

Noes: Roos

SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 11-02-C
APPROVING INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR SSJID MICROWAVE SYSTEM PROJECT

WHEREAS, South San Joaquin Irrigation District ("District") proposes to install and operate a new microwave radio system to be used by SSJID for communications related to its business (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project proposes to install microwave transmission/reception dishes at seven sites located in southern San Joaquin County and northeastern Stanislaus County, along with supporting equipment and towers if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the District caused to be prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Project ("Negative Declaration") which demonstrates that there is no substantial evidence that the Project could have any significant effects on the environment and states that South San Joaquin Irrigation District shall adopt a negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, the District provided notice of the opportunity for the public to review the Negative Declaration and the date and time at which the District intends to approve the Negative Declaration, in the manner required by law, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the project area, and posting for at least 20 days with the County Clerk for San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors has considered whatever public and agency comments have been received during the public review process, and no substantial

environmental issues were raised by those comments, and no changes to the Negative Declaration were required; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors has considered the proposed Negative Declaration presented to the District's Board of Directors at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the whole record before it, the District's Board of Directors finds that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have any significant effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Negative Declaration (the "Negative Declaration"), has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21000 et. seq. (CEQA)); and

WHEREAS, the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the District's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors makes as part of its findings, all of the analysis and findings in the Negative Declaration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT hereby takes the following actions:

1. Makes the findings set forth above, each of which is found to be true.
2. Approves and adopts the Negative Declaration for the Project.
3. Incorporates all of the findings in the Negative Declaration into the record of its adoption of the Negative Declaration and its decision to carry out the Project.
4. Finds that the Project will not cause any significant environmental impacts.
5. Directs the General Manager to execute a Notice of Determination as to the actions set forth above and to file the Notice of Determination, within five working days after approval of the Project, with the County Clerk of San Joaquin County for posting for a thirty-day period in accordance with CEQA.
6. Directs that any required filing fee for filing the Notice of Determination, including any fee due the California Department of Fish and Game, be paid.
7. Directs that the documents and other materials that constitute the record of the proceedings regarding the Negative Declaration for the Project adopted by South San Joaquin Irrigation District be made available for examination at 11011 E. Highway 120, Manteca, California.
8. Elects to carry out the SSJID Microwave System Project.

Item # 4, Approve expenditure of funds for fencing project at Woodward Reservoir and authorize acceptance of bid for project. Bret Beaudreau and Bill Hubkey addressed the Board. Hubkey reminded the Board that on January 11, the Board approved a proposal from Underwater

Resources to modify the log booms at Woodward Reservoir. This proposal was to use the grant funds provided by Stanislaus County. Since that time, staff has reconsidered the proposal to remove the log booms to be replaced with warning buoys. Underwater Resources was asked to submit an alternate proposal which would leave the existing log booms in place but anchor them to the floor of the reservoir in approximately 400 foot sections. This will allow for the log booms to be replaced by section over a number of years with a more robust product. In addition to the log boom repair, staff is asking the Board to consider an eight mile re-fencing project around Woodward Reservoir. The County has agreed to pay the entire \$89,900 cost of the Log Boom Project and \$129,000 toward the re-fencing project. Three bids were received for the fencing project, with the lowest bid coming in at \$199,000. This would leave an unfunded balance of \$70,000. Hubkey told the Board that there is money available in the WTP 2011 Operating Budget to cover the unfunded portion. Hubkey explained that the District would be contracting directly with the fencing company and then bill the County for its portion. Holmes asked what kind of fence would be installed and if the contractor would remove the old fencing. Bret answered that the fencing will be five-strand barbed wire and that the contractor will remove all the old fencing. Motion by Kamper to approve the fencing project as presented above and accept the low quote from Stockton Fence and Material Company. The motion was seconded by Kuil and unanimously approved.

Item #5, Consider authorizing the General Manager to attend the San Joaquin Council of Governments One Voice Meeting in Washington D.C. April 10-14. Shields told the Board that the City of Ripon has asked that he attend the meeting to advocate for economic support of the City's cost of interconnection to the Nick C. DeGroot WTP. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Holmes to authorize the General Manager to attend the SJCOG One Voice Trip. Motion was approved unanimously.

Item #6, Directors Roos, Kuil and Holbrook reported on the Water Users Conference.

- Director Roos reported that the conference was informative. He said he particularly enjoyed the presentation by Don Glaser, BR Regional Director, MP Region.
- Director Kuil reported on Mike Wade, Executive Director of the California Farm Water Coalition and Aubrey Bettencourt, Executive Director, California Water Alliance's presentations. He said that they both emphasized the importance of educating the public using Facebook, Twitter and blogging.
- Director Holbrook reported on several of the sessions that he attended. Listed below are a few of the issues he found especially interesting:
 - 1). The Bureau of Reclamation overhauled all five generator at Shasta Dam and production went from 125 MW to 142 MW.
 - 2). The importance of building partnerships to arrive at workable solutions was emphasized.
 - 3). BR is conducting "observation only studies" on canals in urbanized areas. Bureau will work to help entities to obtain funding and develop plans for mitigating problems.
 - 4). Dr. Lon House is going to provide us with a power point presentation on hydrokinetic turbines.
- Director Holmes reported that he and Holbrook attended the "How to be an Effective Board Member and Ethics Training" workshop put on by CSDA. He said it was a productive meeting and he was glad he had attended it.

Item #7, Consider compensation adjustment for Utility Systems Director was deferred until after Closed Session.

President Holbrook called for Directors Reports.

Director Kamper said he and his son toured the Tulloch power plant and was very impressed with the progress being made there.

Director Roos said that he enjoyed the Calla Nile Farm Bureau dinner last Thursday and that the speaker was very interesting.

Director Kuil asked about District pump reports. Shields said that he would make sure the Board received them on a more regular basis.

Director Holbrook asked if there was any interest in attending the legislature meeting in Washington DC.

President Holbrook asked for Managers Reports.

WTP Manager, Bill Hubkey reported the following:

- February 15, Plant staff will be meeting with Provost and Prichard concerning the Urban Water Management Plan they are preparing.
- Treated water reservoir #2 is drained and being cleaned.
- Annual “Hazardous Materials” update was filed with Stanislaus County yesterday.
- Plant staff is reviewing the first draft of the “Sanitary Survey” from Brown & Caldwell.
- Plant staff has completed modifications to the chemical bid document, making it a two year bid.

Utility Systems Director, Don Battles reported the following:

- In regards to Holbrook’s earlier report, Don commented that funding for the overhauled turbines at Shasta was funded by preference customers of the Western Area Power Administration.
- Handed out solar production report by Fat Spaniel. Total production for both phase 1 & 2 for 2010 was 2,913,573 Kwh.

General Manager, Jeff Shields reported the following:

- Saddened to report that Dan Geis, Dolphin Group passed away on February 4. Services will be held on February 11.
- Update on Division 9. Handed out a timeline for completion of bid docs and project schedule. Meeting with StanTech very successful and they are making good progress.
- True Point training is scheduled for staff on Monday, February 28.
- Will be attending enXco renewable energy update at Rancho Mirage on February 15 & 16.
- New Melones/BiOp presentation at the SJFB water committee meeting will be held at the Farm Bureau offices in Stockton on February 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- Handed out “A Report to the California Fish and Game Commission on Stressors Impacting Delta Related Organisms”. He noted that predation is only mentioned in the Appendix A. and not in the main report.

- Approved the following Structure Abandonment:
 - Arnold Rothlin (APN 226-080-01) to abandon a gate located on a District box on Lateral “Wc @ Sta 320+90.
- Approved the following Structure Permit:
 - Louie Tallerico (APN 204-070-04) to install a sump with appurtenant sprinkler pump on Lateral “R” @ Sta. 829 +/-.

President Holbrook called for a short break before Closed Session.

General Counsel announced the Board would be discussing Items 9 a. - d. under Closed Session.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9- 2 cases
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9
Various water quality proceedings before State Water Resources Control Board—Delta Flow Criteria, San Joaquin River Flow Objectives
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
California Government Code Section 54656.8
Property: Portion of APN 198-030-08, 15
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Negotiating Parties: District and Union Pacific Railroad
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- d. Public Employment Performance Evaluation – California Gov. Code Section 54957

Utility Systems Director

Upon returning from closed session, Item #7, Consider compensation adjustment for Utility Systems Director was addressed. Motion by Holmes to increase the Utility Systems Director’s compensation by 4% consistent with the Management Unit MOU. The increase is to be effective on the anniversary of his hire date. Motion was seconded by Roos and unanimously approved.

General Counsel, Emrick announced there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Kamper to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cheryl Burke, Executive Secretary