

Manteca, California
February 12, 2002

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 HAWORTH KAMPER ROOS SCHULZ

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, District Counsel Emrick, District Engineer Gilton, Engineering Department Supervisor Bologna, Operations/Water Superintendent Morrow, and Assistant Water Superintendent Haggard.

President Kamper called the meeting to order and asked for public comment. There being none he asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar as submitted.

- A. SSJID warrants of \$1,194,357.45 and payrolls of \$115,279.34.
- B. Regular adjourned Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2002.
- C. Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreements:
 - #1313-APN245-120-04 #1317-APN243-210-20
 - #1314-APN245-120-06 #1318-APN202-020-09
 - #1315-APN259-340-09 #1319-APN202-020-10
 - #1316-APN217-233-04 #1320-APN218-060-15
- D. Acceptance of new easements and issuance of an Encroachment Agreement for Drain 4 in connection with Primavera #4 Development and authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the project.
- E. Acceptance of improvements related to the replacement of a portion of Lateral "Y" by DSS Company for the PFIP Sewer Construction Project and authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the project.
- F. Authorize construction change order for the Northwest Pipeline, Phase 1 Project. Staff was instructed to talk to the San Joaquin County about cost sharing on the road crossing.
- G. Authorize final payment to MC Construction Specialities, Inc. for the Valley Home Siphon.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2002 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Haworth	Kamper	Roos	Schulz
Noes:	None				

Discussion concerning District water policies. Operations/Water Superintendent Morrow told the Board that when the Board sets the final day of irrigation for the season he schedules the last run to begin 12 days prior to that date. All landowners are notified and told that if they pass water we will try to come back but can't guarantee we will. The consensus of the Board, unless we have significant rain, was to start the 2002 water season on Wednesday, March 7, 2002. No action was taken.

Considered approving Main Distribution Canal Automation Phase 2. The Board asked that before approving this that more detail needs to be made available and staff should look at having an outside firm review the proposal. No action was taken.

Considered approving preventative maintenance program with Don Pedro Pump for District wells. Morrow said Don Pedro Pump will be working on 15 pumps at a cost of \$200 per pump. The Board asked that staff look into the rebate program by the state. Additionally, they asked staff to look at

locations for new wells. **Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried, to approve the Don Pedro Pump work on 15 wells at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.**

Discussion/action taken concerning proposed development projects: Bianchi Ranch Unit North, Villa Ticino Unit # 5, and Bella Vista Unit # 4.

1. Villa Ticino Unit # 5. Bologna said he would like conceptual approval subject to the signing of a Developers Agreement and Encroachment Agreement. Bologna said there is currently one 30 acre parcel of almonds that is served, however, the line is also used for drainage so must still be replaced. He said that since the line only serves one parcel we should be able to do the project during the irrigation season. Assistant Manager Stein reminded the Board that their policy was that all work on District facilities must be completed by February 15th. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to conceptually approve subject to execution of all necessary documents.**

2. Bella Vista # 4. The Board asked this item be tabled until an agreement with the Developer is reached.

3. Bianchi Ranch North. Bologna asked that the Developer be allowed to install the required boxes now and install the remaining pipe during the year. The item died due to lack of a motion.

Discussion concerning approval of costs related to the replacement of a control box located on

the corner of Vera Avenue in Ripon. Replacement is needed to correct some shortcomings in the existing system. Our original share of the project was \$60,346.33, the box will cost the District an additional \$9,835.00. Making the District's cost \$70,181.33, 1/3rd of the total cost of \$210,543.99. **Motion by Roos, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to authorize the District spending up to \$70,181.33.**

Consider approving proposal from CH2M/Hill for Operability Review Design for the Water Treatment Project. Stroud said we need the design looked at from an operations and maintenance viewpoint. He said the operating committee recommends approval. Cost is not to exceed \$25,000. Kamper asked when a plant manager will be hired. Stroud said probably at the time we start construction. Kamper also asked about hiring an outside firm to run the treatment plant. Stroud said this can be looked at but he would recommend not hiring an outside firm because they may tend to emphasize profit at the expense of the best long term value for us. However, in his opinion if the outside firm owned the plant this would be no problem..

Motion DeGroot, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried, to approve the Design Review by CH2M/Hill at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Consider approving Tarwater Appraisal Company Contract for South County Water Supply Project. Stroud said the contract is for appraisals with a not to exceed limit of \$20,000. This was approved by the Operating Committee. **Motion by Roos, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried, to approve the contract with Tarwater Appraisal Company and authorize the President and Secretary to execute same.**

Consider approving amendment to contract with Water Resource Consultants, Grant Kreinberg. Stroud said Mr. Kreinberg's contract is about to expire and needs to be extended through January 31, 2003. Hourly rate is \$77.50, increases the ceiling on the contract from \$88,500 to \$335,750. The Operating Committee has approved the amendments. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to approve the amendments to the contract and authorize the President and Secretary to execute same.**

Discussion and possible action concerning French Camp Outlet Canal Overcrossing, (FCOC) culvert replacement. Gilton said the City of Lathrop has committed to paying \$50,000 of the cost. The four options to consider are as follows: (1). Extend the existing double barrow 42" culvert, \$20,880. (2). Increase the 42" culvert to a 48" culvert, \$141,216. (3). Construct a lined canal, \$201,612. (4). Construct two 8' X 8' box culverts, \$434,564. (Costs are based on preliminary estimates). He said we are working with the City of Manteca to get some fees. The Board said that we should only be responsible for paying the cost to remove irrigation drainage, and the City should be responsible for additional costs due to their storm drainage. Gilton said he would look at this method for calculating share of costs. Gilton recommended constructing a lined canal, option 3, our

cost, per the preliminary estimates, would be \$151,612. **Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried, to approve option 3, at a cost of \$151,612.**

Authorized hiring a student intern for GIS support in the Engineering Department. The student

will work 24 hours per week for 26 weeks, at a cost of \$10.00 per hour. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to approve hiring a part time student as requested.**

Manager's reports:

Stroud reported:

Several employees had asked that the Board be thanked for providing uniforms.

At Woodward Reservoir we are waiting approval from Dam Safety before we begin to make repairs on both the seepage just south of Ron Morrow's house, and the concrete slab near the tower.

Also, at Woodward, several of the saddle dams need maintenance. Under our agreement with Stanislaus County, they are responsible for the maintenance. The county is going to budget for the maintenance in their July 2002 budget.

At Van Groningen Reservoir, now that excavation of the new storage area is completed, we have a problem with people riding their quadrunners up and down the banks, causing damage. We are looking at fencing certain portions of the area to avoid further damage and will bring options back to Board at a future meeting.

We have a deep water pump located near the corner of Center Street and Walnut Avenue in Manteca, just across from city hall. This pump (#95) has not been used for several years because the property is well within city limits. We are looking into removing the pump and sealing the well. PG&E standby charges are approximately \$75.00 per month.

OID is concerned about SEWD not making scheduled payments on the agreed upon water transfer schedule and at the same time requesting changes in the delivery schedule. Tri-Dam General Manager said the power value is approximately \$5.00 per acre foot. If the scheduled deliveries for 4,000 acre feet were to be shifted from winter to summer, we would potentially lose \$20,000 in power production. We are working with SEWD and OID to resolve this matter.

Read the following Structure Permit into the record:

Van Groningen & Sons, Inc. APN 243-180-06, to lower existing sump boxes located on Lateral "WC" at Stations 110 & 127.

Directors' reports:

Roos reported on the USBR Conference in Reno. Additionally, he reported the drain on Seidner and Hwy 120 has gravel in it. District Engineer said he had informed Cal Trans.

Director DeGroot said he feels that the District should participate in paying to replace the valves on the pipeline the District replaced going across the property near Lathrop and Airport roads.

President Kamper called for closed session relative to litigation matters, personnel matters, and labor update. General Counsel Emrick said the Board will discuss items b, c, and d.

- b) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation. Initiation of litigation. Gov, Code, S. 54956.9 (c). Two cases.
- c) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation. Significant exposure to litigation. Due Farms. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 (b). One Case.
- D) Conference with labor negotiator. Agency designated representative, Stevan Stroud. Employee organization, Management Unit. Gov. Code, S. 54957.6.

Upon returning from closed session, General Counsel Emrick reported that the Due Farms Claim was denied on motion by Schulz, seconded by Kamper. Motion Carried, 3 Ayes and 2 Noes, with Directors Haworth and Roos voting No.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by DeGroot, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to February 26, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary

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