

Manteca, California
August 12, 2003

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, 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 submitted:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID warrants of \$970,127.25 and payrolls of \$156,047.36.
- B. Accept improvements and authorize staff to record a Notice of Completion for Villa Ticino Unit #5 Development.
- C. Accept improvements and authorize staff to record a Notice of Completion for Primevera Unit #3 Development.

Motion by Roos, seconded by DeGroot, to approve the Consent Calendar items as Presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2003 by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: DeGroot Kamper Schulz Roos Kuil
Noes: None

Consider request by John Baker for Temporary Water Service for 2003 Water Season. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Kuil, and unanimously carried, for one year sale only based on the terms of the Agreement as presented to the Board.

Presentation by Mike Wade concerning Ag Water Management Council. Stroud introduced Mr. Wade, Executive Director of the Agriculture Water Management Council. Mr. Wade told the Board the Council's objective is to provide technical, financial, and administrative assistance to Water Districts to develop Water Management Plans and to help implement cost-effective Efficient Water Management Practices. Stroud recommended the Board direct staff to solicit a proposal from a qualified consultant to advise the District on satisfying the program's requirements and to include the project in the 2004 budget. After discussion the following action was taken.

Motion by Kuil, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, directing staff to determine the costs and bring it back to the Board for further discussion.

Discussion relative to Ag Waiver (Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands) Update. Stroud gave the Board members a copy of the Agricultural Water Quality Coalition's appeal to the State Water Resources Control Board. The Coalition includes the San Joaquin River Group Authority and many others. He said a fee system proposed for 2004 will supply funding for the State. This fee will impact the District. No action was taken.

Manager's report:

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved the Maintenance Agreement this morning.

We ran magnacide on July 29th. We had two incidents where alfalfa fields were irrigating and got some minor damage. At this time we do not feel there will be any claims. However, we are monitoring. Next magnacide run is scheduled for August 20th.

Sent letters to landowners on Lawrence Road that their drain line must be repaired.

The Lateral "Tb" west of Austin Road is leaking again. The landowner has asked us to wait until the end of the season to fix the leak, if replacement is necessary.

The Mini Hydro power plant at Woodward Reservoir is down, TID hopes to have it back in operation by late September or early October.

A car was found in the Main Canal at Drop 10. The Highway Patrol said it would be a couple of days before they could get it out. Because it was up against the gate, and the potential damage to the gate, we pulled it out of the canal with our excavator.

Per a question at the last meeting, Drain 5 is ours west of Union Road. We will be burning and removing debris in the near future.

Several of the Maintenance and Water Department employees are trying out different brands of denim pants. As soon as they find a denim they want we will make a recommendation to the Board for a decision.

Landowner called and said our crews did a very good job repairing pump 69.

Relative to worker's comp our carrier, AIG, looked at office ergonomics and will be looking a field practices when the maintenance season begins.

Ray Hellstrom stopped to help a motorist who was being assaulted on Highway 120 and was assaulted himself.

The administrative staff in the District office have asked to try a 9/80 work week. He said , unless the Board has concerns, we will do a trial, prior to making it permanent.

As a result of Steve Mullins retiring, we hired Larry Smith to replace him. Mr. Smith will be assigned to Division 5.

As a result of Ron Strmiska, Sr. planning to retire we are testing, both a written and hands on welding test, and will conduct interviews by the end of the month. TID, MID, and a City of Merced have agreed to provide people to help with the interviews and make recommendations to fill Welder/Mechanic position.

Last year PERS said we would probably get an extra charge of \$45,000 this year, which we budgeted for. However, the fee was not implemented.

Relative to water tanks for the water treatment plant, there were questions about the size. The tanks are 120' in diameter by 24' high and hold 1,000,000 gallons.

Received a proposal of \$21,000 from Shannon Associates, to assist in hiring of the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent. The personnel committee will provide comments to Stroud, so he can make a recommendation at the next meeting. Additionally, we will be looking for an ombudsman.

Due to Woodward Reservoir being drained this Fall for the installation of the Water Treatment Plant pipeline in the Reservoir, Stanislaus County has contracted to move game fish from Woodward Reservoir to Modesto Reservoir.

Relative to the Doornenbal annexation we are waiting for written approval from Central San Joaquin to approve.

Relative to retail power Modesto ID is doing an interconnection study for us. PG&E has budgeted 1.5 million dollars to fight irrigation district's attempts to enter the retail power business. We have a draft proposal for the environmental work. Still considering staffing issues.

August 21st is the Tri Dam meeting, in Manteca.

August 29th the San Joaquin River Group Authority Commission meeting.

Relative to changing health carriers, forms recently sent to you must be returned to Cheryl.

Cost to repair Pump 65 was \$9,000. Don Pedro Pump did the work. After Don Pedro is paid, we can submit the claim to the California Energy Commission for reimbursement.

Approved the following Structure Abandonment Agreement:

Jack Erdman, APN 217-590-21, to abandon one valve installation located on Lateral Tb @ Station 305 +/-.

Director's reports:

DeGroot said Gerry German, Division Manager on Division 7 complained about flows not being what they are supposed to be. He said neither Frank Avila or Ron Morrow have been able to resolve the problem.

President Schulz called for closed session relative to litigation matters, personnel matters, and labor update. District Counsel Emrick announced we will be discussing Items a through d in closed session.

a) Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation, Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Eight cases.

1. Delta Keeper v OID.
2. SSJID v Laro Coal and Iron, California Co., Inc.
3. Sierra Club etal v SSJID.
4. SSJID v Animus Covenant Trust
5. SSJID v John M. Azevedo
6. SSJID v Januario Meneses
7. SSJID v Ronald Leachman
8. San Joaquin River Group Update.

b) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 (b). Two cases.

c) Conference with legal counsel, initiation of litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Two cases.

d) Public Employment. Gov. Code, S. 54957. Title: Utility Systems Development Coordinator.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Kuil, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to August 26, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary.