

Manteca, California  
October 22, 2002

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular adjourned session in their chambers at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: DEGROOT      SCHULZ      KAMPER      ROOS      HAWORTH

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, District Counsel Emrick, District Engineer Gilton, and 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 Items as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID warrants of \$263,096.43.
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2002.
- C. Cancellation of Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement # 1011, Daryl; & Kerrie Elias, APN 197-120-66. **Motion by Haworth, second by Roos, and unanimously carried, to move item "C" to the Action Calendar.**

**Motion by Schulz, seconded by Roos, to approve Consent Calendar items A. and B. as submitted.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2002 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:            DeGroot      Schulz      Kamper      Roos      Haworth

Discussion concerning Lateral "V" realignment. Stroud said that Thompson-Hysell has looked at both options, Colony Road and Shasta Road. He said they gave us a draft report, which we sent back with several questions from both the District and the City of Ripon. We expect to have the final report back and on the agenda by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in November. Matt Machado, Ripon City Engineer, said the City strongly prefers the Colony Road alignment over Shasta Road alignment and gave several examples of why it makes sense to the City. He said when the District selects a route, the developers will be responsible for putting in the pipe. Machado said Chesapeake Subdivision has plans to put in pipe, based on the Colony Road route and on the improvement plans approved by the Board. He said he understands the District's reluctance to front all costs, as was originally requested by the City of Ripon. This request came with no guarantee from the City of Ripon that the District would ever be paid back. Stroud said he will recommend that the District not front the money, and that we let developers pay for the cost of the replacement in the locations and at the time that it makes sense to the development community, regardless of the route chosen.

Additionally, Stroud said, that relocation of the V Lateral is not a high priority project for the District. No action was taken at this time.

Kamper asked the Board to discuss Item C (Cancellation of Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement No. 1011- Daryl & Kerrie Elias, APN 197-120-66) which was moved from the Consent Calendar to the Action Calendar. The Board tabled the item until the next meeting.

Consider authorizing staff to continue the Preventative Maintenance Program with Don Pedro Pumps. Stroud explained that preventative maintenance is different from the pump efficiency tests Fresno State will be doing and recommended that the Board approve the program for 15 pumps at a cost of \$250 per pump, \$3,750 total cost. Half of the pumps are put through the detailed inspection and maintenance each year. Director Haworth asked if the tests performed by Fresno State also tested for accuracy of the meter for billing purposes. He said if it is not we should look into finding someone who can test meters for accuracy. **Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to approve the Preventative Maintenance Program with Don Pedro Pumps at a cost of \$3,750 as requested.**

Discussion concerning California Farm Water Coalition, public education outreach program. Stroud said he put this on the agenda at the request of Director Haworth who said he could get the District a 27 foot semi-trailer for use in the Farm Water Works Public Education Outreach Program of the California Farm Water Coalition (CFWC). He said membership in the CFWC would cost the District \$4,300 per year, cost to clean and paint the trailer would be approximately \$1,200 and the cost of the banner is \$350, but CFWC is offering a 50% discount until January 1, 2003. For a total of approximately \$6,000. Haworth said he was not interested in pursuing the matter if it meant the District would be paying \$6,000 and withdrew his offer of the trailer. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action concerning the San Joaquin River Group Budget. Stroud said the River Group was requested by the River Group General Manager's to add a component to its role. He said the Manager's asked the Group to take a proactive role in dealing with water quality challenges, similar to the joint efforts to protect our water rights. He said the Manager's want the River Group to take an active role in the dozen or so TMDL's that could affect us. He said the additional annual cost would be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per member agency in addition to the \$75,000 for ongoing River Group operations. **Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Schulz, to authorize Schulz to obligate the District to a 2003 budget allocation, not to exceed, \$105,000 for water rights and water quality activities. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Noes 1, with Director Kamper voting No.**

Manager's reports:

Water Use Reports were handed out. Including water sold to SEWD and Central San Joaquin, 15,000 and 20,000 acre feet respectively, and VAMP contribution, the total use for 2001-2002 was approximately 293,000 acre feet. This gives us 7,000 acre feet into our storage account.

Stroud asked that the Directors who have not filled out their registration forms for the Fall ACWA Conference in Anaheim must do so by Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to avoid late charges.

Burwood Cemetery reported a leak in the pipeline running through the cemetery. However, after two weeks of no water in the District line, the leak was still there. Apparently the leak is in the cemetery irrigation lines, not the District's line.

The Board was asked to consider a holiday schedule between Christmas and New Years. Last year the Board closed District offices between Christmas and New Years and gave three extra days off if the employees would use two days vacation so we could shut down. If the Board is interested in a repeat this year, staff would like a month or so advance notice for scheduling.

Interviews for the three vacancies in the water department were conducted and selections were made. Two vacancies will be filled now, and one in January.

A meeting is scheduled with the Public Works Department of San Joaquin County regarding draft conditions set by them on the Water Treatment Plant pipeline.

Directors Schulz and Roos, along with several staff members, met with Chevron last week for an update on their work, relative to preparing the retail power business plan. Attendees indicated the status update was quite informative.

Relative to the "Ue" Lateral in Ripon, the City of Ripon is very reluctant to supply irrigation water to the five property owners on Wilma Avenue without filtration and chlorination, both of which significantly increases the cost. Other City requirements also complicate the issue. He said that staff will put this on the agenda for November 12, 2002 with a recommendation.

Dr. Burt will be here tomorrow to discuss ways to get the benefits of the South West portion of the SIDE Project in a more economical way than the previous configuration. In other words to lower the cost and to improve the benefits. Phasing options may permit some construction this Maintenance Season and some of the benefits, with additional phases in future years as funding becomes available or maintenance needs present new opportunities.

ACWA's legislative voting record was passed out to the Board.

Directors' reports:

DeGroot asked the status of the FCOC crossing on Yosemite Avenue. Gilton replied that the Manteca City Council agreed to participate and pay the additional cost to up size the crossing. Gilton said as soon as we have the environmental study we will put the project out to bid.

DeGroot asked about locks on control boxes to control vandalism. He asked if we have the 478 locks or some other kind. Stein said we have special locks on the boxes that if tampered with could cause damage or endanger District employees engaged in maintenance.

Schulz said Henry Van De Pol asked if the sump reimbursement program could be used for upgrading dairies facilities. Director Haworth said he talked to Mr. Van De Pol, and requested he present drawings to our Engineering Department.

Haworth said he talked to two landowners that take water out of our drains. He said that neither he nor the landowners like the new drain policy adopted in May of 2002 and he feels like telling them to pay no attention to the new policy. Stroud said if they have questions or concerns, it would help if they came in and addressed them with staff.

President Kamper called for closed session relative to litigation matters, personnel matters, and labor update as follows: General Counsel Emrick said the Board will be discussing items a) through e) in closed session.

- a) Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation, Gov. Code Section 54956.9. One case, Delta Keeper vs. OID.
- b) Conference with labor negotiator, agency designated representative; Steven Stroud. Employee organization, General Unit. Gov. Code Section 54957.6.
- c) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, Significant exposure to litigation. Gov. Code Section 54956.9. One case.
- d) Conference with real property negotiator. Property: San Joaquin County APN 190-040-08. Negotiating parties: SSJID and its agents, Grant Kreinberg, Steve Long and Steve Emrick and current owners Laro Coal and Iron Company. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- e) Conference with real property negotiator. Property: 6,550 foot easement in the old Howland Road. Negotiating parties: SSJID and its agents, Grant Kreinberg, Steve Long, Steve Emrick and current owners, Burlington Northern Rail Road Company.

Upon returning from closed session the following action was taken: Motion by Schulz, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to deny the claim by Royal & Sunalliance.

General Counsel Emrick reported that no other reportable action was taken in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Haworth, seconded by Roos, and unanimously carried to adjourn to November 12, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

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John Stein, Assistant Secretary

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