

Manteca, California
October 11, 2011

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: KAMPER HOLBROOK HOLMES
ABSENT: KUIL ROOS

Also present were General Manager Shields and Engineering Department Manager Bologna.

President Holbrook called the meeting to order and led the salute to the flag.

Holbrook asked for public comment. There being no public comment the Board was asked to consider the following Consent Calendar Items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrants of \$1,949,908.76 and September Payroll of \$357,672.82
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2011.

Motion by Holmes, seconded by Kamper to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of October, 2011 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kamper Holbrook Holmes
Absent: Kuil Roos

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #1, President Holbrook welcomed Todd Kotey, Project Manager and Jeff Shaw, Field Manager from Stantec. A Status Report for the Division 9 Project dated September 2011 was distributed. Todd told the Board that the Contractor is having to hop scotch around to accommodate the harvesting schedules of landowners. The Contractor should be able to provide us with a firm construction schedule next month. Todd directed the Boards attention to the September Status report. He commented on the map showing the status of the pipelines, such as those that are installed and those that are ready to be installed. The project is currently running three weeks behind schedule. It is the Contractor's intention to mobilize up to four piping crews once harvest is over to make up time. Jeff told the Board that the East Basin clay liner will be complete today. Director Holbrook asked if there were any foreseeable problems. Todd replied that the major concern is inclement weather affecting construction schedules. Shields commented that we are looking at shutting down specific lines within Division 9 area earlier than the rest of the District, to accommodate a more aggressive construction schedule. Director Holbrook thanked Jeff & Todd for the update.

Item #2, District health insurance renewal discussion and possible Board action. Laura Simon, Wells Fargo Insurance Services was introduced to the Board. Laura reviewed our current coverage and explained the different options available. After a brief discussion, Director Kamper made a motion to renew our contracts with United Health Care and Kaiser but to change the plan to a \$15.00 copay. This option was entitled Renewal Alternative 1 in the agenda packet. Director Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3, Approve job description and authorize filling the position of Associate Civil Engineer. Jeff Shields told the Board that the Engineering Department is understaffed and is in need of a person that can meet the Associate Civil Engineer job description requirements. It was the recommendation of Shields that the Board approve the Associate Civil Engineer job description as presented and authorize staff to begin recruiting for the position. Holbrook asked when the position would be filled. Shields replied that the position will be filled by January. Holmes asked Sam if he had reviewed the job description. Bologna replied in the affirmative. He told the Board that he had revised and approved the job description, as presented to the Board. Motion by Holmes, seconded by Kamper to approve the Associate Civil Engineer job description and authorize filling the position.

Item #4, Adopt Resolution 11-14-B, to Reaffirm Charges for Services Furnished by the District. Shields explained that a resolution setting the upcoming years charges is presented to the Board for adoption every year. He noted that although the base charges are the same as they have been for over 20 years, wording has been added under Rule 1-1 to the Resolution explaining the new billing charges that will be implemented in the Division 9 service area beginning in 2012. Motion by Kamper, seconded by Holmes to adopt Resolution No. 11-14-B, to Reaffirm Charges for Services Furnished by the District.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-B
RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM CHARGES FOR
SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Irrigation District law provides authority for the District, in lieu, in whole or in part, of levying assessments, to fix and collect charges for any service furnished by the District and to prescribe reasonable rules with respect to said charges; and

WHEREAS, the District currently charges \$24.00 per acre for water service to each parcel in the District on which District-supplied surface water is used for irrigation, with a minimum charge of \$50, and

WHEREAS, the District currently charges \$12.00 per acre for groundwater recharge to each parcel in the District which is subject to a recorded Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement, and on which crops are commercially grown, with a minimum charge of \$25, and

WHEREAS, the District declares the following:

- (1) The revenues derived from these said fees do not exceed the funds required to provide subject properties related services.
- (2) The revenues derived from the charges will not be used for any purpose other than that for which the charges are imposed.
- (3) The amount of a charge imposed shall not exceed the proportional cost of the service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that pursuant to Sections 22280 and 22283 of the Water Code, the District hereby sets water charges for the 2012 water year as follows:

RULE NO. 1-1, Subject to rule number 1-2; for each separate parcel, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcel Maps, there shall be an annual "USE OF DISTRICT WATER" charge of **\$24.00** per acre for the "Use of District Water." Those parcels which receive pressurized water from the District's Division 9 Irrigation System Improvement Project, shall, in addition, pay an annual tiered rate usage fee of \$30.00 per acre foot for the first 3 acre feet used on each acre in a calendar year and \$40.00 per acre foot for amounts in excess of the first 3 acre feet used on each acre in the same calendar year. Customers will be billed monthly for use of pressurized water and must pay the bills within 30 days of the date identified on the bill as the "Bill Date" to continue receiving pressurized water. The area served by the District's Division 9 Irrigation System Improvement Project is shown in Exhibit A.

RULE NO. 1-2, Subject to rule number 3-1; for each separate parcel, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcel Maps, the minimum billing (charge) for "USE OF DISTRICT WATER" shall be **\$50.00**.

RULE NO. 2-1, Subject to rule number 2-2; those separate parcels, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcels, which are used to grow commercially grown crops but which, (a) choose not to utilize District Water Service, and (b) which are the subject of an approved District Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement, there shall be an annual "GROUND WATER RECHARGE" charge of **\$12.00** per acre for the benefits derived from "Ground Water Recharge."

RULE NO. 2-2, Subject to rule number 3-1; for each separate parcel, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcel Maps, the minimum billing (charge) for "GROUND WATER RECHARGE" shall be **\$25.00**.

RULE NO. 3-1, Those separate parcels, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcels, which are not used to grow crops or which do not utilize District Water Service may be exempted from District "USE OF DISTRICT WATER" and "GROUND WATER RECHARGE" fees provided the owners of such lands enter into an "Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement" covering same and provided further, there are no outstanding amounts owed to District on such lands.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2011 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Holbrook Holmes Kamper

NOES: none

ABSENT: Kuil Roos

Item #5, Discuss proposed Capital Improvement Project for 2011/2012 Maintenance Season and consider amending contract with MCR Engineering to provide additional engineering services necessary to prepare design drawing for proposed projects. Sam handed out a list of potential construction projects for this coming Maintenance Season. Sam gave a brief explanation of the proposed projects. He said that the list will probably change after water season when our crews can get in the lines and inspect them. Sam told the Board that we have had a positive working relationship with MCR. He asked the Board to consider approving MCR's proposal to provide full engineering services for 2 additional projects, the "A" 178 dd & the M.D.C. canal lining projects. Also, Bologna said that we would like to continue using MCR for on-going issues. Holbrook asked Sam & Joe Catanzarite if they felt comfortable with the projects as outlined. Joe replied yes, but added that a couple more lines may need to be added after lines can be inspected. Director Kamper asked about sensors for dead end lines. Catanzarite said that he believes David's Engineering is looking into issues such as that. Sam said that David's is zeroing in on areas that need sensors. Motion by Holmes to go with staff recommendation, accepting MCR's proposal at a cost of \$49,350.00 and approving additional money left over from the existing contract (approximately \$100,000) to be shifted to on-call services for unforeseen projects. The motion was seconded by Kamper and carried unanimously.

Item #6, Consider LAFCo request for payment of additional deposit to cover additional fees. Motion by Holmes, seconded by Holbrook to authorize payment to LAFCo of an additional \$25,000 as a deposit to cover its outside attorney's fees. Motion passed unanimously.

President Holbrook asked for Water Treatment Plant Managers report.

Bill Hubkey reported the following:

- CB&I finished repairs to the South Reservoir. Should be back in service by this Saturday.
- In the process of draining each train to inspect the epoxy lining of each tank.
- The City of Manteca is ready to begin work on designing the new M-1 site.
- Staff has begun winterizing the piping and tanks at the Plant.

Holbrook asked for Directors Reports:

Director Holmes commented that with a wet Spring and early rains this Fall the District has plenty of water. Shields said unfortunately the water isn't being applied to direct recharge.

Director Holbrook reported that he had attended the East Bay BBQ at Pardee Reservoir.

President Holbrook asked for Managers Reports:

Don Battles reported that test holes will soon be drilled at the future Solar Farm retention basin.

Bere Lindley reported that his department is currently focusing on the 2012 budget and auditor selection. Also, he, Julie and Robin will be meeting with a representative from the Bureau to discuss how to report grant money.

Troylene Sayler reported the following:

- Ripon Chamber membership meeting to be held at the Bethany Home on October 27 from 6-9.
- Pumpkin festival went well.
- Saturday, October 15, Ripon Main Street Day from 9-3.
- The Manteca Senior Breakfast sponsored by the District will be held on Saturday, November 19.
- Boys and Girls Telethon will be held November 14-15.
- Manteca Chamber coffee will be held at the District on January 11, 8-9:30.

General Manager Jeff Shields reported the following:

- Judge Wanger will be keynote speaker at ACWA's 2011 Fall Conference in Anaheim.
- Management team will be holding a 2012 budget workshop on October 20 & 21.
- Luz Juarez, SSJID Customer Service Representative has been nominated and accepted as a Board Member for the Central Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- SSJID has entered into an agreement with Central Valley Detection Canine LLC to do random sniff inspections using trained "Mussel-Dogs" at Woodward Boat Ramp next spring and summer.
- We are working with the Bureau to move water through Little John's Creek and the FCOC and avoid spills into the Stanislaus above Vernalis. As of October 10, the Bureau still needs to vacate 43,765 AF in the 21 days.
- Handed out Water Usage Reports and Tri-Dam Daily Report.

Director Holbrook called for Closed Session. General Manager Shields said that due to the General Counsels absence there would be no Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Director Kamper, seconded by Director Holmes to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl Burke, Executive Secretary