

Manteca, California  
September 24, 2013

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in their chambers at the hour of 9:02 a.m. President Roos called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS  
ABSENT: NONE

Also present were General Manager Jeff Shields, General Counsel Steve Emrick, Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager and Executive Secretary Betty Garcia.

Director Roos asked for public comment and there was no public comment.

The Board was asked to consider the following Consent Calendar Items.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$419,627.19; A/P Wires in the amount of \$228,850.78 and payroll for September 20 in the amount of \$188,442.24.
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2013.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to adopt the Consent Calendar items by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS  
**NOES:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

### **ACTION CALENDAR**

#### **Item #1 – Discussion to establish Water Season end date**

Mr. Catanzarite suggested that October 16 or October 24 would be good dates to end the water season, with the last water run to begin 10 days prior to the end date.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Kuil to end the water season on October 16. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item #2 – Consider conditional approval of Atherton Road Extension project**

Mr. Bologna said the extension of Atherton Road will require relocation of portions of the District's Laterals Ya and Yb and the transfer of portions of the existing lines to the underlying landowners in order for them to be able to continue to receive District service. Transfer agreements will be required. The extension work will trigger the need to install approximately

1,743 feet of new 48” pipeline along the new alignment to serve as a replacement of the existing Lateral “Yb” pipeline. It will also require the replacement of approximately 90 feet of pipeline on Lateral “Ya”. Plans to construct a bike path along the northern portion of the road will be deferred until such time as the City can acquire that portion of land owned in fee by the District. No work shall occur in that area

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to authorize signature of improvement plans subject to satisfactory revisions of plans and requirements specified above, including easement dedications, transfer agreements, quitclaims, Development Agreement, and structure abandonments. Approval of encroachments will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Encroachment Agreement with the City. There will be no pipeline reimbursement paid. Motion passed 4 to 1 with Director Holmes casting a no vote.

**Item #3 – Consider request from Gary Alldrin (prospective buyer of Boatright property) to conceptually approve the issuance of an encroachment agreement to plant trees within a drainage easement held by the District that is defined by the 250 foot contour line**

Mr. Bologna explained that Gary Alldrin is in the process of purchasing property owned by Marilyn Boatright and desires to plant almond trees on the property within an area reserved by the District as a flood easement to drain the siphon which encumbers the property.

After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended by the Board that this item be taken back to the Engineering Department to outline scenarios which will re-define the easements to narrow the scope of the easement and eliminate the requirement for the encroachment agreement. It is suggested that this item be presented at the October 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Item #4 – Consider renewal of Conservation Program for 2014 Water Season**

Staff proposed that the On-Farm Water Conservation Program be continued in 2014 with reduced funding and with other changes described below. The proposed budget of \$588,000 would be distributed as follows:

Flow Meters – 80% of cost, not to exceed \$4500 per meter. \$63,000 total.

Conversions – 50% of cost, not to exceed \$825 per acre, \$25,000 maximum per grower field. \$350,000 total.

Drainage Relief - 50% of cost, not to exceed \$10,000 per field, \$25,000 maximum per grower. \$125,000 total.

Soil Moisture & Irrigation Scheduling - 50% of cost, not to exceed \$1,125 per field, 2,500 maximum per grower. \$50,000 total.

A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Kamper to approve the On-Farm Water Conservation Program for 2014 with an increase of \$150,000 to the proposed budget of \$588,000 making the total budget \$738,000 and allow staff to transfer funds between categories as deemed necessary and to approve the following changes to the program:

- Proposed program start date – Tuesday, November 12, 2013
- Possible support from Davids Engineering to update program description and administrative guidelines to reflect Boards' decisions
- Eliminate grower proposal measure
- Add “drain-relief” option to include tail water recovery systems, land leveling, and modifying of discharge valves
- Discontinue sump program and include these costs as part of the conversion measure

Motion passed 3 to 2 with Director Holbrook and Director Kuil casting no votes.

**Item #5 – Consider approval of asphalt seal coating for District Headquarters and Control Room facilities**

Mr. Bologna asked that this item be pulled from the agenda.

**Item #6 – Consider approval of 5 Year Capital Spending Plan**

Mr. Lindley said because the results of the pressurization study may render many repair and replacement projects obsolete, the plan defers many projects which would otherwise appear in the first year of the plan.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Holmes to approve the proposed five year plan with an increase to the budget from \$31,000 to \$100,000 for the asphalt reseal of the District Headquarters and Control Room facilities. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Director Kamper and Director Roos casting no votes.

**Item #7 – August 2013 Financial Statements** - This item was for information only and no action was taken. Mr. Lindley was available for questions.

**Item #8 – August 2013 Investment Reports** - This item was for information only and no action was taken. Mr. Lindley was available for questions.

**Item #9 – Directors report on CSDA Conference**

Director Roos stated there were good speakers at this conference and noted that Mayor Brent Ives with the City of Tracy made a presentation entitled “Building Better Management” that was excellent. He said the District should consider removing silt that has built up in Woodward Reservoir in order to allow for more water storage.

Director Holbrook said the SSJID team placed first at the Golf Tournament. He agreed there were several good speakers at the conference. One speaker spoke about using laughter to promote and motivate staff.

### **Item #10 – Communications**

Director Kamper stated he does not like the District crews driving through orchards, with nuts on the ground, checking the meters during harvest.

Director Holmes attended the BIA Salute to Policy Makers event and it was well attended. He looks forward to the end of the water season.

Director Kuil advised the Directors that they would all be cooking for the Safety Day event on November 6.

President Roos asked for managers' reports.

Troylene Sayler, Communications Coordinator

- Manteca Unified School District hosting an open house event to introduce their Zero Net Energy Building on Thursday, September 26, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- The Agape Village annual golf tournament will be held on Friday, September 27.
- Manteca Pumpkin Fair is October 5 – 6 and SSJID will have a booth there.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- He indicated there have been a few minor issues with the valves closing slowly and also with a few moisture sensors in the Division 9 pressurized system.
- He attended the CASQA conference where they discussed water harvesting for beneficial use. He found the District had missed an opportunity to apply for Proposition 84 funds.
- He attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the Lathrop Overcrossing.
- Met with the BIA to discuss modifications to the District's fee structure.

Jeff Shields, General Manager

- He distributed the weekly water and Tri-Dam reports.
- Staff met with Davids Engineering and Stantec to refine Scope of work on the Pressurized Irrigation Project Evaluation and expects to have the final scope of work and contract for the Board's review at the next meeting or the following meeting.
- On October 3, the SWRCB meeting will be held at the Cabral Ag Center in Stockton at 9:00 a.m. This will be the only opportunity to speak to the program into groundwater as well as the significant increase in fees. Jim Atherstone has been tracking this through the Ag Waiver program and will prepare a talking points paper for the Board.
- Manteca Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board meeting is today at 2:00 p.m.
- He attended the LAFCO meeting on September 20 and informed the Commission that SSJID had submitted the MRW revised financial analysis to Mintier/Harnish who will have this report peer reviewed by an independent consultant of their choosing. The final MSR is expected to be completed and turned into LAFCO by the end of the year.

- SJFB Water Advisory Committee meeting is tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office.
- He met with Bob Rucker from Congressman Denham's office to discuss federal issues.
- He was a guest speaker at the Manteca Rotary.
- The Manteca Historical Society loaned the District some historical records with handwritten notes of meetings leading up to the formation of SSJID.

General Counsel announced the Board would be discussing items 11 a & b under Closed Session.

**ITEM #11 – CLOSED SESSION**

11. 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 Labor Negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager and Lee Clark  
Employee Organizations: IBEW's 1245 and Management Group

Upon returning from closed session, it was announced that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

**ITEM #12 - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Betty Garcia, Executive Secretary