

Manteca, California
February 24, 2009

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in their chambers at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: KUIL KAMPER SCHULZ ROOS

Absent: Holbrook

President Kamper noted that Director Holbrook and Communications Coordinator Sayler are in Washington D.C. on District business.

Also present were Secretary/Manager Shields, District Counsel Emrick, Water Treatment Plant Manager Hubkey, Administration Communications Specialist LaVere, HR Analyst Thornburg and Utility Systems Director Battles

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 Items as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of SSJID Warrants of \$1,124,838.67 and Wires of \$98,659.32.
- B. Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2009.
- C. Authorize filing a Notice of Completion and acceptance of work performed on Ram Tunnel by Beck Enterprises.
- D. Approve the following Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreements:

Agreement #	Acreage	APN	Owner
1560	.56	227-040-13	Tillema, Bill
1561	4.86	229-040-12	Tillema, Bill
1562	13.33	247-050-40	DeVries, Gary
1563	9.09	247-130-04	Cowell, Andrew
1564	5.00	249-150-43	Kelly, Roy
1565	9.70	245-020-15	Van Groningen & Sons
1566	55.92	245-160-39	Van Groningen & Sons
1567	2.23	217-030-49	Cabral, William
1568	1.65	224-030-01	Klaverstijn, C.
1569	2.72	226-170-13	Lopez, Maria

Motion by Director Roos, seconded by Director Schulz to approve the Consent Calendar items listed above, except for ISAA Agreements 1565 and 1566 for Van Groningen & Sons and one correction on the minutes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February 2009 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kuil Kamper Schulz Roos
Absent: Holbrook

Shields said he has an item he would like to add to the agenda at this time. Consul was hired to do some energy related work for the District. Grants with the California Energy Commission are available for some of the work they are doing but they need our approval in order to apply. He said that Resolution No 09-03-E describes the work and the Grant and authorizes Consul to apply to the CEC on our behalf. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Schulz and unanimously carried to add "Adopt Resolution 09-03-E" to the agenda, based on the following findings: 1) The need to do this was not identified before the agenda was prepared; and 2) Action is required immediately because Consul has to submit the Grant Application on or before February 28, 2009.

Consider adopting Resolution No 09-03-0E, California Energy Commission –Energy Partnership Program. Motion by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Kuil, to adopt Resolution # 09-03-E.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 09-03-E
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION – ENERGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission's Energy Partnership program provides technical assistance in identifying energy efficiency improvements;

WHEREAS, South San Joaquin Irrigation District authorizes Consol to apply for technical assistance from the California Energy Commission;

WHEREAS the, South San Joaquin Irrigation District recognizes that the California Energy Commission has limited funds for technical assistance and that primary consideration will be given to those that are committed to implementing the recommended projects identified through the Energy Partnership Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, South San Joaquin Irrigation District will seek funding, if necessary, to implement the recommended feasible energy efficiency projects identified through the Energy Partnership Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jeff Shields, General Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of South San Joaquin Irrigation District; all necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2009 by the following roll call:

AYES: KAMPER KUIL SCHULZ

NOES: ROOS

ABSENT: HOLBROOK

Consider approving the purchase of a spare Ring Manager 600 from N-Tron at a cost of \$3,200 plus sales tax, shipping and handling. Hubkey said the rings last usually from 5 to 10 years. However, we are having more frequent problems because of the power failures; if one fails and needs to be replaced it will take at least a week to get a replacement, and we cannot operate without the Ring Manager. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried to approve purchasing the Ring Manager at \$3,200 plus tax and shipping.

Consider approving cost of a test run from Solar Bee Pump at a cost of \$6,000. Hubkey said we use one sludge bed for citric acid. During warm weather the acid degrades quickly. However, in the colder months it does not degrade. A company from North Dakota called Solar Bee, developed a solar pump that will mix the volume of acid in two hours. They offered to rent it to us for \$6,000. Director Kuil said he did not feel we should rent the unit without an option to buy. After discussion it was moved by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Kamper, and unanimously carried to authorize staff to get a lease with an option to purchase with the \$6,000 going towards the price of the unit.

President Kamper asked Hubkey to give his report.

Hubkey reported:

Underwater Resources completed their semi-annual maintenance inspection. No major problems were discovered. Stanislaus County will be billed for half the costs.

Sekoflex came and examined the caulking in our sludge beds. They said the material is the correct type. We will probably have to start replacing the material in 2010, one bed per year at a cost of about \$20,000 per bed.

Staff drained and cleaned DAF's number 1 and 2. Sediments from the lower intake are starting to produce odor problems. This occurs each winter and will end when we start drawing water from the upper intake.

Due to a concern for ammonia stored at the Tracy Booster Station we are preparing to perform an audit. The audit will be needed every three years.

Due to recent power shutdowns at the plant we have experienced more than usual PLC failures. We are looking at a battery with longer life for the UPS systems.

Consider approving yearly license renewal for Wonderware-Intouch software. Cost is \$6,671.79 for the Main Distribution Canal, and \$10,674.88 for the Water Treatment Plant for a total of \$17,346.67. Shields said he recommends the renewal since it is an inexpensive way to maintain the integrity and security of our SCADA Systems. Motion by Director Roos, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried, to approve the renewal at a total cost of \$17,346.67.

Review and approve revised job description for WTP Operator 4 position. Hubkey said the new description adds several responsibilities to the position. This will help he/she become qualified to someday move into a management position. Additionally, it will help reduce the load on current management. There is no fiscal impact on the change. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried to approve the new WTP Operator 4 position.

Consider approval of an Amendment to Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement #123, (Instrument # 2002 055482), Seray Investment Co, LLC APN 228-030-09. Bologna said approval will make the land Tier II. He recommends approval. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried to approve as requested.

Consider approval of an Amendment to Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement #1479, (Instrument # 2006-015909, Sophia Papadoulis APN 228-020-38. Bologna said this will make the land Tier II. He recommends approval. Motion by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Kuil, to approve as requested. Motion Carried Ayes 3, Noes 1, Absent 1, with Director Kamper voting No and Director Holbrook absent.

Consider abandoning the Ripon Spill. Shields said Ron McManis has 12.11 acres he wants to swap for our 3.53 acres that we currently use to store spent pipe. Director Roos said he would like to have this tabled until he has time to visit the land and see it for himself. No action was taken.

Authorize approval of Communications Tower Agreement. Bologna said the Board conditionally approved the concept of moving the tower from the M-2 Pump Station to a new location adjacent to Calvary Community Church. The terms have been met with one exception; the developer doesn't want to pay costs until the permit is issued and the developer will not withdraw their objection in the event that we do not successfully obtain a permit from the City. Bologna recommends approval and authorization for execution of the agreement. Motion by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Kuil, and unanimously carried to approve the Agreement as submitted and authorize execution of same.

President Kamper called for the Manager's reports:

Shields reported:

Since the last Board meeting Tri-Dam increased the New Melones inflow calculation which will increase our water supply from approximately 190,000 acre feet with formula water on February 9th to approximately 235,000 today.

Our crews finished repairs on the Main Supply Canal last week.

Talked about setting a date for the start of irrigation season. Tri-Dam has given a date of March 9, 2009 as the first day they can release water into the Joint Supply Canal. Board said they would wait until the March 10 Board Meeting to set the start date.

Reported Director Holbrook and Communications Coordinator Sayler have meetings set with members of Congress to communicate our concerns with regards to the release of water from New Melones for Bureau contracts, to discuss the Division 9 Pressurized System Project and the City of Ripon connecting to the Water Treatment Plant.

The APPA wants it's members to buy 4,000 copies of a magazine they are going to publish. They want a 2 year commitment on the purchase. We have until March 20, 2009 to decide.

Almond Blossom Festival is this weekend. We will have a booth at the carnival and a float in the parade.

Battles reported:

Last week we did two things to assure we would qualify for the rebate from PG&E.

1. February 13, 2009 Emerson Test Services performed a function test and submitted information to PG&E.
2. February 14, 2009 we successfully connected the new solar field for 2 hours. PG&E agreed to allow us to core through the transformer. Also they will install the meter and other equipment soon. At this time they have not given us a firm date as to when this will happen.

President Kamper called for Directors reports:

Director Kuil asked if Lathrop had asked about being annexed into the District lately. Shields said they had asked and he told them they must make a formal application.

Director Schulz asked if the "B" line on Van Allen Rd. was on the list for next year's work schedule. Bologna said it is.

Director Roos asked what does the USBR 90%, 360,000 acre foot inflow mean and why the Bureau's estimate is higher than Tri-Dam's. Emrick said that is the method USBR uses for estimating inflow. This basically means there is a 90% chance it will occur, so it's very conservative. The Bureau's calculation project precipitation through the end of the water year, whereas Tri Dam's numbers are only current inflow and runoff projections from the existing snowpack.

Director Kamper said OID still wants more oversight/control over the Tri-Dam. He said the auditors are going to come back with a recommendation to the Joint Boards.

President Kamper called for closed session. District Counsel Emrick said the Board will discuss two items in closed session.

Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Two cases.

Conference with real property negotiator. Negotiation Parties, District, City of Stockton, Stockton East Water District and California Water Service Company. District negotiators; General Manager and District Counsel. Under Negotiation; Price and Terms of payment for sale of water.

Upon returning from closed session District Counsel Emrick announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

President Kamper asked the Board to consider approving a budget increase for inventory and severance work performed by Siemens Company. Battles said all the additional work they are asking to be paid for, was requested to be done by either Steve Emrick or himself. He recommended approval of the additional \$44,760. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried to approve the change order as recommended.

There being no further action to come before the Board it was moved by Director Roos, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried to adjourn to March 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
John Stein, Assistant Secretary