

Manteca, California  
May 11, 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, District Engineer Gilton, and Engineering Department Supervisor Bologna.

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 presented:

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.    SSJID Warrants of \$425,216.90 and payrolls of \$231,611.46.
- B.    Regular Adjourned Board Minutes of April 27, 2004. On page 2 of the minutes relative to Russell Associates request for an increase in their budget. Minutes should read: original budget was \$90,085, plus an increase of \$8,870 approved in December 2003.
- C.    Acceptance of improvements, Westwood County Unit # 1a.

Motion by Roos, seconded by DeGroot, to approve the Consent Calendar with the changes noted above to item B.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2004 by the following roll call vote:

Consider approval of amendments to Environmental Science Associate's contract. Increase is due to permitting with Cal Trans near Mossdale "Y" area, and by the Giant Garter Snake problem in Tracy. Cost is \$22,075 and \$15,575 respectively, for a total increase of \$37,592. Motion by Kuil, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to approve the increase as requested.

Consider approving substitution of masonry subcontractor, for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Overaa needed to hire a new subcontractor because the original sub, Bayview Brick and Concrete could not meet the specifications and would not enter into an agreement with Overaa. The original subcontractor has been provided notice as required by Public Contract Code 4107(a)(1) and has not objected to the change. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to approve the substitution as requested.

Consider approving Contract Change Order No. 6, WTP and authorize the General Manager to sign the appurtenant documents. Stroud said the agreement worked out with Stanislaus County will require a change order in the amount of \$135,282, bringing the total for this contract to \$8,521,203. Stroud recommended approval of the change order. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to approve the change order as requested above.

Consider awarding bid to R&S Erection Co. to increase the opening height of two overhead doors in the shop. Stroud said we need this in order to service equipment that is too high for the current doors, such as the new boom truck. Stroud said we asked for three bids, got two, he recommends taking the low bid of R&S Erection Co of \$6,000. Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to accept the bid of R&S Erection Co as recommended above.

Presentation by Matt Frediani of Cutler Segerstrom and David Cregger of Yates and Associates, regarding Worker's Compensation Insurance options. Matt introduced Mr. David Cregger. David gave a brief report on his experience. He said he has talked with

AIG, our current carrier. They have indicated they will quote for renewal at or close to the same rate as the current year. Two other carriers have advised that they will not offer California coverage next year, which leaves only AIG and State Compensation Insurance Fund. Another possibility is to join a newly forming joint powers authority for self-insurance coverage. The idea is currently undergoing a feasibility study. Mr. Cregger told the Board that the initial studies indicate that the District could save up to 25% of what they are currently paying by joining the self insured JPIA. He said we need to develop a core group, which he hopes SSJID will join. He provided a draft resolution which basically says we are interested, but does not bind us. In order to get the coalition up and running by July 1, 2004, it is important to get expressions of interest as soon as possible. General Counsel Emrick said since the Resolution was not an agenda item and could not be acted on at this time. It was the consensus of the Board that since Tri-Dam meets on the 20th of May, we will place it on the agenda prior to the Tri-Dam meeting. No action was taken.

Review and approve draft of Real Property Interest Policy Guiding Principles. Stroud asked the Board to (1) identify any principles that are needed to guide development of a Real Property Interest policy that are not included on the list attached to the staff report, (2) identify any principles that are included on the list attached to the staff report but are not needed to guide development of a Real Property Interest policy. And (3) let him know of any desired changes prior to May 20th. He will put a draft policy on the agenda for consideration by the Board at the May 25, 2004 Board meeting. No action was taken.

President Schulz called for General Manager's reports:

Stroud reported the following:

The Security Camera System is currently being installed, should be finished by the end of the week.

Reported the Ortiz Bill, SB 1272 passed out of committee without the changes requested by ACWA.

Relative to the State Budget: it appears we will either lose \$400,000 or \$125,000 next year, depending on what the Counties, Cities, and Special Districts agree on with the Governor.

The date for the State Water Resource Control Board to meet and decide if it will issue permits for the use of aquatic pesticides is May 20th. Weeds have already reduced the flow capacity in some laterals, as much as 20%. As the weather gets hotter and more crops need irrigation, we will run into capacity problems without the ability to treat the system.

Reported we were spilling about 2 1/2 cfs because a garbage can was jammed beneath a spill gate at Drop 7. It has been removed.

We have diverted 51,000 acre feet this year, exclusive of operation spills from Drop 7, as compared to 46,000 last year.

Currently Woodward Reservoir elevation is 202.5.

SIDE Project is currently not operating on auto because of a defective sensor transmitter. It is being manually operated to meet sprinkler irrigation needs. Problems which are more pressing on Drop 13 are keeping us from replacing the transmitter immediately. Once the transmitter is replaced, it can be switched back to automatic mode.

Ed Kisling, Operations Manager at Tri-Dam Project estimates inflow at New Melones this year to be around 629,000 acre feet.

Directors reports:

Schulz asked about a lady who failed to pay her charges for water on time and has a penalty. He said she was in the hospital with cancer or she would have paid the bill. He said she is asking that we wave the past due charges of approximately \$23.00. After discussion, no action was taken, but the Board took up a collection of private funds to pay the late fee for her.

Kuil said there is a leak on the Wc at the box near Almond Wood and Airport Way. Stroud said he would check into it.

President Schulz adjourned the Board for lunch.

Upon returning from lunch President Schulz called the meeting to order and asked the Board to go to closed session relative to litigation, personnel, and labor update. District Counsel Emrick announced items (b) and (d) will be discussed in closed session.

- b. Conference with labor negotiator, Gov. Code, S. 54957.6 (a).  
Agency designated representative, Stevan Stroud. Employee Organization,  
Management Unit.
- d. Public Employment, Gov. Code, S. 54957.  
Treatment Plant Manager/Supervisor Appointment  
Utility Systems Coordinator

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

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Roos, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to May 25, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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John Stein, Assistant Secretary