

Manteca, California  
October 23, 2012

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. President Holbrook called the meeting to order and Director Kuil 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 Shields, General Counsel Emrick, Engineering Department Manager Sam Bologna, and Betty Garcia, Executive Secretary.

Director Holbrook asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Warrants and A/P wires in the amount of \$586,695.30.
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2012.
- C. Consider and file Notice of Completion for Gold River Orchards replacement of Lateral "C25dd" in Escalon.
- D. Approval of Consent to Entry of Property to read and owner's agreement to maintain flow meter. This property is participating in the District's On-Farm Water Conservation Program. Glenn and Lorraine Fredriks, APN 226-150-04 & 06.
- E. Approval of Consent to Entry of Property to read and owner's agreement to maintain flow meter. This property is participating in the District's On-Farm Water Conservation Program. John and Joanne Inderbitzen, APN 206-070-01.
- F. Approval of Consent to Entry of Property to read and owner's agreement to maintain flow meter. This property is participating in the District's On-Farm Water Conservation Program. Robert and Sandra Kamps, APN 206-020-04 & 206-030-03.

Director Roos noted on page 1 of the minutes, that Director Roos asked for public comment should be changed to indicate it was Director Holbrook who asked for public comment. Also, Director Holbrook noted on page 2 he asked the job description go out to "bid" should be changed to "advertise."

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holmes to approve the consent calendar items with the corrections to the minutes as stated above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2012, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Holbrook, Holmes, Kamper, Kuil, Roos

Absent: None

Mr. Bologna asked that item #2 be removed from the calendar as no bids had been received.

Director Holbrook asked that the Board hear item #3.

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **Item #3 – Flow Measurement Plan Update**

Mr. Bologna addressed the Board stating the flow measurement in Lateral QK was measured by flow and using the True Point system records. He indicated in 2013, it is the goal of the District to finish setting up Division 5 with flow measurements. He said Divisions 2, 4, and 7 would be implemented with flow measurements in 2014 and finally Divisions 8 and 9 would be completed in 2015. He stated the three year plan should be completed mostly by in-house staff and would coincide with the AG Water Management plan. He said there is much work ahead in getting all of the meters installed and establishing the billing. Director Kamper stated that what the District bills its customers must be able to be confirmed with our numbers. Director Holmes asked if the basis of measurements will include both flood and sprinkler systems and asked if the flow measurement calculations are entered by the Ditch Tenders. Mr. Bologna stated the Ditch Tenders will need to be trained to input the measurement data into True Point.

### **Item #4 – Update on Volumetric Billing Implementation**

Mr. Lindley presented a power point presentation to the Board. He stated adoption of the Volumetric billing process called for demonstration bills to be issued but no fees would be collected for 2013. He said the District was interested in getting feedback from its customers regarding the demo bills. In 2014, bills will be issued and fees collected. He indicated the District has gained experience on the Division 9 project billing and the volumetric billing process differs from Division 9 billing because it will be on a larger scale using limited metering. He introduced the proposed schedule for volumetric billing and said the early stages are on schedule. He said the meter installation schedule will start now and continue on through December 31, 2015. True Point will require manual entries of flow rates pending installation of meters. He discussed the volume measurement techniques and said the problem is there is not a flow meter on every turnout. He said the solution is to calculate flow rate using strategically located meters and to obtain the flow duration from manual entries in True Point. Mr. Lindley discussed travel time of water and how it will affect the rate calculation. He said a request was made to David's Engineering to develop a computational model and to meet with staff to explain and demonstrate their strategies. In that meeting, it was found that manual entries to Truepoint closely match David's' calculated usage. Lindley reported that Ms. Giuntoli has asked whether there is a real need to use meters if Truepoint calculations are so close. The District needs to decide whether to use meter reads in the billing process. Mr. Lindley discussed the pros and cons of using the Springbrook or Truebill software. He would like to interview both vendors again before making a decision.

## **Item #5 – Quarterly Review of Financial Statements and Investments**

Mr. Lindley reviewed the Financial Statements with the Board calling their attention to page 13 and the total cash and investments for the District which total \$58,761, 852. He briefly discussed revenues, expenses and changes in Net Assets.

## **Item #1 - Update on Division 9 Project**

Mr. Jeff Shaw stated the Water Season officially ended on Thursday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. He said the pumps will be run once a month at 15 PSI. The pressure in the lines ended at 62 PSI and a week later when it was checked it was down to 61 PSI. He stated that staff has been monitoring the water reservoir basin level to determine seepage ratios. We will also continue to compare water usage with ten year averages to determine water conserved. The preliminary numbers for the final billing indicates that over 2,900AF has been conserved. He said according to ditch tender, Michael Donahue, over 50% of total acreage had used diesel pumps of the approximately 1,900 acres that had been irrigated. It appears farmers are using District surface water.

Director Holbrook inquired about the moisture sensors and how they were working. Mr. Shaw indicated there was still a problem with them. He said Knife River continues to state it is a design issue but he disagrees.

## **Item #6 – Consider District Health Insurance Renewals**

Mr. Don Thornburg addressed the Board stating the importance of having continuity with our health insurance provider. He discussed current costs versus renewal costs and said in order to stay with the current health insurances, the cost will be approximately 12.63% higher than the current year rates. Ms. Laura Simon, employee benefits broker, discussed the health plan renewal options.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holmes to stay with the existing health plan provided by United Health Care. Motion passed 4 to 1 with Director Roos casting a no vote.

## **Item #7 – Communications**

Director Holmes

- He stated there is a lot of publicity regarding the District's interest in obtaining the retail electric and said the District needs to better communicate with growers to avoid MID's issues. Director Holbrook said it is important to encourage the farming community to vote.

Director Roos

- He noted the McManis ranch has a lot of muddy water coming off of their property for road work performed by District crews.

- Expressed concern regarding dust west of Van Allen Road and said it could be a faulty filter.
- He will not attend the next Board meeting on November 13.

#### Director Holbrook

- He received an email from Dan Pope regarding nomination to the APPA Policy Making Committee. He said there would be a meeting in March and July 2013 in Washington, DC and requires a 3-year commitment. Nominations close on November 19.
- Attended the Advisory Water Commission
- San Joaquin County Farm Bureau meets every fourth Tuesday and requests participation at the Board meetings.

President Holbrook asked for Managers Reports.

#### Bill Hubkey, Water Treatment Plant Manager

- Plant staff received the balance of the two train V-4 delivery yesterday. Loading of the cassettes will take place today and flushing will take place later in the week. Many of the shipping crates were damaged. Staff will evaluate the modules during the unloading process. GE-Zenon will replace any damaged units.
- The plant will shift from the upper intake to the lower intake on Monday, October 29 and there will be no further bodily contact in the Woodward Reservoir.
- Julie Jeleti completed quarterly sampling of the reservoir yesterday. Sampling will include testing for mercury, UV254, ph, nitrates, iron, alkalinity, phosphates, salinity, and E.coli.

#### Sam Bologna, Engineering

- Reported no change on the Water Conservation Program. Julie is receiving a lot of response to On-Farm Water Conservation Program applications for the 2013 program.
- Gearing up for winter projects.
- Bids are going out for the MDC lining project soon.

#### Jeff Shields, General Manager

- Announced that Fall Newsletter will hit the mail boxes by Friday or Saturday of this week.
- SJTP met last Thursday in Sacramento and covered the FERC permitting process; SWRCB Board members were in attendance and expressed support for the Settlement Process.
- Next SJTP meeting is Thursday in Sacramento and will address flood models and climate change impacts.
- October 15 Bureau meeting with Don Glaser; Don wants to get Justice Department to re-state their position regarding 1988 Stipulation Agreement. With Mike Finnegan leaving on November 3, Ron Milligan will be our primary Bureau contact and he is the Central Valley Operations Office Manager. Pablo Arroyave is area manager for Central California office and is responsible for “Post-VAMP” resolution. Sue Fry in the Bay-

Delta Office is lead on Remand-OCAP BO and CEQA process and lead on Reconsultation.

- Manteca Redevelopment Agency (Successor Agency) meeting today at 2:00 p.m. at Manteca City Hall.
- APPA 2012 Policy Resolutions are available.
- Invoice for our 2013 CSDA Dues (\$4,925) and “special offer” that will allow directors to take their mandatory “AB1234 Ethics Training” for free through an on-line course.
- Brandon Nakagawa with Ground Water Banking Authority says they are redoing their Bylaws and they are looking at how to collect from members.
- Distributed an article on “The Water Year’s Bottom Line: 45%” written by Friant Waterline newsletter.

Steve Emrick, General Counsel

- Attended APPA Legal Conference in Washington, DC which covered a lot of NERC versus FERC; discussed the importance and critical need for Cyber Security. Stated every violation must be investigated.
- A Department of Justice Trial attorney spoke on antitrust issues; other issue was secure electronic discover, and Smart Grid programs.
- New EPA standard is 1000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> megawatt per hour.
- Needs to research FPPC ruling on Board members participating in the On-Farm Water Conservation Program.

General Counsel announced the Board would be discussing items 8A, C, D, & E under Closed Session:

#### **ITEM #8– CLOSED SESSION**

8. a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
- 2 cases
  
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
California Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: Larry Crabtree and General Manager  
Employee Organization: IBEW’S 1245 and Management Group
  
- d. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: A portion of the District’s real property along the eastern portion of Woodward Reservoir  
Negotiating parties: SSJID and Jeff McPhee  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and terms of payment

- e. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Real Property Negotiations  
Property: 247-170-03 and 247-70-05  
Negotiating Parties: SSJID and Jeanette Stewart and John & Sharon Vaughn  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Authorize staff to negotiate Easement for “L – Ka” connection

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

**ITEM #9 - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Kuil to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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