

Manteca, California
August 10, 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 Utility Systems Manager Shields.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of SSJID Warrants of \$1,559,457.87, and Payrolls of \$164,727.27.
- B. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2004, and Regular Adjourned Board Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2004.
- C. Consider adopting Resolution 04-07-Q Authorizing the Disposal of Property No Longer Necessary for District Purposes.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 04-07-Q
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY NO LONGER
NECESSARY FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the District may dispose of equipment it finds no longer necessary for District purposes; and

WHEREAS, staff has removed from operations and replaced the following equipment, and

SSJID INVENTORY TAG #	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NUMBER
001031	HP 350C PLOTTER	ESA 6200628
	BLUEPRINT MACHINE	114265
001000	DELL COMPUTER	CNRZ301
001002	DELL COMPUTER	9NRZ301
001004	DELL COMPUTER	HNRZ301
001014	DELL COMPUTER	7NRZ301
001035	DELL COMPUTER	1NRZ301
001003	DELL MONITOR	083-21DP
001005	DELL MONITOR	084-205A
001028	KDS 19" MONITOR	
001067	NEC MONITOR	
001071	MGC MONITOR	

WHEREAS, determination has been made that the above mentioned equipment is not in working condition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District finds the equipment surplus and authorizes staff to properly dispose of the equipment.

Motion by Kuil, seconded by Roos, to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August 2004 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DeGroot Kamper Schulz Roos Kuil

Mr. Kennedy addressed the Board with a request for a refund of payment of delinquent account charges. Mr. Kennedy told the Board he gave Mr. Stein a check in 1991 to pay for his past due charges and was told by Mr. Stein that he would take the matter to the Board and request a refund, holding his check until he talked to the Board. He said Stein instead deposited the check and it bounced, because he wrote it on an account that was closed. Stein said he doesn't recall the situation but that District policy is to make sure an account is current before bringing such a request to the Board. Kennedy stated that he assumed that after making the check good he would no longer be billed. Mr. Kennedy acknowledged receiving bills but he didn't think he owed anything so he threw them away. General Counsel Emrick told Mr. Kennedy the way to avoid this situation in the future is to sign an Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement to have his property taken off District rolls. Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to deny Mr. Kennedy's request for a refund.

Consider adopting Resolution No. 04-08-I, Approving Participation in the Water Purveyors Joint Powers Insurance Authority, and appoint an Officer to the Organizational Board of the same. The resolution in the Board package has been edited and the one recommended for adoption was distributed at the meeting. Stroud told the Board that at this point the only expense of participation would be some travel costs for the appointee to attend meetings of the JPIA. He said this Resolution will allow for the application to become a Joint Powers Insurance Authority. Several Board members asked whether the District was being asked to take this step because there had been a lack of positive response to the idea. Stroud responded that one agency has committed. However, several are considering it. Stroud said approving this Resolution does not bind us, we can still opt out. He recommended approving the Resolution and appointing John Stein as the Officer of the Organizational Board. Motion by Kuil, seconded by DeGroot, to adopt Resolution No 04-08-I and appoint John Stein as the District's representative.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 04-08-I
APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE
WATER PURVEYORS JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

The District is interested in controlling operating costs associated with Workers' Compensation Insurance by participating in a joint powers insurance authority with other similarly situated agencies. This Resolution is adopted to authorize the District to participate in proceedings necessary to form such an authority, and

The General Manager/Secretary is authorized and instructed to participate in proceedings and with Board approval to execute documents necessary to the formation of the joint powers authority.

The District's participation in the joint powers authority is contingent upon the participation of similarly situated agencies and the District's approval of the terms of the proposed self-insurance program. This District may rescind this Resolution, in its sole discretion, when the membership of the joint powers agency is known, and

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August , 2004 by the following vote:

AYES: Schulz DeGroot Kamper Kuil Roos
NOES: None

Considered compensation package for Engineering Department positions. Gilton told the Board that at their request a study of local ID's compensation packages were

completed for the following job positions: Engineering Tech 1, Facility Inspector Technician, and Engineering Department Secretary. Merced, Oakdale, Modesto, and Turlock Irrigation Districts participated in our study, Fresno ID was also asked, but they said they had no comparable positions in their organization. The average for each position was \$4,876.89, \$4,738.76 and \$3,666.42 respectively. This compared to the study done previously using local cities and counties, which showed the averages of \$4,406, \$4,490., and \$3,512, respectively. The current monthly salaries of the three positions were \$3,645, \$3,620, and \$3,151 respectively. After a lengthy discussion the following action was taken: Motion by Kamper to increase to 90% of the Irrigation District averages. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Kuil, seconded by Roos, to increase the monthly salaries as follows: Engineering Tech 1 \$4,300.00 per month. Facility Inspector/Tech, \$4,300.00, and Engineering Department Secretary \$3,450.00 per month. Motion carried, 3 Ayes and 2 Noes, with Directors DeGroot and Kamper voting No.

The increases were based on the irrigation district survey, which included Modesto, Oakdale, Merced, and Turlock Irrigation Districts, combining the Engineering Tech and the Facility Inspector average of \$4,877 & \$4,738 respectively, dividing by 2 and multiplying by 90%. The Secretary position was approximately 94% of the irrigation district study average of \$3,666. .

Discussion and possible action on recruitment for the Water Treatment Plant Manager position. Kris Kristensen of CPS addressed the Board. He said last year we sent out about 400 recruitment brochures for a Grade T5 and D4 licenses. He said that according to the State there are only 23 individuals with those licenses in California. We ultimately interviewed three. We offered the position to one at \$92,000, he ultimately decided not to take the position. He said one of the major problems is the PERS retirement. The District has 2% at 60. Most entities that have treatment plants have a minimum of 2% at 55 and some go as high as 2.7% at 55. Additionally, the cost of local housing is an issue. He said he would like to be able to place the ad at salary negotiable, with a cap of \$100,000. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize CPS to advertise the position, with a cap he could negotiate as requested. No action was taken.

Review and approve 2004-2005 Winter Work Projects. Stroud said he wants the Board to know what we plan to do this year, and he wants permission to order the pipe for the projects to avoid delivery delays. A list of the projects to be completed by District personnel was included in the packet. The list does not include additional projects to be done by outside contractors. Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to approve the winter work program as presented and authorize the call to bid on the pipe.

Consider approving purchase of a water analyzer, YSI instrument. We received three bids, and staff recommends purchasing the equipment from Fisher Scientific Company at a total cost (including tax) of \$4,060.69. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, to authorize purchase as requested. Motion Carried, Ayes 4, Noes 1, with Director DeGroot voting No.

Consider terminating Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement #613, with Severn M. Dole, APN 245-130-22. Motion by Roos, seconded by Kuil, to approve the termination of ISAA # 613. Motion Carried, Ayes 4, Director Kamper Abstained.

General Manager's Report:

Stroud reported the following:

Tri-Dam meeting is August 19 in Oakdale.

A barbecue will be held on August 30th from 11:00 to noon in recognition of Rub Isozaki's retirement. When asked about Rub's replacement, Stroud said he has the RFP and it should be going out for bid soon.

Provided a side by side Comp Time provision comparison for both bargaining units, as requested by Director Kuil.

Water usage is 15% ahead of last year.

Loader is being repaired, low bid was \$2,258.

VAMP's \$77,914 refund for overpayment will be on the next warrant list. The SJRGA Administrator claims the cause of the refund was from VAMP deliveries starting in the North instead of the South as they have in the past. Also, riparian use this year was high and variable. With these two factors, the effort to meet required deliveries lost focus on the Division Agreement. SSJID and OID both owe \$77,914.

The Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report was handed out.

ACWA Region 5 is hosting a tour of Hetch Hetchy.

Reported that Blue Shield's alternate health insurance plan premium is \$54,000 less than the current plan. Due to co-pay & deductible reimbursements the actual savings to the District would be considerably less. Stroud has set up meetings for this week with the bargaining units to discuss possible implementation of the alternative plan.

Kamper said the Farm Bureau is upset with us as a result of our settlement with the Sierra Club and Delta Keeper. Emrick replied that he would call Joe Peterson.

Utility Department Director Jeff Shields reported that the Water Treatment Plant site will use approximately 4 megawatts of power per year, cost with PG&E will be about \$2,700,000.00. We are now looking at other options. PG&E is proposing to the PUC to sell energy recovery bonds. We intervened in the CPUC Case. Shields said he received a letter from Bev Alexander. She is an officer of PG&E, and negotiated the sale of the PG&E system in the Patterson area to TID. She wants to meet with a couple of Directors, and gave some dates when she is available.

President Schulz called a recess for lunch.

President Schulz called the meeting to order and asked for closed session relative to litigation matters. General Counsel Emrick reported the Board will discuss items 9 a, and 9 c.

Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9.
Chevron Texaco vs. SSJID.

Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 One Case. After returning from closed session, it was announced that the following action was taken. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried to deny the claim of Borba Training Stable.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Roos, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to August 24, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary