

Manteca, California  
April 23, 2002

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

Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: DEGROOT      KAMPER      ROOS      HAWORTH  
ABSENT:      SCHULZ

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

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 submitted.

- A.      SSJID warrants of \$126,337.13.
- B.      Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2002
- C.      Consider acceptance of improvements related to the Lateral “A” and “Vg” Replacement Project (SSJ-2001-1) installed by DSS Company and authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion and acceptance for the project.
- D.      Consider acceptance of improvements related to Phase I of the Northwest SIDE Project, and authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion and Acceptance for the project.
- E.      Approve replacement of Control Room’s laptop computer, not to exceed price of \$1,700.

F.      Approve the following Service Abandonment Agreements:

AGR No.	ACRES	APN	OWNER	FEES
1328	29.90	261-030-03	DenDulk, Robert	Recharge Fees
1329	33.70	241-300-57	Ergonis, Frank	Recharge Fees
1330	1.49	243-740-19	Mennucci, Luciano	Exempt
	.39	243-740-21	Mennucci, Luciano	Exempt

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2002 by the following roll call vote:

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

Discussion and possible action concerning Lateral “Ue”. Bologna reported that the line serves five one acre parcels in Ripon. He said the line is in bad shape, it has major cracks, and areas where there is no concrete left. The pipe is over half full of tree roots in some sections, and currently can handle only about 5 cfs. Tom Haggard said if we continue running water through Lateral “Ue” there is the real potential of the pipeline collapsing. This is the reason the 5 property owners were sent letters indicating the District will not be able to provide them with water until a resolution to this problem is found. Bologna said there are several options: 1) the line could be replaced 2). a new line off Lateral “V” could be put in, 3). a liner could be put in the present pipeline, 4). Properties could hook up to Ripon City water. Costs range from approximately \$52,000 to over \$1,000,000. All five property owners were present at the meeting. They said they understood the problems and were willing to work with the District. The property owners also said they understood that the District could not spend that much money to continue to service the five parcels containing a combined total of about 2 ½ acres of agricultural use. After discussion the Board took the following action. **Motion by Roos, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried, to provide two more irrigations before shutting the “Ue” line down, additionally, the District will lease the landowners domestic wells for \$250.00 each for the remainder of the 2002 irrigation season, additionally, the District will continue to investigate possible solutions to finding an alternate source of reasonable priced water for Lateral “Ue” parcels.**

Attorney Emrick asked the Board to revisit Item “F” on the Consent Calendar. Motion by Haworth, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to take item “F” off the consent calendar and discuss it on the action calendar. (Approve Service Abandonment Agreement for Robert Den Dulk, APN 261-030-03, ISAA # 1328. Emrick said the Developer, Mark Ehlrod, was going to the Ripon City Council for approval of a Final Subdivision Map and was under the impression that the ISAA gave them permission to remove the District’s line, which is used to deliver water to 3 acres owned by Mr. Sharp, and eliminated any responsibility the Developer may have to replace the line per District Policy. Emrick said this is not the case, the abandonment does not authorize removal of the District’s pipeline, nor does it relieve the developer of his responsibility to replace the District’s pipeline. Emrick said the private ditch, which runs from the District line to Sharp, which is on Den Dulk’s property, may be removed, however, Mr. Sharp may have rights to that ditch. Mr. Ehlrod said the rights are not Prescriptive, but Permissive, and Developer Den Dulk is rescinding the right. Matt Machado, Ripon City Engineer, said if there are any unresolved issues, the City will delay action scheduled

on their agenda for the evening of April 24, 2002. Emrick said the developer must either replace the line or have an alternate way, acceptable to the District, to deliver District water

to the Sharp property. A special meeting of the District Board was requested by the developer. The Board agreed to meet on Friday, April 26, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Consider approval of Temporary Water Service Agreement with the Doornenbal Dairy. Bologna said the Dairy has executed the documents and paid the necessary fees and he recommends approval. **Motion by Haworth, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to approve selling surplus water no longer necessary to the District's needs, and to find there are no significant environmental impacts.**

Discussion relative to possible quitclaim of easement for Lateral AA located within the Greenview Estates Subdivision adjacent to the Villa Ticino Development. Bologna said there are four options: 1. The District could quitclaim the easement without any conditions. 2. The District could quitclaim the easement only if the owner is willing to sign an agreement accepting responsibility of the pipeline. 3. The District could remove the pipeline, crush it in place, or fill it with a sand slurry at no cost to the owner and quitclaim the easements afterwards. 4. The District could retain the easement and deny any request for its quitclaim. Emrick recommended sending a letter to each landowner involved with options and time limits to respond. The consensus of the Board was to crush the pipe and fill the land to leave a level area if no other option could be worked out with the landowners. No action was taken.

Consider a possible cost sharing agreement with Stanislaus County relative to a hydrology study of Woodward Reservoir to help determine the appropriate height for the saddle dams. Absent a hydrology study, Safety and Dams require a five foot freeboard. A hydrology study could provide Dam Safety with information to allow them to reduce this. A reduction in the required amount of freeboard, would save the County money, since they must raise the saddle dams, and it would save the District money since we must add more concrete lining to cover the expanded face of the dam. Bologna said cost of the study is \$10,000, to be shared equally between the County and the District. **Motion by Roos, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried, to approve the study subject to an agreement with the County to reimburse 1/2 the cost.**

Consider fencing options for Van Groningen Reservoir. Gilton said the cost of a stock fence with 3 strands of barbwire, 4,600 feet long is approximately \$13,375 plus the cost of gates to be installed by District crews.. **Motion by Haworth, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to get three bids, and to accept the low bid as long as it is less than \$13,375.**

Consider adoption of District policy as it applies to encroachment in District drains. After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked the item be tabled until the May 28, 2002 Board Meeting. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action relative to damaged vehicle number 204-02. Stein said the quotes to repair the vehicle were \$15, 280, \$14,938, and \$11,922. The \$11,922 includes straightening the frame, the others include replacement of the frame. Cost of the vehicle new was \$16,377. It has 3,330 miles on it. Stein said if the Board decides to scrap the vehicle, which Shop Supervisor Simon recommends, the cost to replace it with a new one would be \$17,554. **Motion by Haworth, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to scrap the vehicle and obtain three quotes to sell it for scrap. The vehicle will be replaced with the next batch of pickups replaced.**

General Manager's report:

Stroud reported we received a check from the State Controller in the amount of \$493 as a result of a class action suit on a lap top computer.

Stroud said the original cost estimate from PG&E on the R/Q Divide was \$43,000, but on further study by PG&E, has been reduced to \$26,000.

Stroud said on May 1, 2002 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m at the El Rancho Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 1830 East Highway 120, there will be a public hearing, to get public input on the proposed Highway 99 - 120 Interchange project.

Stroud said ACWA is asking we designate a delegate for the Board Meeting to be held at ACWA. The Board consensus was to appoint Director Kamper.

Stroud said we received a letter from the County Environmental Health Department indicating we had two options to resolve issues concerning our well at the District offices. 1. Get the City of Manteca to hook us up to their water. 2. Find a new source. We must have a plan by the end of May, 2002.

Directors' reports:

Haworth said Director Roos did a good job, on behalf of the District, at the Woodward Reservoir dedication held Saturday, April 20, 2002.

Kamper asked if with the cost overruns on the S.I.D.E. Project, is there a chance we will have similar problems with the Water Treatment Plant. Gilton said Black and Veatch has a good reputation for coming in at or under budget and he doesn't feel we will have the same budget problems we have on the S.I.D.E. Project.

Kamper called for closed session. General Counsel Emrick said the Board will discuss items b), c) and d) in closed session.

- b) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Two cases.
- c) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation.

Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. One case.

- d) Conference with labor negotiator. Agency representative, Stevan Stroud. Employee Organization, Management Unit. Gov. Code, S. 54957.6

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

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by DeGroot, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried to adjourn to April 26, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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John Stein, Assistant Secretary

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