

Manteca, California  
June 25, 2002

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      SCHULZ      KAMPER      ROOS      HAWORTH

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, District Counsel Emrick, and District Engineer Gilton.

President Kamper called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar as submitted.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID warrants of \$1,242,778.15 and payrolls of \$200,770.76.
- B. Regular Adjourned Board Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2002.
- C. Revised Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2002.
- D. Service Abandonment Agreement: Agreement # 1337, 2.20 Acres, APN 245-070-34, George, Curtis D. Exempt from charges due to acreage.

Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Schulz	Kamper	Roos	Haworth
Noes:	None				

Consider authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Kleinfelder, Inc. Gilton said they will be performing analysis of soil compaction and concrete strength, primarily on the SIDE Project. He said he would like to have this authority so he can use them when the services are needed rather than having to come to the Board each time the tests are required. He said he will check around and see if there are other firms that offer a better price for future projects. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by Haworth, to authorize execution of the agreement with Kleinfelder. Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 1 No with Director Haworth voting no.**

Approve hiring two student interns to work in the Engineering Department this summer. Gilton said he needs help for surveying and to work on the GIS. The pay will be \$10.00 per hour and they will be needed for approximately 90 days. Total hours will not exceed 1,440. **Motion by Haworth, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to authorize hiring two temporary employees at \$10.00 per hour up to 1,440 hours.**

Consider authorizing execution of Land Lease with Hat Brothers, General Partnership. Gilton said the lease is to store approximately 30,000 yard of dirt. Originally we planned to deliver 37,000 yards to the District yard. However, the yard does not have capacity, thus the need to store it on site. Director Haworth recommended that we look at selling the dirt and buying dirt later if we need it. Roos asked if we had an access easement for removing the dirt. Emrick said he would add this to the agreement. **Motion by Haworth, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried, to authorize execution of the amended agreement.**

Manager's reports:

Stroud gave out water usage reports which showed usage to date of 92,000 acre feet.

Stroud reported Tri-Dam Committee is scheduled to meet at the District on July 2, 2002.

Stroud reported that on the PG&E billing issue which we referred to the CPUC months ago due to lack of response from PG&E, we received some explanations. The lack of reading of some District meters - some for periods as long as a year - resulted in still unresolved billing questions.

Some alleged usage is far greater than District run-time records indicate. PG&E promised an explanation and adjustments, but after a number of months, we have not received evidence of this. The shuffling of meters to different routes appears to be over and we are assured the new meter readers can now find all meters.

Stroud said that relative to health insurance, in addition to requesting quotes from our broker we are looking at PERS and ACWA benefit plans. It was suggested that we also look at APPA. Stroud said additionally, we should look at APPA membership.

Stroud reported on the "Ue" line on Wilma Avenue in Ripon, 2 of the 5 properties have signed rental agreements and we have paid them. The other 3 properties have not, and have asked to be put on the agenda. A status letter was sent to all five property owners to assure them that we are working on options with the City of Ripon. We assured them that we will get back to them as soon as we have a resolution, or at least viable options to discuss, and that they are welcome to meet periodically with the Engineering Department to receive status updates or to attend any regular Board meeting and discuss their concerns under the Oral Communications Section of the Agenda.

Stroud reported that on April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Board authorized hiring Centration Management Advisors

and Consultants to file claims with the State of California for the open meetings act. They filed the

claims around the 15<sup>th</sup> of May for a total of \$8,657. Their fee is 20% or \$1,730. Staff spent less than 1 hour assisting them with the filing.

Stroud reported that a tree just south of Ron Morrow's house was a danger to people fishing in the area because of breaking limbs. We cut the tree down to avoid injury.

Stroud reported that near Airport and Fig we have two groundwater pumps that failed in early May, 2002. We replaced them. Shortly after replacing them one accumulated 4 feet of sand and failed. It is being replaced under warranty and we will continue to watch for further problems.

Discussion and possible action concerning the District's Workers Compensation Insurance. Cheryl Burke, Executive Assistant, introduced Matt Frediani of Cutler Segerstrom and Karen Ratto of State Compensation Insurance Fund. Karen said the State Fund quote for 2002-2003 is \$159,000, a 72% increase over 2001-2002. When asked about a dividend this year Mrs. Ratto said there will be no dividend this year, however next year we may receive a dividend. When asked if we go with Mr. Frediani for coverage for the year beginning July 1, 2002, will we still get the dividend, Ms. Ratto replied in the affirmative. Matt Frediani presented a quote of \$105,000 from Rural Special District's Insurance Program for 2002-2003. After discussion the following action was taken. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by DeGroot, to authorize executing an agreement with Cutler Segerstrom to provide worker's compensation insurance with Rural Special District's Insurance, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 1 No with Director Kamper voting No.**

President Kamper called for Directors' reports:

Director Roos asked if we could mark the checks on the check register that are for the Water Treatment Project and the SIDE Project. Stein said he could issue a separate listing of checks for the Water Treatment Project and would look into either marking the SIDE Project checks or a separate listing.

President Kamper called for closed session relative to litigation matters, personnel matters, and labor update. General Counsel Emrick announced the Board will be discussing items a), b), and c) in closed session.

- a) Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Three cases. Sierra Club vs. SSJID, Delta Keeper vs. OID, and VanVliet vs. SSJID.

- b) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. One case
- c) Conference with labor negotiator, Agency designated representative: Stevan Stroud, Employee Organization, Management Unit.

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 Haworth, and unanimously carried to adjourn to July 9, 2002 at 9:00 a. m.

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John Stein, Assistant Secretary

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