

Manteca, California
October 9, 2001

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 HAWORTH KAMPER ROOS SCHULZ

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, General Counsel Emrick, Engineering Department Supervisor Bologna.

President Kamper 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. SSJID warrants of \$277,728.93 and payrolls of \$132,259.73.
- B. Regular adjourned Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2001. Draft submitted didn't include the following: Director's reports: Kamper asked about a policy relative to annexation of parcels into cities. He asked that we look at policies of other districts, such as Modesto, Turlock and Merced Irrigation Districts, relative to continuing serving water to those parcels after they are annexed.
- C. Acceptance of improvements related to the replacement of a portion of Lateral "Be" by Escalon Covenant Church Development and authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the project.
- D. Authorize execution of an agreement with Cal Trans to allow them to pothole District facilities to accommodate planning for a proposed paving along Highway 120 from Jack Tone Road to Irwin Avenue in Escalon.

Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Calendar with amendments to Item B as listed above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October 2001 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Haworth	Kamper	Roos	Schulz
Noes:	None				

Consider conditional approval of improvement plans for the Emerald Glen subdivisions and

authorize signature of improvement plans, final map, and related documents pertaining to the project subject to compliance of specified requirements. Bologna said our contribution per District standards is \$26,000 based on \$20 per foot. He recommended conditionally approving subject to standard requirements being satisfied. **Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried, to authorize execution of documents, subject to standard requirements being satisfied.**

Consider conditional approval of plans by the City of Ripon relative to the replacement of a portion of Lateral “U” along Doak Blvd. Mr. Joe Gillian, Engineer for Ripon told the Board that approximately 3500 feet of pipe will be replaced. District cost is approximately \$87,500 based on \$25 per foot. **Motion by Haworth, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried, to authorize approval of the project subject to the following conditions:**

1. Signature of a new Grant of Easement
2. Signature of an Encroachment Agreement.
3. Signature of a Structure Permit for new service takeout.
4. Signature of Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement for owners that will no longer be receiving District water.
5. Signature of a Construction Permit by contractor.
6. Revision of plans to the satisfaction of the District Engineer.
7. Signature of a Developer’s Agreement that includes any special provision approved by the Board in addition to those identified above.

Discussion relative to the use of Walkie Talkies in the pipeline repairs. Stroud said that Ron Morrow looked into this and said we are in compliance with OSHA, and does not feel walkie talkies would be beneficial, in fact because of the size of those that are waterproof, they would be more of a hindrance. The consensus of the Board was that staff should try to find water proof walkie talkies that are small enough to fit into a shirt pocket. No action was taken.

Consider authorizing purchase a storage shed to be used for uniforms for the yard and water employees. Stroud said the cost for the shed is \$967.50, wiring is \$426.00. He said we looked at other sheds and they run anywhere from \$1300 up and most have to be assembled and wired. This shed is already assembled. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to authorize purchasing the shed, however to get additional proposals for the wiring.**

General Manager’s reports:

Stroud said that following the September 11th terrorist attacks, we received numerous warnings about reviewing information on our WEB site, ssjid.com. He said we looked at our WEB site and found no information that we felt could be used against us.

Water delivered to farms is currently 173,600 acre feet. Tri-Dam diversions are 218,099, plus 23,350 to SEWD, approximately 7,000 to VAMP and 6,000 to Modesto Irrigation District for credit in future years.

Stroud said all the Cities have deposited their funds (\$12,000,000) for the preliminary engineering. They also sent letters stating to start the work now rather than waiting until the 45 days are up. Thus contracts are being signed now.

Stroud said he will be at a Special District Training Seminar October 17-19, 2001.

Stroud reported that at our last meeting, as well as at our first meeting, with MID we informed them we would be looking at alternatives other than them. He said we have talked to Chevron Energy Solutions and they feel that a study to determine SSJID goals and issues, will give us the information to better determine which alternative to take. He introduced Doug Oglesby, Sam Barakat, and Jack Stermer to the Board. They went over their proposal to the District with the Board, indicating the cost, should we not stay with them is \$60,000. The study will take 2 to 3 months to complete. Stroud and Emrick both recommended approval. We will bring back the agreement for their approval at the next meeting.

Directors' reports:

DeGroot said Mr. Woodward, a relative of W.J. Woodward, who was one of the original Board Members from 1909-1915, and who Woodward Reservoir was named after, asked about a plaque at Woodward Reservoir. He said Ken Hafer, at the Historical Society has funds donated to help cover the cost of a plaque. Stroud said he will look into coordinating with the Historical Society on a plaque.

DeGroot asked about the FCOC at Xavier, he said the property owner should pay for the cost to repair the washout since he is responsible for it. Stroud said he would look into it.

Roos said there is a leak in the ditch on the west side of his property. Stroud said he would have Ron Morrow look into it.

Director Haworth said we should consider talking to TID relative to entering the retail power business.

DeGroot said we are about to replace a line that broke this summer. He said the District is requiring the landowner to replace the valves at their cost. Stein said this is District policy because we allow valves on our lines for the convenience of the landowner and do not require the landowner to put in his own private line like most other Districts do. Roos asked this be put on the agenda to consider changing the policy. Staff will gather policies from other irrigation districts and list on a future agenda for discussion.

President Kamper called for closed session. Attorney Emrick said we will discuss items a), b), d), and e) in closed session.

- a) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, institution of litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 (c). Two cases.

- b) Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 (a).
Van Vliet vs SSJID - San Joaquin Superior Court.
- d) Conference with legal counsel, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release. Gov.
Code, S. 54957
- e) Conference with real property negotiators. Property: Stanislaus County Assessor's
APN 002-01-20. Agency Negotiator, John Stein. Negotiating parties: Steve Kistler
and SSJID. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

Upon returning from closed session General Counsel Emrick announced the following action
was

taken: Motion by Haworth, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried that the Board heard
the grievances of three employees and sustained the action taken by the Operation/Water
Superintendent.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Roos, seconded by
Haworth, and unanimously carried to adjourn to October 23, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST

John Stein, Assistant Secretary

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