

**MINUTES FOR THE MAY 12, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in the District Boardroom at 9:00 a.m., via the online Zoom Meeting platform. Director Kamper called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll-call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN  
ABSENT: NONE

Also present were General Manager, Peter M. Rietkerk; General Counsel, Mia Brown; Engineering Department Manager, Forrest Killingsworth; and Clerk of the Board, Danielle Barney.

**Public Comment – None**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Checks in the amount of \$311,984.83; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$325,630.77; and Payroll dated May 8, 2020 in the amount of \$234,125.02
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2020

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Roos to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Holbrook attended the Greater San Joaquin Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, on April 15, via Microsoft Teams. Discussion included finalizing the projects list for San Joaquin County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and moving forward with grant applications to the California State Water Board. Mr. Brandon Nakagawa, SSJID Water Resources Coordinator, stated that finalizing the projects list has been delayed due to COVID-19 related outreach issues to the disadvantaged communities, and that plan development needs to be completed as soon as possible. Director Holbrook added that intent is not to revise and/or change the IRWMP document, but rather expedite grant funding.

Director Kamper inquired on the status of leasing District property, located at Austin Road and Louise Avenue, which was approved to let by Board action at the SSJID Board meeting on December 10, 2019. Mr. Peter Rietkerk, SSJID General Manager, responded that the agricultural land has been leased to MAKO Farms, Inc.

Director Roos announced that he will be undergoing back surgery the week of May 25, and that prayers are welcome and would be appreciated.

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Director Holmes expressed well wishes, to Director Roos, on his upcoming back surgery.

Director Holmes will be attending the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) Steering Committee, and the ESJGWA Board meetings on May 13, via teleconference. Topic discussion will include approval of the ESJGWA budget for 2021.

Director Holbrook commented on problems with the new automated distribution control systems for irrigation water, which were encountered by the Division Managers on the weekend of May 9-10. Director Kamper replied that the issue may lie with new trainees at the Control Room and encouraged patience. Mr. Rietkerk added that the District is aware of the issues surrounding start-up at sites and facilities, and will follow up with Mr. Frank Avila, SSJID Irrigation Operations Manager; and Mr. Lloyd Wayman, SSJID Telemetry Systems MDC Supervisor. Contributing factors include difficulty scheduling on-site troubleshooting with Rubicon; the early start of the irrigation season; and rotation of staff (trainees) at the Control Room and on the Main Distribution Canal, due to absences resulting from coronavirus related leave. Mr. Forrest Killingsworth, SSJID Engineering Department Manager, concurred that “fine-tuning” always needs to occur with new components in the automated control system but the “big picture” result will be a heightened quality of service to District customers.

*In adherence to the District’s new Board meeting protocols due to COVID-19, the Managers’ Reports were provided in written form to the Board, on May 11, as submitted below:*

**Ed Erisman, Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Manager:**

- WTP staff held a second job walk for the L1 Booster Station, Emergency Generator Project on May 7. Three (3) contractors showed up for the mandatory meeting. The bids are due May 28.
- HDR Engineering, Inc. has submitted the preliminary design for the two (2) new drying beds. WTP staff are reviewing the plans. A conference call is scheduled with HDR on May 14.
- WTP staff rebuilt a spare pump for the Zenon System, drain/recirculation pump. The rebuilt pump will be installed as soon as the current round of recovery cleans are complete.
- DAF #4 motor was reinstalled and all four (4) DAF units are currently in service.
- The upper intake piping was flushed and the intakes switched at Woodward Reservoir. The upper intake piping is now being utilized. The “no bodily contact” restriction was lifted on April 30.

**Bere Lindley, Assistant General Manager:**

**Human Resources (HR)**

- Mr. Don Thornburg, SSJID Human Resources Analyst, will be testing applicants, for the Accounting Technician position, on May 13 and May 14. Candidate testing will encompass accounting knowledge, Microsoft Excel skills, Microsoft Word skills, reasoning ability, and writing ability. Mr. Thornburg will coordinate the Accounting Technician interviews with the qualifying candidates.
- Mr. Thornburg has completed an online Harassment Training course, which meets requirements to allow for future in-house Harassment Training. The completed online course provided a training outline, training materials, and a PowerPoint presentation.
- Mr. Thornburg has been working on revisions to the SSJID Employee Policies Manual; and participated in onboarding Ms. Sayler, who returned to work on May 6.

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Accounting

- Ms. Robin Giuntoli, SSJID Accounting and Customer Services Manager, and Ms. Maria Gikas, SSJID Senior Accounting Technician, have been working on the PERS audit findings and corrections; and the electronic time-keeping software (Timeclock Plus) implementation and training.
- Ms. Giuntoli, Ms. Gikas, and Ms. Rosie Gentry, SSJID Payroll Clerk, have been tracking and calculating pay for COVID related leave.
- Ms. Giuntoli participated in onboarding Ms. Sayler.

Communications / Public Relations

- Mr. Rietkerk and Mr. Lindley developed a work plan for Ms. Sayler to orient her to a public relations and communications program that has undergone several changes during the past year. The work plan has been developed in Smartsheet for recording, tracking and sharing of progress.
- Mr. Rietkerk, Mr. Lindley, Ms. Sayler, Ms. Giuntoli, and Ms. Mia Brown, SSJID General Counsel, have done a collaborated review of the new draft website designed by MHD, and of the Powered by Purpose rollout plan with MHD.

I/T

- Mr. Michael O’Leary, SSJID IT Systems Administrator, has been conducting routine IT tasks including Windows updates; antivirus monitoring; and backup monitoring.
- Mr. O’Leary has been conducting “beginning of month” tasks including software updates; access controls audit; backups audit; and virus scan audit.
- Mr. O’Leary has participated in onboarding Ms. Sayler; completed the setup of software settings for the TimeClock Plus computer; completed the setup of new security cameras and wireless setting for Woodward Reservoir; and has been assisting Mr. Rietkerk with a Public Records Act request.

Safety

- Mr. Walt Luihn, SSJID Environmental Compliance and Safety Office, provided reorientation for Ms. Sayler including the SSJID COVID-19 Action Plan; safety meeting topics, and the SSJID Essential Employee Worker letter.
- Mr. Luihn and Mr. Matt Macedo, SSJID Pest Control Applicator, have been collaborating on the next Magnacide application, tentatively scheduled for May 13. There will be a bumper application at Drop #13, on May 14, for the lower portion of the District.
- Mr. Luihn has updated the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Coalition paperwork, on two (2) leased District properties, including new lessee information for MAKO Farms, Inc. This will allow the lessee to receive and provide information for the required nitrogen reports, as well as farm surveys.
- Mr. Luihn has distributed the weekly electronic “Tailgate Safety Meetings” to all staff regarding safety information and COVID-19 news/updates. The District’s social distancing protocol flyers have been posted per San Joaquin County’s “Guidance for Employers.”
- Mr. Luihn is researching for Equipment Operator training for the Maintenance staff. The company that provided training in the past has recently relocated, thus Mr. Luihn is exploring alternatives. Due to COVID-19, most training facilities are on hold.
- Mr. Luihn is coordinating with Blankinship on the five (5) year renewal of the District’s Restricted Materials permit regarding the use of Magnacide H.

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CFO Office

- Mr. Lindley, and Ms. Sarah Bloom, SSJID Management Accountant, have been working on the 2019 Annual Financial Report (AFR) and audit including completion of a comprehensive review of the AFR and draft to Brown Armstrong; providing support for calculation of debt service coverage ratio; review and discussion with Brown Armstrong of proposed management recommendations; update of cash flows and supporting documents; preparation for a scheduled review with Brown Armstrong of audit presentation to the Board on May 26; creating a detailed roll-forward schedule for net pension liability to present in the Required Supplementary Information section of the AFR; and acquiring employee census classified according to PERS requirements and add to the pension footnote.
- Mr. Lindley and Ms. Bloom have begun to engage with PERS on developing a plan to address the District's unfunded pension liability.
- Mr. Lindley and Ms. Bloom have been working on the Division 9 Prop 218 process including developing a schedule for getting the rate index approved by this fall, and a draft memo to the Board regarding Division 9 rate design options.
- Mr. Lindley and Ms. Bloom have been working on a planned accounting system for the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority.
- Ms. Bloom is working on the mid-year budget update including assisting budgeters as needed, collection of budget change information, and develop board reports; development of a semi-automated Excel application for 12-month schedules of WTP operators; financial analysis of the solar farm for determination of repair prioritization; and posting new material to the SSJID Employee Intranet.
- Mr. Lindley has made a technical correction to the District's policy regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; and working with Mr. Rietkerk, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Thornburg on personnel matters.
- Mr. Lindley attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) webinar regarding Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) new time of use rates, as recommended by Director Holbrook. Information obtained from the webinar included the time of use rate design implementation was postponed from November 2020 to March 2021; the postponement decision will allow customers to select a rate design per meter; most months the old rate design will be cheaper/some months the new rate design will be cheaper; and Procure America is selling a service to conduct a study to analyze which rate will be most advantageous during the opt-in, opt-out period.

**Troylene Saylor, Public Relations Director:**

Ms. Saylor was happy to report her return to work on May 6, following an extended medical leave. She expressed appreciation to the support received during her recovery, and the patience shown during her absence. She specifically thanked several staff members for covering her job responsibilities including: Mr. Rietkerk; Mr. Bere Lindley, SSJID Assistant General Manager; Ms. Danielle Barney, SSJID Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board; Ms. Giuntoli; Ms. Julie Vrieling, SSJID Office Assistant; Ms. Julie Minton, SSJID Accounting Technician; Ms. Dawn Driesen, SSJID Executive Secretary; and also to the strategic communications consultants at Marcia Herrmann Design (MHD). Ms. Saylor expressed gratitude to work for an organization that values teamwork, service and positivity.

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Completed Projects and/or Activity

- Ms. Saylor has reoriented with staff members (i.e. “catch up”); has reviewed the Public Relations budget for 2020, and the Public Relations work plan established by Mr. Rietkerk and Mr. Lindley; has scheduled a meeting with MHD to review and discuss the District’s new website; and has begun work on the SSJID Spring Irrigation Newsletter, with the goal of having it ready for next billing cycle by June 1.

Future Projects and/or Activity

- Ms. Saylor will be working on writing articles for the SSJID Spring Irrigation Newsletter, and “Board Meeting News” employee emails; will generate a press release regarding the SSJID Vehicle Wrap Art Contest results; will complete the review process of the new website and submit comments to MHD; will participate in a virtual meeting with MHD to discuss the new public information campaign “Powered by Purpose;” and has made and will continue to make phone calls/send emails to community contacts informing them of her return to work, and opportunities for engagement in the future.

**Frank Avila, Irrigation Operations Manager:**

Water Department

- Woodward elevation is at 209.60.
- With staff collaboration, a new Repair Request form has been created and is being utilized by Division Managers for repairs within their divisions. Many positive customer comments have been received regarding the speed, accountability, and/or turnaround time of the Maintenance Department’s response to their initial request for repairs.
- Cross-training continues, though somewhat challenging due to the guidelines set forth by the SSJID Covid-19 Action Plan. Challenges include training and learning new skills, while maintaining social distance.
- Irrigation Department personnel are filling in for two (2) long-term absences in the MDC/Telemetry Department due to 1-Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL), and 1-Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
- The next Magnacide applications are scheduled for May 13 and May 14. The applications will start at the Valley Home drop.
- Mr. Joe Hasten, SSJID Irrigation Services Supervisor, has completed seven (7) employee evaluations in the last three (3) weeks with several more anticipated by the end of May. His commitment in staying current with the evaluations promotes good morale, transparency, and goal development with our team members.
- The District’s COVID-19 protocol remains a priority in daily tasks and all Division Managers continue to be in optimal health. Mr. Avila expressed appreciation of the dedication and teamwork during these difficult times.

Shop Department

- The Shop Department continues to be busy with fabrication, and field gate repairs. Vehicle and equipment maintenance is on track with no major repairs needed to date.
- Mr. James Ferguson, SSJID Shop Supervisor, has completed a “Virtual Waste Tire Inspection” for the mandatory annual reporting to Cal Recycle.
- Waste tire pickup had been scheduled, though now postponed due to the vendor’s short staffing issues.

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- The Shop Department was asked to test the District’s new electronic timekeeping system.

**MDC/Telemetry Department**

- Staff continues to make headway on getting the field Remote Telemetry Unit sites networked into the SCADA at the Control Room and sharing that information with the proper divisions.
- Replacement parts are still on order for the Division 9 Variable Frequency Drive. Staff is currently waiting on the vendor.
- With assistance from the Maintenance Department, the meter communication wire on On-Farm Meter 68 was replaced.

**Maintenance**

- The Maintenance Department remains busy with distribution system leak repairs.
- Repairs to Drop #1 canal bank have been completed, which included raising the bank a few inches and eliminating seepage.
- Separation of cement at the Ripon spill has commenced in preparation for crushing.
- Staff is working on grading the Joint Supply Canal roads. In addition, repairs were completed on the ruts which occurred during test drilling.

**Forrest Killingsworth, Engineering Department Manager:**

**Lateral Qk-Qn (Delicato)**

- On April 27, SSJID provided Delicato a letter requesting that the newly constructed pipeline (excluding control boxes) be removed and replaced with a properly functioning pipeline following the end of the 2020 irrigation season.
- Delicato has responded to the District indicating their willingness to comply with the request and reconfirmed their commitment to perform any intermittent repairs necessary to maintain water deliveries throughout the 2020 irrigation season.
- Staff will be preparing an amendment to the existing Developer’s Agreement to formally memorialize the arrangement.
- Three (3) additional leaks were discovered during the latest irrigation delivery, bringing the total number of pipeline leaks to 23. Repair efforts are currently being coordinated.

**District Office Building – Back Office Restroom Failure**

- Staff is awaiting Applegate Septic and Sewer to schedule the septic system improvements. The contractor should be onsite to begin the project this week.

**Canyon Tunnel**

- Oakdale Irrigation District approved its commitment to the Canyon Tunnel 60% design at their Board Meeting on May 5.
- Staff will be coordinating with Condor Earth over the next few weeks to get the project kicked off.

**Capital Improvement Planning**

- Engineering and Operations staff have been reevaluating the capital projects planned for the next construction season. Several revisions to projects and schedules have been identified.
- Staff intends to bring the annual “mid-year update” budget amendment to the Board for consideration at the first meeting in June.

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**Brandon Nakagawa, Water Resources Coordinator:**

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

- The ESJGWA Steering Committee held a special meeting, on April 29, to discuss and consider the Ad Hoc Budget Committee’s recommendation. The ESJGWA Steering Committee is charged with preparing the ESJGWA Board’s meeting agendas, tee-up policy items, and developing budget allocation for future Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation costs. The ESJGWA Steering Committee recommended that the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, and the recommended cost allocation, be adopted by the ESJGWA Board at their next meeting on May 13. The Budget totals \$1,021,000 and includes \$325k in State grant funds, \$225k from San Joaquin County Zone No. 2, a carryover from Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) contributions of \$110k, \$300k in new funds from GSAs, and approximately \$63k in-kind from GSAs. The South San Joaquin GSA (SSJGSA) share is \$16,000.
- The City of Ripon is scheduled to approve the SSJGSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement on May 12. Ripon City Council meetings are live streamed on YouTube. The City of Escalon and SSJID have already approved the Agreement. The first meeting of the SSJGSA as a Joint Powers Authority is scheduled for May 20.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

- Mr. Nakagawa has been assisting the General Manager with refining District actions, communications, and research on items related to COVID-19 including a mailer to all SSJID customers, clarifications on designating essential employees, and development of contingency staffing plans. In addition, he has been tracking local updates through the San Joaquin Office of Emergency Services Emergency Daily Briefings and publications from the Joint information Center. The SSJID COVID-19 Action Plan is posted to the SSJID Employee Intranet Portal as are other pertinent SSJID specific documents/policies.

SSJID Automated Water Balance

- Davids Engineering and key SSJID personnel participated in a conference call/workshop, on April 29, to discuss next steps and important decisions necessary to move forward. An additional data request also went out to SSJID staff to complete the initial water balance calculations. Davids Engineering will be preparing a scope of work for possible SSJID Board Approval to further develop the Water Information System Concept which is funded in the current SSJID Budget.

**Peter Rietkerk, General Manager:**

- Reservoir Storage
  - New Melones storage is currently at **1,897,202 AF**, or **79-percent** of capacity. Top of Conservation Storage limit is 1,970,000 acre-feet. The top of conservation limit starts increasing on April first, ramping to 2,420,000 acre-feet by June 1 – September 15, then ramping down to winter levels by November 1.
- Stanislaus River flows are climbing to 1,000 cfs on May 12, up from 800 cfs. Reclamation is operating to D-1641 Vernalis flow requirements.
- Water Supply Indicators, May 8, 2020
  - Precipitation:
    - Northern Sierra 8-Station Index is currently at **27.1 inches** or **57-percent** of average to-date

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- San Joaquin 5-Station Index is currently at **22.4** inches or **60-percent** of average to-date
- Snow:
  - Snow sensors report **6.2** inches of snow water content or **29-percent** of normal to-date in Central Sierras
- Water Supply Projections:
  - San Joaquin River 60-20-20 Index designates this year as a “Dry” year based on hydrology, with an index of approximately 2.2 million Acre Feet. Index is the summation of 60 % of Currently Year (April – July) runoff, 20% of (October – March) Runoff, and 20% of Previous Year’s Index.

**May 1 Water Supply Projections**

Reporting Agency	90-Percent (acre-feet)	10-Percent (acre-feet)
DWR	560,000	730,000
California Nevada River Forecast Center	628,000	723,000

**NEWS**

Water

- Federal Judge Dale Drozd held a hearing, on May 7, on a motion for preliminary injunction brought by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the State of California to stop the implementation of the 2019 Federal Biological Opinion. Decision is expected on the case on May 12, 2020.
- San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority, and Friant Water Authority filed a suit challenging the California’s issuance of an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the State Water Project, citing potential threats to the Central Valley Project water supplies. The State Water Contractors and four environmental groups also filed suits surrounding the State Water Project Operations Plan and ITP.
- Federal authorities have recently penned responses to letters from Congressional representatives urging collaboration with state counterparts in resolving disputes about Delta operations. These letters were attached to the General Manager’s Report dated May 12, 2020.
- SSJID and OID sent a letter to Congressman McNerney regarding the Congressman’s recent support of CA’s actions to stop implementation of the 2019 Biological Opinion (attached). Mr. Rietkerk acknowledged Mr. Nakagawa on his assistance in composing the letter.
- On May 11, the federal Court for the Eastern District of California issued a ruling granting, in part, the motions for preliminary injunction filed by the State of California in the *California Natural Resources Agency v. Ross*, and a coalition of fishing and conservation groups (including NRDC). The ruling gives brief, but vital, reprieve to salmon and other imperiled native fish in the Bay-Delta.

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Item #2 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

Mr. Rietkerk reported that California Governor Gavin Newsom announced guidelines to reopen the State in planned stages. Some businesses that may soon qualify to reopen include dine-in restaurants, outdoor



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museums, shopping centers and all in-store retail, all office-based workplaces, and industries supporting retail. The District is closely monitoring updates for guidance of employers reopening businesses with modifications that reduce risk and establish a safer environment for workers and customers.

Mr. Nakagawa added that the District must review new employer information, contained in Stage 2, and determine if SSJID will run “business as usual” or continue with the protocol set forth in SSJID’s COVID-19 Action Plan. He commented that though the Governor can modify the State-issued “stay home” order, San Joaquin County, ultimately, has the final say on businesses within our county. Mr. Rietkerk added that the District will take a measured approach to reopen. The primary goal is to keep employees and the public safe and healthy, while avoiding business interruptions.

Director Roos inquired if any employees have contracted the coronavirus? Mr. Rietkerk responded that there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 related employee sick leave.

Director Holbrook revisited the Engineering Department Manager’s Report – Canyon Tunnel and mentioned an upcoming event which could be of relevance. ACWA has announced a GeoStabilization International Webinar: “Common Geohazard Risks Facing California Water Agencies,” scheduled for June 2 at 11:00 a.m. Topics will include common geohazard risks seen throughout California with experts discussing approaches to geohazard mitigation, innovative tools, and traditional and alternative repair methods. Ms. Barney can register those interested in participating. Director Holbrook would like to be registered for the webinar.

**Item #3 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-06-V Authorizing Sale of Vehicles No Longer Necessary for District Purposes**

Ms. Brown addressed the Board stating that District vehicle in question is the 2006 International 4300 Flatbed, which has become obsolete due to California Air Resources Board regulations. Mr. Ferguson added that due to regulations, the vehicle is not legal for sale in California. The District will solicit the service of an on-line auction house to facilitate an out-of-state or out-of-country sale.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Weststeyn to adopt Resolution 20-06-V Authorizing and Directing Sale of District Vehicle as Surplus Property.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-V**

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SALE OF DISTRICT VEHICLE  
AS SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“District”) may sell as “surplus property” for valuable consideration, any property of the District which is determined to be no longer necessary for District purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Directors finds the following described vehicle no longer necessary for District purposes:

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**DISTRICT I.D. No.**

279-06

**VEHICLE TYPE**

2006 International 4300 Flatbed

**VIN NUMBER**

1HTMMALX6H262691

and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds it in the best interests of the District to dispose of said vehicle by sale, using reasonable efforts to obtain the best possible sales-price.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED,**

1. The Board of Directors authorizes the District Shop Supervisor to use his professional judgement in determining the most appropriate means of effectuating a sale of said vehicle at the best possible sales price, including, but not limited to: sale at public or on-line auction; placing vehicle with a dealer for consignment sale; or sale by published advertisement and receipt of sealed bids.
2. The Finance and Administration Department Manager is authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper, including execution of all documents, to execute the sale of said vehicle and transfer title thereto.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:           HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN  
NOES:           NONE  
ABSTAIN:       NONE  
ABSENT:        NONE

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAVID KAMPER, President**  
**Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**

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**PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary**

**Item #4 – Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreement with San Joaquin County for Sexton Road Bridge Replacement Project**

Ms. Brown addressed the Board and stated that pertinent documentation regarding the agenda item has not yet been received from San Joaquin County. Staff is requesting that the agenda item be tabled to a future Board meeting.

Mr. Lindley revisited the Assistant General Manager’s Report and updated the Board on the status of District investments related to the risk of bankruptcies of bond issuers due to COVID-19. The District currently has investment holdings in municipal and state bonds. Mr. Lindley conferred with Mr. Kevin Martin, Investment Advisor at Cantella & Company, Inc. regarding a review of the bonds to determine risks and value. The review concluded that the District holds fifty-four (54) municipal and state bonds including: 46 – pre-funded bonds (paid in escrow); 8 – crossover zero coupon bonds (pre-funded for principle to be

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paid in escrow / no interest to pay); a Florida Hurricane Disaster bond (due in July); a San Francisco Water Revenue bond; a Rhode Island Housing Authority bond (provides mortgages for low-income housing); and a New York Thruway Authority bond (revenue from transit ticket sales). Mr. Lindley commented on potential financial risks with the Rhode Island Housing Authority, and New York Thruway Authority bonds and consideration to sell in the future.

**Item #5 – Discussion of Renewing the Expired Inflation Index for Division 9 Rates**

Mr. Lindley addressed the Board regarding the pressurization charge for Division 9 pressurized service, which was last revised by Board action on February 23, 2016. At that time, the rate design included a \$10 per acre-foot (AF) charge designated for capital asset replacement; and a \$34 per AF charge designated for electricity expense which could be increased or decreased each year until 2020 according to the actual cost of electricity per acre-foot for the preceding year. Under the rules of Proposition 218, the inflation index expires with 2020 and is no longer available for the years following 2020. If the inflation index for Division 9 rates is not revised, the rates will remain the same. Mr. Lindley discussed, in detail, factors to consider including the capital asset replacement charge, cost of service, revenue, expenses, net loss, depreciation, the inflation index, rate change options, and the Proposition 218 process.

Staff was not seeking action, but rather Board direction regarding possible changes to the pressurization rate for Division 9. Board discussion concluded in direction to staff to develop studies renewing the inflation index for another five (5) year period, under two (2) scenarios, acknowledging that previous rate design studies have already demonstrated that neither of these scenarios will result in rates that exceed the actual costs of providing service:

1. Increase the \$10 per AF part of the rate that is for capital asset replacement to a fixed rate of \$12 per AF; or
2. Increase the \$10 per AF part of the rate that is for capital asset replacement to \$11.57, reflecting the amount of inflation that has occurred since 2015, and increase annually for the next five (5) years based on the California Consumer Price Index.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Holbrook to direct staff to develop studies of renewing the inflation index for another five (5) year period, for two (2) options: 1) Increase the \$10 per AF part of the rate that is for capital asset replacement to a fixed rate of \$12 per AF; and 2) Increase the \$10 per AF part of the rate that is for capital asset replacement to \$11.57, reflecting the amount of inflation that has occurred since 2015, and increase annually for the next five (5) years based on the California Consumer Price Index. Staff was also directed to develop ideas for customer involvement in the development process of the proposed rate design.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

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**Item #6 – Approval of South San Joaquin Irrigation District Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement:**

- a) City of Ripon: APNs 259-290-04, 259-380-17**
- b) David and Lori Sanders: APN 259-380-18**

Ms. Brown addressed the Board and explained that the Board had previously approved the Service Abandonment Agreements for the properties in question. Problems occurred during the San Joaquin County recording process when the APNs no longer existed due to lot line readjustments. The issues have been resolved and staff is requesting approval of the corrected Service Abandonment Agreements.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Roos to approve the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement(s) for:

- a) City of Ripon: APNs 259-290-04, 259-380-17
- b) David and Lori Sanders: APN 259-380-18

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

**Item #7 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-08-W Approving 2020 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement By and Between the Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District (*Following Closed Session*)**

*(Item #7 commenced after conclusion of Closed Session)*

**Item #8 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-09-W Approving the California Environment Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the 2020 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement By and Between the Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District (*Following Closed Session*)**

*(Item #8 commenced after conclusion of Closed Session)*

**Item #9 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-10-W Approving the Water Transfer Agreement By and Between South Delta Water Agency and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (*Following Closed Session*)**

*(Item #9 commenced after conclusion of Closed Session)*

**Item #10 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-11-W Approving the California Environment Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the Water Transfer Agreement By and Between South Delta Water Agency and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (*Following Closed Session*)**

*(Item #10 commenced after conclusion of Closed Session)*

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*It was announced that all items in closed session would be discussed. The Board took a break at 10:45 a.m. and convened to closed session at 10:55 a.m.*

**Item #11 – Closed Session**

11. a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
  - 3 cases
  
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
  - 2 cases
  
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
  - 6 cases

*SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY, et al., vs. CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD*  
County of Tuolumne Superior Court  
Case No. CV62094

*SSJID vs. PG&E*  
Appeal from Judgment of Dismissal Pending:  
In the Court of Appeal for the State of California, Third Appellate District  
Case No. C086319  
Superior Court for San Joaquin County  
Case No. STK-CV-UED-2016-0006638

*PG&E vs. San Joaquin LAFCo; SSJID, Real Party in Interest*  
In the Court of Appeal for the State of California, Third Appellate District  
Case No. C086008  
Superior Court for San Joaquin County  
Case No. STK-CV-UJR-2015-0001266

*SSJID vs. Lakeview Ranch Partners*  
Superior Court for Stanislaus County  
Case No. 202844

*Modrell and Larson vs. Oakdale Mutual Water Company et al*  
Superior Court for San Mateo County  
Case No. 19-CV-07604

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*California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority  
et al.*

Superior Court of Stanislaus County  
Case No. CV-20-001720

- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: Water  
Negotiating Parties: Oakdale Irrigation District, Stockton East Water District  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and terms of payment of sale
  
- e. Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: Water  
Negotiating Parties: South Delta Water Agency  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and terms of payment of sale
  
- f. Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: Fee Interest in APNs 241-300-66, 241-300-67  
Negotiating Parties: City of Manteca  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and terms of payment of sale
  
- g. Labor Negotiations  
California Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager  
Employee Organization: IBEW Local 1245
  
- h. Public Employment  
California Government Code Section 54957  
Title: Division Manager Foreman
  
- i. Threat to Public Services or Facilities  
California Government Code Section 54957(a)

***The Board reconvened to open session at 12:35 p.m.***

Disclosure of reportable actions taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1:  
There were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**Item #7 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-08-W Approving 2020 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement By and Between the Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District (*Following Closed Session*)**

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**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Holbrook to adopt Resolution 20-08-W Approving 2020 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement By and Between the Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-08-W**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2020 TEMPORARY WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT BY AND  
BETWEEN THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT AND THE STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (collectively called “Districts”), are California irrigation districts operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Districts are co-owners of certain water rights on the Stanislaus River, including pre-1914 appropriative rights to divert water from the Stanislaus River for irrigation of the lands within the Districts, and various post-1914 appropriative rights to store Stanislaus River water in various reservoirs for diversion to irrigate lands within the Districts, as well as to generate electrical power; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Stockton East Water District supplies irrigation, municipal and industrial (M&I) and domestic water to portions of eastern San Joaquin County from a combination of surface and groundwater sources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors was presented with, and has reviewed a Water Transfer Agreement By and Between Oakdale Irrigation District, the Stockton East Water District, and South San Joaquin Irrigation District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors has determined that water surplus to in-District demands is available for sale in water year 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors does hereby approve the Water Transfer Agreement and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAVID KAMPER, President**  
**Board of Directors**

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**ATTEST:**

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**PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary**

**Item #8 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-09-W Approving the California Environment Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the 2020 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement By and Between the Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District (Following Closed Session)**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Holmes to adopt Resolution 20-09-W Approving the California Environment Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the 2020 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement By and Between the Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-W**

**APPROVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF  
EXEMPTION FOR THE WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE  
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND  
THE STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakdale Irrigation District (“OID”), and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“SSJID”) (collectively called “Districts”), are California irrigation districts operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, Districts are co-owners of certain water rights on the Stanislaus River, including pre-1914 appropriative rights to divert water from the Stanislaus River for irrigation of the lands within the Districts, and various post-1914 appropriative rights to store Stanislaus River water in various reservoirs for diversion to irrigate lands within the Districts, as well as to generate electrical power; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Stockton East Water District supplies irrigation, municipal and industrial (M&I) and domestic water to portions of eastern San Joaquin County from a combination of surface and groundwater sources; and,

**WHEREAS**, District’s senior water rights are satisfied by and through the performance of a settlement agreement with the USBR (the 1988 Agreement) which requires the USBR to deliver water to the Districts at Goodwin Dam each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, SSJID adopted Resolution 20-08-W, approving a Water Transfer Agreement by and between SEWD and the Districts for 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed transfer (Project) would utilize existing water conveyance infrastructure and no construction would take place; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project has been determined by the Board of Directors to be categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301 because



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the movement of water will be made under existing operational criteria of the Districts, through existing facilities and involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of execution of this Agreement; and,

**WHEREAS**, OID is located in Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties; and SSJID and SEWD are located in San Joaquin County; and,

**WHEREAS**, SSJID is the custodian of the documents or other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based, and the District office is the location of this record.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this Board of Directors that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The proposed Project has been determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA as there will be no expansion of use, and no change in operation or expansion of existing diversion and pumping facilities, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
3. A Notice of Exemption is approved (and is on file with the District's records).
4. Staff is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption at the Clerk's Office (or other authorized place) of San Joaquin County in the manner prescribed by the CEQA.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAVID KAMPER, President**  
**Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**  
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**PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary**

**Item #9 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-10-W Approving the Water Transfer Agreement By and Between South Delta Water Agency and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (*Following Closed Session*)**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Weststeyn to adopt Resolution 20-10-W Approving the Water Transfer Agreement By and Between South Delta Water Agency and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

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**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-10-W**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY AND  
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District is a California irrigation district operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, along with Oakdale Irrigation District, are co-owners of certain water rights on the Stanislaus River, including pre-1914 appropriative rights to divert water from the Stanislaus River for irrigation of the lands within the Districts, and various post-1914 appropriative rights to store Stanislaus River water in various reservoirs for diversion to irrigate lands within the Districts, as well as to generate electrical power; and,

**WHEREAS**, South Delta Water Agency is a California public agency, set forth in Act 1270, California Water Code, Uncodified Acts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors was presented with, and has reviewed a Water Transfer Agreement By and Between South Delta Water Agency, and South San Joaquin Irrigation District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors has determined that water surplus to District demands is available for sale in water year 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors does hereby approve the Water Transfer Agreement and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAVID KAMPER, President**  
**Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**  
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**PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary**

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**Item #10 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-11-W Approving the California Environment Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the Water Transfer Agreement By and Between South Delta Water Agency and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (*Following Closed Session*)**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Weststeyn to adopt Resolution 20-11-W Approving the California Environment Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the Water Transfer Agreement By and Between South Delta Water Agency and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-W**

**APPROVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF  
EXEMPTION FOR WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY AND  
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) is a California irrigation district operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SSJID, along with Oakdale Irrigation District, are co-owners of certain water rights on the Stanislaus River, including pre-1914 appropriative rights to divert water from the Stanislaus River for irrigation of the lands within the Districts, and various post-1914 appropriative rights to store Stanislaus River water in various reservoirs for diversion to irrigate lands within the Districts, as well as to generate electrical power; and,

**WHEREAS**, South Delta Water Agency (SDWA) is a California public agency, set forth in Act 1270, California Water Code, Uncodified Acts; and,

**WHEREAS**, District's senior water rights are satisfied by and through the performance of a settlement agreement with the USBR (the 1988 Agreement) which requires the USBR to deliver water to the Districts at Goodwin Dam each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, SSJID adopted Resolution 20-10-W, approving a Water Transfer Agreement by and between SDWA and the SSJID for 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed transfer (Project) would utilize existing water conveyance infrastructure and no construction would take place; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project has been determined by the Board of Directors to be categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) based on the ongoing operation exemption in 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15261; projects designed to protect the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15307); no change or expansion of existing diversion and pumping facilities (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15301); and on the basis that there is no possibility that release of the subject water into the Stanislaus River for re-diversion in the southern delta in this water year will cause any significant impacts in the environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, SSJID and SDWA are located in San Joaquin County; and,

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**WHEREAS**, SSJID is the custodian of the documents or other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Board’s decision is based, and the District office is the location of this record.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this Board of Directors that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The proposed Project has been determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA based on the ongoing operation exemption in 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15261; projects designed to protect the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15307); and no change or expansion of existing diversion and pumping facilities (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15301).
3. A Notice of Exemption is approved (and is on file with the District’s records).
4. Staff is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption at the Clerk’s Office (or other authorized place) of San Joaquin County in the manner prescribed by the CEQA.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:           HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER ROOS WESTSTEYN  
NOES:           NONE  
ABSTAIN:       NONE  
ABSENT:        NONE

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAVID KAMPER, President**  
**Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**  
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**PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary**

**Item #12 – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

**ATTEST:**  
  
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Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board