

Manteca, California
October 25, 1005

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 KAMPER ROOS SCHULZ KUIL

Also present were Secretary/Manager Stroud, General Counsel Emrick, District Engineer Gilton, Utility Systems Director Shields and Engineering Department Supervisor Bologna.

President Roos called the meeting to order and asked for public comment. They're being none he asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID Warrants of \$664,052.09.
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2005.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of October 2005 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	DeGroot	Kamper	Roos	Schulz	Kuil
Noes:	None				

Discussion and possible action concerning Lateral "V" maintenance and development. Stroud said for the V from Wilma Ave. to Jack Tone Road, we need to improve the reliability and integrity of the line, and protect it from adverse effects of pending development in the area. He recommends we award the contract to Johnson Western for \$526,232.00, and bring the westerly bank up to District Standards. The Board asked about requiring that it be piped. Emrick said unless the City of Ripon requires it, we have no means to enforce the District policy on piping. District approval is not required for this project because the project does not include a subdivision and what we could condition. Kamper said we should replace the bank and do the relining to protect existing customers. He said we might be able to buy the dirt from the adjacent land. Gilton said he agrees with Stroud and Kamper, that the lining needs to be done, and that we should make improvements to the bank that would bring them up to District standards. Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Kamper, to award the contract for relining of the canal to Johnson Western at a cost of \$526,232.00, and to authorize staff to purchase dirt and hire a contractor to re-do the bank. Motion Carried, Ayes 3, Noes 2, with Directors Roos and Schulz voting No.

President Roos asked for the General Manager's report:

Stroud reported the following:

The IRS issued a new "mileage reimbursement rate" of 48.5 cents per mile. The new rate became effective September 1, 2005 and is good until it is revised by the IRS.

Thanked the Directors for helping with the cooking on the District's Safety Day held last Friday.

The City of Manteca asked us to sign off on a Redevelopment Project. Basically, what we do if we sign is we do not share in any increased tax collections for the redevelopment area until the bonds are paid off. We have asked for a map of the area and the tax impacts, so we can advise the Board.

River Group Budget Meeting is Friday, October 28, 2005 at Turlock Irrigation District offices.

Election Day is November 8, 2005. As has been the practice in the past, our Boardroom is used as a polling place. Thus we will need to reschedule or move the location of our regular Board meeting. Board instructed staff to come up with an appropriate on-site alternative to the Board Room for the meeting.

Tri-Dam meeting is November 17, 2005 at OID.

Water usage for 2005 was 201,000 acre-feet, down from 2003's usage of 239,000 acre-feet, mostly due to the late, wet spring.

Reported relative to the draft letter to the City of Ripon on Lateral "V", it will be revised based on action taken today by the Board.

Relative to the Flexible Benefit Plan, 125 Plan, in 2005 only four employees signed up. We feel the reason is the \$5.00 per month charge the employee is required to pay eliminates the benefit for lower paid employees. Stroud said he will put this on the agenda for the next meeting unless the Board objects.

President Roos asked Utility Systems Director, Shields to report to the Board.

Shields reported:

Proposition 80 on the ballot, he recommends voting "No".

PG&E has asked for a "line extension allowance". Would be an additional cost we would have to absorb.

PG&E settled a claim for a fire in San Francisco, which was caused by them, for \$6,500,000.

PG&E's new strategy to defeat SMUD's attempt to take over a portion of their system is to put an advisory ballot issue on the ballot to stop the takeover.

We will be doing fieldwork with MID this week.

President Roos asked for Directors' reports:

Schulz said the Lateral "A" off Campbell Road, behind the golf course, which was replaced a couple of years ago has problems. Stroud said we would investigate and report back.

Kamper said the line near Lyons Road and Austin Road, which was recently replaced, has lots of leaks and needs to be looked at. Stroud said we would look at it.

Roos asked about overtime use at the water treatment plant. Some of the employees may be adversely affected by too much overtime. Stroud said we have incurred significant overtime and are trying to balance our concern for the well being of our employees and our commitment to Manteca, Escalon, Lathrop, and Tracy to meet their water needs. We staffed the plant according to Black & Veatch's recommendation that was prepared before Zenon was selected as the membrane manufacturer. We are studying the staffing needed for safe, long-term economical operation of the plant and will be providing a report to the Board in the near future. Kuil asked for a report on overtime costs at the plant and how the staffing compares to the Modesto Irrigation District plant.

President Roos called for closed session. General Counsel Emrick reported the Board will be discussing items a) and b) in closed session.

- a) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 (c). Two cases.
- b) Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Delta Keeper vs. SSJID. Superior Court for Sacramento County, Case No. 04CS00228.

Upon returning from closed session District Counsel Emrick announced the Board gave staff the authority to file suit in San Joaquin County Superior Court and that information about the lawsuit will be made available on request after an action is filed.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Schulz, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to November 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

John H. Stein, Assistant Secretary