

Manteca, California
February 22, 2005

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 of the Board were noted present:

DIRECTORS: KAMPER ROOS SCHULZ KUIL

ABSENT: DEGROOT

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, General Counsel Emrick, District Engineer Gilton, Utility Systems Director Shields, Engineering Department Supervisor Bologna, and Water Treatment Systems Manager Hubkey.

President Roos called the meeting to order and asked for public comment. They're being none he asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID warrants of \$1,738,891.32.
- B. SSJID Board Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2005.
- C. Accept and file Notice of Completion for work on the Long Tunnel and Joint Supply Canal by Beck's Enterprises.
- D. Adopt Resolution 05-03-Q, authorizing the Disposition of Property no Longer Necessary for District Purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO 05-03-V
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY NO
LONGER NECESSARY FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the District may sell for valuable consideration, any property of the District, which it finds to be no longer necessary for District purposes;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District finds two ½ ton 4WD pickups, and six ½ ton 2WD pickups listed below:

<u>DISTRICT I.D. NO.</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
218-01 (4WD)	259483
219-01 (4WD)	261936
234-01	260593
249-01	259881
229-01	260327
235-01	261464
206-02	266515
233-02	265807

Are no longer necessary for District purposes and that it is in the best interest of the District to sell said property; and

WHEREAS, the District finds, the following value is a fair consideration for said property;

<u>DISTRICT I.D. NO.</u>	<u>FAIR MARKET VALUE</u>
218-01 (4WD)	\$10,300
219-01 (4WD)	\$11,000
234-01	\$ 7,300
249-01	\$ 7,100
229-01	\$ 7,000
235-01	\$ 7,300
206-02	\$ 7,800
233-02	\$ 7,400

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Assistant General Manager of the District is authorized to display said property for sale for a period of ten days thereafter, directed to sell said property to whoever presents the highest cash offer, provided that the offer is equal to or exceeds the following:

<u>DISTRICT I.D. NO.</u>	<u>MINIMUM PRICE</u>
218-01 (4WD)	\$ 9,500
209-01 (4WD)	\$10,200
234-01	\$ 6,700
249-01	\$ 6,500
229-01	\$ 6,400
235-01	\$ 6,700
206-02	\$ 7,200
233-02	\$ 6,800

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Assistant General Manager is authorized and directed to take all necessary steps and execute all documents necessary to transfer title to said property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of February 2005.

E. Approve the following Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreements:

<u>AGR #</u>	<u>APN #</u>	<u>AGR #</u>	<u>APN #</u>
1440	245-120-42	1448	217-250-48
1441	245-120-43	1449	224-021-40
1442	245-250-08	1450	224-040-30
1443	247-030-07	1451	226-120-15
1444	259-020-70	1452	228-130-16
1445	259-140-16 & 18	1453	228-140-24
1446	261-220-11	1454	241-330-24
1447	203-220-38	1455	197-070-11

F. Accept improvement and authorize staff to record a Notice of Completion for Poppy Hills Development in Ripon.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of February 2005 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Kamper	Roos	Schulz	Kuil
Noes:	None			
Absent:	DeGroot			

Update concerning request by Mark Reece to cancel the Service Abandonment against his property (APN 245-080-62). Gilton said he met with the property owners who are impacted by the District's requirement of a box and valve. He said under the original terms of the Cancellation of the Abandonment Agreements the parties were to temporarily plug the pipeline, in order to test their line. Instead of a temporary plug in the line, several yards of concrete was pumped into the line and no box was installed. Gilton said he feels the current irrigation structures are sufficient to water the Reece & White properties. He said that the property owners have agreed to sign an agreement that would obligate them to build a single-cell box with two gates, if in the future the properties below them decide to start using District water. Gilton and Emrick will incorporate all the Board's requirements in the agreement to be signed by the property owners and recorded with the County. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Kamper, instructing staff to write an agreement, and authorize execution of that agreement by the General Manager. Motion Carried, 3 Ayes and 1 No, with Director Roos voting No.

Discussion concerning water delivery to property located on the SW corner of North Ripon Road and Leroy Avenue. In 2003, property owner, Charlie Harris asked the Board to provide service

to approximately 40 acres of unirrigated land. Stroud said that there are several alternatives but the best one in his opinion is to provide service off the "Qf" line. Mr. Harris said he wants to sprinkle, not flood. It was suggested by Director Roos that Mr. Harris put in the line per our specs and the District will reimburse him the cost. The line would be a private line, not the District's. Consensus of the Board was for District Engineer Gilton to meet with Mr. Harris to discuss terms of an agreement. No action was taken.

Patricia Amador addressed the Board. She said she has two properties that are located on Lee Road in Escalon. She said she wants to abandon service because she has no access to District water and she wants the Board to waive the recharge fees. The Board thanked her for her comments. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action concerning the startup date for the 2005 Irrigation Season. Stroud said the gate for Woodward Reservoir is supposed to be shipped today, and arrive the first of next week. It should take 3 to 7 days to install the gate. He recommended the Board start irrigation on March 15th. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to begin 2005 Irrigation Season on March 15th subject to change if the weather is wet.

Consider approving the bids for vehicles. Stroud said we have bids on four vehicles: Service Truck, a Cargo Van, and a Tahoe for the water treatment plant, and a Tahoe for the office. Low bidder on all six units was Steve's Chevrolet. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to purchase the four vehicles from Steve's Chevrolet.

Request from John Van Vliet to pipe a portion of Drain 14. Mr. Van Vliet originally was approved to use 36-inch pipe, but is now requesting authority to use 30-inch pipe. Gilton has inspected the pipe and it's quality is sufficient. Also, the use of 30" pipe is no problem, because the road crossing above this section of pipe is 30". Gilton recommended approval. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to approve the request as submitted, subject to the recommendations in the staff report made by the Engineering Department.

Approve Termination of Service Abandonment Agreement #857, Brocchini Family Partnership, APN 226-120-07. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to approve the Termination of the Agreement, subject to recommendations of staff as follows: Maintenance Department recommendation: "When water is turned into this pipeline the landowner must accept any extra water not used by their sprinkler system". Water Department recommendation: "That the parcel will receive sprinkler water only, and only when the water is available".

Approve Termination of Service Abandonment #968 Pauline Bavaro, APN 245-110-11. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to approve subject to the installation of a relief valve, as recommended by staff.

Discussion concerning District policy relative to pipeline alignments within subdivisions. Gilton discussed the pros and cons for the different options. After careful evaluation the Engineering Department concludes that the best choice is usually having the pipeline behind the sidewalk. Each situation however is evaluated to assure that the best facility location is selected in each instance. Stroud agreed. After discussion the following action was taken. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried, to accept the recommendations of the Engineering Department.

Discussion concerning Worker's Compensation and the formation of the Water Purveyors JPIA. Emrick reported that we met with Jim Edwards, a Valley MWD Director, relative to the self-insurance pool. Emrick said the pool would like a commitment from the District. We would have to guarantee three years membership, after that we could withdraw with six months notice. If claims occurring during the three-year membership period were not fully resolved at the end of the period, additional payments by the District would be required. The initial rate would be approximately \$293,000, of which \$200,000 goes to the pool. The balance pays administrative costs, fees and reinsurance. Reinsurance covers single claims in excess of \$250,000. Less than \$250,000 are self-insured by the pool. The District is being asked to commit to the concept now. After discussion the Board made no decision. No action was taken.

Public hearing and potential action to increase Director's salaries. After discussion the following action was taken. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Schulz, to increase the monthly salary for Directors to \$1,000 per month effective July 1, 2005. President Roos announced the Public Hearing is now open for public comment. There being no public comment the Public Hearing was closed and the motion passed and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Kamper	Schulz	Kuil
Noes:	Roos		
Absent:	DeGroot		

Review Galas' request to use District roadway. Emrick said the staff's proposal is to have the Galas family blacktop the road from Frankenheimer Road to just short of the canal and on the easement next to canal from Galas' property. The Board agreed with the staff proposal. No action was taken.

Authorize process to annex WTP property into the District. Emrick said that Stanislaus intends to reassess the property where the plant is located. The annual property tax as a result will be approximately \$500,000 per year. Emrick recommends we annex the property to the District. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried, to proceed with annexation.

General Manager's report:

Stroud reported the following:

Farm Bureau meeting is March 2nd at Ad Art Road in Stockton.

Manteca Rural Society asked to be on the agenda March 8th.

DWR's Snow Survey February 1st showed runoff of approximately 900,000 acre-feet. Ed Kistling, Operations Manager at Tri-Dam estimated 750,000.

Department of Safety and Dams wants saddle dams raised at the Woodward Reservoir. Stanislaus County is bidding the work and plans to have it completed by May 30th.

Ag Waiver, San Joaquin County and Coalition's April 1, report will be delivered on time. No major problems were found. There will be a new "\$1 per acre" money request sent out to Coalition members in April.

Stockton Record reported that PG&E's profits soared.

Shields reported he and Emrick went to Woodland City Council meeting for the SMUD discussion.

Shields and Stroud visited an energy provider in Oregon to look at organizational structure, employee requirements, equipment, facilities, etc.

Reported we should have the electrical system inventory numbers in approximately 10 days.

Director's comments:

Kamper said he has a copy of the report Alex Hildebrand did on the Delta. It is an excellent report and should be in the District library.

Schulz asked about the Burwood Cemetery pipe. Said it is giving more problems. Stroud said he will look into it.

Roos said Merlin Mohler wants us to allow him to use the Monique Drain.

President Roos called for closed session. District Counsel Emrick said we will discuss one item.

Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation. Gov Code S. 54956.9

Upon returning from closed session it was announced that the claim of Diane Johnson was rejected.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Kuil, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to March 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary