

Manteca, California  
August 24, 2010

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: HOLBROOK KAMPER ROOS  
ABSENT: KUIL SCHULZ

Also present were General Manager Shields, District Counsel Emrick and Engineering Department Manager Bologna.

President Kamper called the meeting to order and asked for public comment. There being no public comment President Kamper asked the Board to consider the Consent Calendar Items.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrants of \$455,172.40
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2010.
- C. Approve Irrigation Service Abandonment #1595, by and between SSJID and Bob Glaze and Cassandra Mccurdy for APN 197-120-30, .66 acres.

Concerning the Minutes from August 10<sup>th</sup>, Director Roos questioned whether he had voted “no” or had “abstained” the motion to give the GM authority to negotiate a price to repair the log booms. It was the general consensus that he had abstained.

Motion to accept the Consent Calendar as presented was made by Holbrook and seconded by Roos.

Motion passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Holbrook Kamper Roos  
Noes: None  
Absent: Kuil Schulz

Item #1, Approve resealing and restriping the asphalt driveway and parking area at the Water Treatment Plant. Bret Beaudreau, Plant Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board. This project is a budgeted item and resealing the asphalt will extend its lifespan. Bret told the Board that of the six companies we sought bids from, three companies responded. The low bidder was E.J. Hackett Asphalt Maintenance with a bid of \$10,300.00. Director Kamper asked if this bid included any additional asphalt or was it just restoring the existing area. Bret responded that this project was just restoring the existing asphalt area. Motion by Holbrook was seconded by Roos to accept the bid from

E.J. J. Hackett Asphalt Maintenance, to reseal and restripe the asphalt at the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant Facility, at a cost not to exceed \$10,300.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2, Approve and authorize Tesco to transfer data. Ed Erisman, WTP Operations Supervisor addressed the Board. He explained that a new computer has been installed at the WTP and is ready to receive data from the two computers it is replacing. Tesco is the company that installed the original system five years ago and has handled several operational upgrades since then. In discussing the transfer with the District's IT Technician, it was decided that Tesco is better equipped to handle the data transfer because of their history with our system and their expertise in this area. District staff will be on hand during the transfer to gain insight so that they may be able to do similar projects in the future. The Board is asked to approve a contract with Tesco to transfer data, at a cost of \$150 per hour, not to exceed forty hours or \$6,000. Motion by Roos and seconded by Holbrook to enter into a contract with Tesco to transfer data at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3, Consider an amendment to the 2010 budget was postponed until a later meeting.

Item #4, Discussion concerning proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the 2010/2011 Maintenance Season and authorize staff to proceed with project designs and hiring an engineering firm to prepare plans. Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager reviewed the list of proposed projects for the upcoming construction season. He also discussed a list of projects for upcoming years. He told the Board that we have received a proposal from MCR Engineering, Inc. to provide engineering services related to construction of District facilities at 12 separate locations. These projects are anticipated to be completed over the next three years. MCR's proposal is based on rates that have remained the same since we began using their services 2 years ago. They have agreed to keep the same rates for as long as it takes to complete the projects identified in their proposal. MCR's proposal to provide full engineering services for 12 District projects is for an amount not to exceed \$300,060. Bologna said he is also asking for an additional \$100,000 for on-call and unforeseen projects. He said that the approval of additional funds enables staff to address issues that require immediate attention, without having to bring every minor issue before the Board. Holbrook asked if MCR does the compaction testing and pipe testing. Bologna said that for these issues we hire outside contractors that specialize in those areas. Roos commented that getting the preliminary work done now will help in the future. Bologna agreed. Roos asked about pipe proposals. Bologna said that having the engineering work done in advance helps us when we go out to bid for pipe. Director Kamper asked if we should look at other engineering companies. Bologna said that because of MCR's familiarity with District procedures, we have been able to stream line a lot of the processes, thus saving the District money. He also commented that we have looked at other engineering companies and MCR is very competitive in their pricing. GM Shields agreed that MCR has been very dependable and competitive. Shields said that for future projects such as the Hwy 99 overcrossing project, we will likely go out to bid for engineering services. Holbrook made a motion to approve hiring MCR Engineering Inc. to perform engineering services for 12 projects at a

cost not to exceed \$300,060 and approval of additional on-call services for tasks not specifically identified in their proposal at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. The motion was seconded by Kamper and unanimously approved.

The Board President asked for Directors Reports.

Director Kamper commented on the soil moisture monitoring report which was included in the July Monthly Report. He said that his best producing ranch shows major fluctuations in soil moisture over the month. He deduced that it is not fatal to have fluctuation.

Director Kamper asked for WTP Managers Report at this time. Hubkey gave the following report:

- The new tractor has been delivered.
- Plant staff and the City of Tracy will work together to perform meter tests
- Plant staff is preparing for a voluntary Cal-OSHA inspection to be performed on September 13th.
- The first round of interviews for the Administrative Assistant position have been completed. The second round of interviews will be scheduled for next week.
- Plant staff are preparing for the new V-3 modules which are expected in November.
- Mike Galloway received his CDPH Grade III in Water Distribution.
- Staff will be setting up interviews for the vacant operator position soon.

Jim Atherstone, District Environmental Compliance Officer gave the following report:

- Today, will be attending a meeting at the State Water Quality Control Board for the Ag Waiver Fee Stakeholder meeting in Sacramento.
- John Gamper, Calif. Farm Bureau Federation, Taxation & Land Use Director has been following discussion with the Governor's Staff concerning the shifting of funds from the General Fund and increasing user fees in three of the SWQCB's Programs. (Irrigated lands/Ag Waiver Program, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program & Water Rights Program) The District is currently enrolled in all three programs.
- Working closely with Mark Rentz, Department of Regulatory Affairs at ACWA and Mike Blankenship concerning Federal EPA's 2011 NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Program.
- Working with OID, MID, TID and Merced Irrigation on different regulatory issues that affect us all.
- Scheduled to take samples for the Irrigated Lands Program on Wednesday.

Jeff Shields, General Managers' report:

1. Scheduled to meet with Ron Null, Underwater Resources at their office in SF to discuss different options available to us concerning the log booms at Woodward Reservoir.
2. Handed out a SWC report entitled Delta's Distressed Food Web Understanding the Emerging Science.
3. Upcoming event, East Bay MUD BBQ at Pardee Reservoir on October 1, 11:30 – 2:00 p.m.
4. Upcoming meeting, Bureau of Reclamation is hosting a public meeting to consider proposed projects concerning Bay Delta EcoSystem. Meeting will be held at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Bldg. in Sacramento on August 30, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
5. Handed out the District's 7 Day Water Usage Report for the weeks of August 8-14 & August 15-21 and Tri-Dam Operations August 23<sup>rd</sup> Daily Report.

Troylene Sayler reported:

- "Night Among Heroes" black tie event will be held on September 11.
- Ripon Chamber, General Membership Meeting BBQ September 14 @ 5:30, will be held at the Ripon Fire Station.

Bere Lindley, Finance and Administration Department Manager, presented the Financial Report for July. Roos complemented Bere on doing a good job.

President Kamper called for closed session. General Counsel, Emrick stated the Board will discuss the following items in closed session.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9- 2 cases
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-  
Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 - 1 case  
Various water quality proceedings before State Water Resources Control Board—Delta Flow Criteria, San Joaquin River Flow Objectives
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: Water  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: District and City of Ripon  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: Portion of APN 198-030-08,15

Agency Negotiator: General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: District and Union Pacific Railroad  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

- d. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Existing litigation  
Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- PG&E General Rate Case 2011- CPUC A.09-12-020
  - OID & SSJID v. US Department of Commerce US District Court Case  
No. 1:09-cv-2452.

Upon returning from closed session, it was announced there was no reportable action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Roos and unanimously carried to adjourn to September 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Cheryl Burke, Executive Secretary