

Manteca, California
February 10, 2004

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: DEGROOT KAMPER SCHULZ ROOS KUIL

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

President Schulz 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 submitted.

- A. Approve SSJID warrants of \$1,470,596.44 and payrolls of \$128,991.82.
- B. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2004.
- C. Approve Notice of Completion for work on by Beck Enterprises on the Long Tunnel (WO #1294),

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2004 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Kamper	Schulz	Roos	Kuil
Noes:	None				

Consider approving and authorizing execution of Transfer Agreements, Grants of Easement and Quitclaims of old easements in connection with the realignment of Lateral H at Santa Fe and River Roads, and McHenry and River Roads. Gilton said one of the owners of a property by Santa Fe and River Roads, wants the District easement reduced by 5 feet so he can put in a row of trees. Gilton recommended we give him an Encroachment for the 5 feet. The Board concurred. Gilton said he needs \$3,000 to hire a surveyor to locate property corners and write a legal description for the new easement.

Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to authorize execution of documents and to authorize hiring a surveyor with a not to exceed cost of \$3,000 as requested.

Tri-Dam Power Authority Bonds discussion. Stroud told the Board relative to excess funds, if you pay debt, you would save approximately 6% in 2004 (7.5% -1.5%). He said

Oakdale Irrigation District wants the excess sent to the Districts. Kamper said we could compromise, eg 1/2 to the Districts the other half to pay debt. Roos said we should use it all to pay the debt down. He said he feels it is our fiscal responsibility to pay down debt service. No action was taken.

Authorize General Manager to contract for pump maintenance. We asked for bids from Howk, N & S, and Don Pedro Pump who did the work last year. Both Howk and N & S were unwilling to quote for the entire scope of services required. Don Pedro Pump's quote is the same as last year, \$250 per pump, since we do 15 pumps per year the total cost would be \$3,750.

Motion by Roos, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to approve the preventative maintenance program with Don Pedro Pump as requested above.

Consider authorizing the General Manager to execute contract for Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment. Emrick said the site is at the intersection of Moffat and Woodward Avenues. He said since there is a history of contamination at the site, the District needs to do the assessment to protect itself. Cost is not to exceed \$2,500. Emrick recommended approval.

Motion by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, to authorize the General Manager to execute necessary documents to obtain an Environmental Site Assessment as requested, with a not to exceed cost of \$2,500.

Motion Carried, 4 Ayes, 1 No, with Director Roos voting No.

President Schulz asked for the General Manager's report:

Stroud reported the following:

Lateral K, a section of the pipeline that was laid last year had to be removed and replaced this year. The work is complete with the exception of 100 feet. A property owner has a shed on a concrete pad that is located overtop our line. We are working with him to get this resolved.

Paul Dole, Williams Way, has agreed to accept crushed concrete pipe on his roadway that we damaged during construction. Placement will be scheduled in about 60 days when the Districts "pipe cleanup" project produces crushed material.

Request was made for a temporary sump service off the X line. Under an agreement with the District, Hat's property gets water when it is available. Last year they received approximately 20% of their irrigation water from the District. If we allow the sump it will further reduce the water received by Hat. Board concurred.

We rented a 2nd excavator this maintenance season and needed to rent a leveling device. Cost in the past to rent was \$600 per week. We could not find one to rent so we

purchased one for \$3,200. Most of the cost was recovered, and we still have the device to use the next time we rent equipment.

Relative to the AFLAC 125 plan approved by the Board we met with AFLAC last Friday and based on AFLAC's commitments, we expect to have documents for adoption by the February 24th meeting.

Lateral I is complete except for some backfilling.

Lateral Tdd is half done.

Lateral "Q" on Jack Tone Road, the bridge crossing our line which was to be removed this winter, has not been removed or replaced by the landowner as required. Staff is extremely concerned over the potential damage that could occur from a catastrophic failure. Our cost to remove the bridge and repair the lining is approximately \$5,000. It was the consensus of the Board to remove the bridge and bill the landowner.

Asked the Board if they wanted to put logo's on the water tanks for the Water Supply Project. Consensus of the board was, not at this time.

PG&E has the information we requested several months ago on direct access. We will be meeting with them shortly.

Read the following into the record:

Per Board Action on January 14, 2003, Agreement #1011 to Terminate Previous Agreement approved.

Structure Abandonment Agreement for Clarence Pratt, APN 245-060-23, to abandon a set of 32" slide installations located on Lateral Q, Station 150 + or -.

Scheduled Meetings:

February 19th, Tri-Dam Board Meeting at SSJID.

February 24th, SSJID Board Meeting.

February 26th, Calla-Nile Dinner Meeting.

Stroud said relative to construction in the reservoir that Mitchell Engineering needs three weeks to button up the dam, weather permitting, so we do not have to drain it again and do more work next winter. We should be able to bring water into the reservoir around the 10th of March.

President Schulz asked for Directors' reports:

DeGroot asked the status of the Yosemite crossing. Gilton said they are currently finishing up the work and should be done in two weeks.

Roos asked about future River Group Meetings. Stroud said he knows of none scheduled at this time.

Kuil said that on the MDC near Sexton Road, the Cook's have a private line off our MDC that has filled with sand. He said they want us to clean out the line. Kuil said their gate is open year around, but he is not sure if this is why the sand is in their line. Stroud said the District does not clean private lines, nor does not guarantee its water is sand free.

President Schulz called for closed session relative to litigation matters, personnel matters, and labor update. General Counsel Emrick said the Board will be discussing items (a.) and (d.) in closed session.

- a. Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation, Gov. Code, S. 54956.9.
 - 1) Delta Keeper vs OID
 - 2) Sierra Club et al, vs SSJID
 - 3) ChevronTexaco vs SSJID

- d. Public Employment, Treatment Plant Manager/Supervisor appointment. Gov. Code, S. 54957.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Kamper, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to February 24, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary