

Manteca, California  
July 12, 2005

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      ROOS      SCHULZ      KUIL

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, General Counsel Emrick, District Engineer Gilton, Utility Systems Director Shields, and Bill Hubkey, Water Treatment System Manager.

President Roos 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 \$356,978.02, and payrolls of \$213,982.83.
- B.    Regular Adjourned Board Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2005.
- C.    Accept and File Notice of Completion for Westwood Country, Unit No. 2.

Motion by Kuil, seconded by DeGroot, to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Kamper	Roos	Schulz	Kuil
Noes:	None				

Relative to presentation by General Unit concerning compensation, Stroud told the Board that the Union asked the item be postponed.

Presentation by Condor Earth Technologies concerning hazard evaluation of the Joint Main Canal and tunnels. Mike Gilton introduced Ron Skaggs and Scott Lewis of Condor. They gave a power point presentation of the canal and tunnels and showed the areas they feel need attention. The worst tunnel is the Gable. All the tunnels, Copper, Old Tunnel, and Long Tunnel and several areas of the canal have potential problems. They indicated that Phase 1 pointed out the problem areas, rating them from high, medium, and low hazards. They said Phase 2A, B, C, will involve 2005/2006 winter maintenance; investigating hazards and identifying repair alternatives; tunnel and portal investigations, canal section investigations. Also, 2D which will evaluate long-term improvement alternatives. The budget to perform the above is \$250,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Scott was asked why the need for alternatives. Gilton said because we need to make the proper repair, and there are several alternatives on how to best repair. Additionally, if we need to spend 50 to 100 million to do the repairs, and we find an alternative route for 40 million it is obvious the alternative would be better. Directors Kuil and Roos both felt that we spent \$38,000 to find the problems, so we should fix them. Mr. Skaggs said you need to know how to fix the problems, and that requires geological surveys, and other methods. Gilton said we cannot make repairs without a full analysis. He asked the Board to accept the Condor Phase 1 Report, and authorize the staff to continue negotiating with Condor for additional phases of work. He said he will be going to OID to sell them on this plan. Roos said we should go to OID first and then the Board will make a decision. No action was taken.

Authorize purchase of laboratory equipment for the Water Treatment Plant and approve low bid by VWR International. Hubkey explained that this equipment is necessary to comply with the Department of Health Services requirements for disposal of residue from testing. Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Kamper, to approve the purchase from VWR International at a cost of \$4,766.73. Motion Carried, 4 Ayes, 1 No, with Director Roos voting No.

Consider approval of equipment replacement. Stroud said we purchased a one-ton truck for the Water Treatment Plant based on recommendation from Black & Veatch. Diamond Truck Body built the boxes for the truck. When we got the truck we found that it had insufficient remaining load capacity to carry essential tools and equipment. So there were mistakes made by all three of entities, B&V, Diamond, and SSJID. To rectify this we propose the purchase of a larger truck from American Chevrolet at a cost of \$31,860. We got other quotes that were approximately \$2,000 more. We will take the one-ton, and use it as a replacement for one of our one-ton work trucks. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, to authorize the purchase from American Chevrolet at a price of \$31,860. Motion Carried, 4 Ayes, 1 No, with Director Roos voting No.

#### Manager's Reports.

Stroud reported the following:

The Grand Opening at the Water Treatment Plant is Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Water Treatment Plant on Dodds Road.

Mitchell Engineering Mediation is set for July 18, 2005. Emrick and Stroud will be attending, along with one Director. President Roos asked that either Director Schulz or Kamper attend.

Water usage to date is down 23% from prior years.

Stroud handed out fish studies.

Shields reported:

That the wholesale price for power is currently \$77.25 peak and \$45.50 off peak. In May it was \$48.41 peak, and \$15.35 off peak.

The PUC is reviewing departing load costs and direct access charges for PG&E. PG&E requested \$0.035/ kWh for Direct Access and CCA, but \$0.081/ kWh for departing load, which would apply to SSJID.

PG&E has asked the PUC to allow them to close 300 field offices. They say if they are not allowed to do so, they will have to raise rates to comply with earthquake requirements.

The PUC has completed 5 of PG&E's rate cases, they still have 11 pending.

Hubkey reported:

As of 10:00 a.m. yesterday the WTP started delivering water to Lathrop and Manteca. We began delivering eight million gallons per day (MGD) yesterday, today we are up to 11 MGD.

At the M-3 Pump Station, we spilled water and undermined the storage tank. Concrete will be laid beneath before filling the tank.

Directors' reports:

DeGroot asked how long the consultants are going to be on the payroll. Stroud said as soon as the project is completed, their contracts will terminate.

President Roos called for closed session relative to personnel matters. General Counsel Emrick reported the Board will discuss items b) and c) in closed session.

b) Conference with labor negotiator. Agency negotiator, Stevan Stroud. Employee Organizations: Management Unit.

- c) Public Employment Gov. Code, S. 54957. Performance Review, General Manager, and General Counsel.

Upon returning from closed session the Board discussed item c). It was the consensus of the Board that the following pay increases be implemented: The General Manager's annual salary be increased to \$130,000, and the General Counsel's annual salary be increased to \$126,000. Both increases are to be effective July 17, 2005, the beginning of the next payroll period. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by DeGroot, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried to adjourn to July 26, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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John Stein, Assistant Secretary

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