

**MINUTES FOR THE MAY 8, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in the City of Ripon Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. President Kuil called the meeting to order and Director Holmes 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, Peter M. Rietkerk; Special Counsel, Steve Emrick; Assistant General Manager, Bere Lindley; and Clerk of the Board, Betty Garcia.

Public Comment

Mr. John Fultz, a customer who resides in the area of Division 9, addressed the Board. He thanked SSJID and its employees for all the work they do. He said he took for granted that water would always be in the canal when he needed it. He had confidence in the employees at SSJID and knew they worked hard to deliver water. He believes the Division 9 project is a great innovation that provides new ways to irrigate. With the Division 9 project, he can take water when he wants it, all at the push of a button. He worked closely with Sam Bologna, former Engineering Department Manager, for many years and said that Mr. Bologna was always very helpful. He suggested the District hold a celebration of the District 9 Project in the Fall and perhaps it would be a way to thank Mr. Bologna for all of his hard work and dedication to the project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$175,367.85; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$202,515.41; and Payroll dated April 27, 2018 in the amount of \$209,268.72.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2018.
- C. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for consulting services with Don Geiger, of Counsel Kroloff, Belcher, Smart, Perry & Christopherson, and authorize General Manager to sign on behalf of the District.

Director Roos reported on page 2 of the minutes, under Ed Erisman's report, the word "area" in the second bullet, should be changed to "are a".

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Holmes to approve the Consent Calendar with the changes listed above. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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General Manager asked the Board President to add an item that requires action and came to his attention after the posting of the agenda.

A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Holbrook to add the Waiver, Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement to the agenda as item #6. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Item #1 – Communications

Director Holmes:

- He stated that he would like the Board to engage in more conversations about Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and their inability to bring in surface water.

Director Holbrook:

- He attended the Advisory Water Commission meeting where a representative from Congressman Jeff Denham’s office was in attendance. The representative made it clear to the Commission that Congressman Denham is still opposed to the proposed tunnels that will transfer water from Northern California to Southern California.

Director Kamper:

- He attended the funeral services of Marvin Van Voorst, spouse of Margo Van Voorst, recent retiree of SSJID. He expressed sincere appreciation for the staff camaraderie that has been built, evidenced by the number of SSJID employees that attended the services. It showed the support that employees have for each other.

Director Roos:

- He attended the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday, May 7. The committee said that Donnell’s Generator was up and running well.
- It was noted that Tri-Dam had received \$926,000 from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help with construction projects due to the damage caused by last year’s mud and rock slides. He commended Ms. Susan Larson for her diligence in securing these funds from FEMA.

Director Kuil:

- He will be attending the ESJGWA meeting on Wednesday, May 9 in Stockton.
- He too attended the funeral services of Marvin Van Voorst and agreed with Director Kamper regarding SSJID staff that were there to lend support to Margo Van Voorst.

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ACTION CALENDAR

Item #3 – Consider approval of Resolution #R-04-H in appreciation to Mr. Steve Emrick on the occasion of his retirement

Director Kuil asked Mr. Emrick to come forward as he read the Resolution that recognized his legal expertise, professionalism, and dedication to SSJID for over 18 years as he served the District as in-house counsel.

**RESOLUTION NO #18-04-H
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
IN APPRECIATION OF STEVE EMRICK’S SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven Emrick (“Steve”) shall retire May 18, 2018, having provided over two decades of exemplary and meritorious service to the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“District”) as General Counsel; and

WHEREAS, through Steve’s legal expertise, professionalism, and dedication to the District, he was selected to serve nearly eighteen years as the District’s first in-house legal counsel in the District’s 109-year history; and

WHEREAS, Steve’s accomplishments during his tenure with the District are too numerous to recite here in their entirety, but include the following projects and initiatives as particularly noteworthy examples:

- A. The planning and development of the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant;
- B. The planning and development of the Water Treatment Plant solar project;
- C. Successfully spear-heading and managing the highly complex legal and regulatory processes required in the District’s efforts to serve as a local retail electric utility: Including the shepherding of the District through numerous LAFCo and other administrative proceedings; assembling and coordinating a dynamic team of highly-respected experts, outside legal counsel, and other industry professionals; and overseeing ongoing litigation matters; and
- D. Expertly serving the District, its Board of Directors, its departments and personnel, in the day-to-day legal affairs of the District, which requires vast legal knowledge both in depth and in breadth; and

WHEREAS, Steve has performed his duties in an exceptionally transparent, honest, and ethical manner, not only in his dealings with the Board, but also with fellow District employees and members of the public; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions to the District in rendering legal advice, Steve has assisted in the cultural development of his co-workers by subjecting them periodically to the virtues of 18th and 19th-century pipe organ music; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Directors of South San Joaquin Irrigation District wish to acknowledge Steve for his exceptional service to the District, and convey appreciation for such service on behalf of the District, its employees, and its customers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District hereby publicly commends Steve Emrick for his outstanding service and devotion to the South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Holbrook to approve Resolution #18-04-H in appreciation of Steve Emrick's service on the occasion of his retirement. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Ed Erisman, Water Treatment Plant Manager:

- The City of Lathrop Commerce Center project is moving forward. Engineering staff met on site with contractors yesterday. The current work involves boring underneath the 36 inch treated water line in two separate locations. One bore pit will be for a 44-inch casing containing two 12-inch lines and the second bore pit will be for two separate 12 inch casings for a 6-inch line. SSJID Engineering and the Water Treatment Plant staff will be on site for the crossing of these lines. The work location is behind the City of Lathrop Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Home Depot Distribution building.
- The solar farm's production is up from last year. All systems are currently working and staff will soon begin cleaning the solar panels.

Bere Lindley, Assistant General Manager:

- He is working on loose ends to finalize the Audit.
- Continues to work on the long-term financial projections which are a component of the District's Capital Improvement Plan.
- Sarah Bloom helped design a new and upgraded process to better manage budget variances by identifying accounts that have material variances of \$5,000 and 10% of budget.
- He echoed the sentiments of Directors Kamper and Kuil regarding District employees demonstrating their support for Margo Van Voorst and the loss of her husband Marvin. He said it was a very moving event. He said the Workforce and Culture Committee is a driving force behind the District's Mission, Vision, and Values system as well as the Strategic Planning goals to promote and protect the engagement and well-being of its employees.

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- The Document Managing project will resume training with Diane Gladwell. To date, many of the records were destroyed, in accordance with the District's Records Retention Plan that the Board previously approved. Ms. Gladwell will be in-house on Wednesday, May 16. She plans to give additional training on the Laserfiche Program that has far more capabilities that the District is currently using it for.

Troylene Sayler, Public Relations Director:

- She has planned and attended quite a few AG Education School Tours as well as five (5) AG Days at various schools; she also planned to participate in Planet Party Day which focused on energy.
- Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame celebration will be held on Saturday, May 19.
- City of Manteca 100 year centennial Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Manteca Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner will be held on Friday, June 15.
- District will celebrate Steve Emrick's retirement party on Tuesday, May 15.
- The District's Workforce and Culture Committee encouraged employees to volunteer in the "Love Manteca" project on April 21; nine (9) employees and their families participated in activities.
- Julie Minton organized a fund raiser entitled "Denim Day" celebrated on Wednesday, April 25, an event to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault.
- Workforce and Culture Committee has plans for an employee picnic in the Fall.
- Bere Lindley participated in a program in front of the Workforce and Culture Committee regarding development of an Employee Onboarding Program for all new employees.
- Plans for an updated Website are underway; staff is looking at vendors to assist.
- Staff is using social media, Facebook, Linked In, and Advertising Bill Boards to attract employees.

Frank Avila, Irrigation Operations Manager:

Water Department:

- Flows have increased and it appears that the water season has started. Woodward Level 209.87; the total in-flows from Tri-Dam are 500 cfs.
- Both power plants at Woodward Reservoir are online and making power.
- Avila and Walt Luihn met on Monday, May 7; and scheduled a Magnacide run for Thursday, May 17.

Maintenance Department:

- The Maintenance department continues to be very busy keeping up with the maintenance needs of the water Department.

Shop:

- The shop is busy meeting the day to day maintenance needs of the fleet; three of the new pick-ups are in the field, and the truck for Division #2 will be ready in the next couple of days.

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MDC / Telemetry:

- Lloyd Wayman and his staff are busy with the day to day operations, and they have a long list of projects they are working on.

Additional Information:

- Johnnie Moore filled in for John Briggs while he and Avila attended the Diamond Plastics Corporation Open House in Grand Island, Nebraska. The technology used to make large PVC Pipe is amazing, with sizes ranging from 36 inches to 60 inches.
- The Open House included one and a half days of training on the proper method to install pipe; Avila and Briggs also learned the proper compaction needed, and examples of what can happen to pipe if installed with poor filling materials and improper compaction.
- The company reviewed various types of pipe from cement to steel, fiberglass, cast iron, clay, and PVC pipe. One of the classes was taught by Dr. Steven Folkman, Director of the Buried Structures Lab at the Utah State University; his research interests involve the areas of modeling and testing of buried structures.
- We attended another class taught by Mr. Amster Howard, a pipeline installation expert who formerly worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for over 30 years. He developed testing procedures for soils. His research with the Bureau resulted in him developing the “E prime” values that have been used by AWWA, ASTM, and ASCE standards and manuals for estimating the deflection of buried pipe. His enthusiasm about his work was intoxicating and the way he kept the class engaged and interested. Avila hoped that in the near future, SSJID could organize a one-day training for all employees who install pipe at SSJID. It would be great to have Mr. Howard review all of the techniques of pipe installation so the District can continue experiencing longevity with our pipelines.
- Staff needs to evaluate if PVC is the pipe of choice for the District’s future and it is guaranteed for 100 years of longevity if properly installed. The PVC pipe is able to handle over 200 PSI.

Peter Rietkerk, General Manager:

Water Supply:

- Precipitation
 - San Joaquin River 5 Station Index is **29.4 inches (+.1 inches from last Board meeting)** or **79-percent** of average precipitation to date for the 2017-2018 water season.
 - Northern Sierra 8-Station Index indicates approximately **38.8 inches** or **81-percent** of average precipitation to date for the 2017-2018 water season.
- Snowpack
 - Northern California Sierra snow sensors are measuring approximately **30-percent** of April 1 average and **29-percent** of normal to-date
 - Central California Sierra snow sensors are measuring approximately **41-percent** of April 1 average and **37-percent** of normal to-date
 - Southern California Sierra snow sensors are measuring approximately **19-percent** of April 1 Average and **24-percent** of normal to-date

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- Reservoir Storage
 - New Melones storage is currently at **2,056,702 AF**, or **85-percent** of capacity.
- Stanislaus River Operations
 - Reclamation ramped up releases starting May 1 to 1,500 cfs and fluctuating up to 3,000 cfs for Appendix 2e pulse flow requirements.

Sustainable Groundwater Management:

- SSJID participated in a groundwater calibration workshop on April 25, 2018, led by Woodward and Curran, the groundwater modeling consultants who are working with the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority to finalize an updated C2VSIM groundwater model for the subbasin. Consultants shared information regarding the ability of the model to reproduce historical groundwater levels and characterize groundwater movement within the groundwater sub basin. The consultants also discussed final calibration activities in an attempt to make the model more accurate for the current time series to aid in future projections of the groundwater basin and sustainable practices.
- The inaugural meeting of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) will be held on Wednesday May 9, 2018 ahead of the GWA meeting.

Meetings:

04/27/2018 – Entreleadership 1 Day Live Leadership Training Event

05/01/2018 – Ag Water Committee Meeting

05/02/2018 – SJTA Monthly Meeting

05/03/2018 – Speaker at Kiwanis Meeting

05/03/2018 – City of Manteca regarding treated wastewater sales out of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin

05/09/2018 – Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority PAC and Board Meeting

05/09-10/2018 -- ACWA

Legislative Update:

- A number of legislative initiatives are being followed within the legislature on water issues. There is a sense that something should be completed on water conservation prior to the completion of the budget process so that the threat of a budget trailer bill on this topic is avoided. Rietkerk noted that bills AB 3206 and SB 998 are under consideration in legislature and contemplate measurement standards and multi-lingual communications for municipal water suppliers. Rietkerk also conveyed that there is a sense in the water community that something needs to be done on water before the budget bill is vetted, as there have been threats of budget trailer bills to further initiatives such as water taxes and permanent conservation.

The Board took a break at 10:02 a.m. and returned at 10:20 a.m.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #5 – Consider approval of Stanislaus River Basin Plan Scope of Work (Financial & Contractual approvals will occur at Tri-Dam)

Mr. Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, presented this item to the Board of Directors in order to gain feedback. He said SSJID has recently participated in discussion surrounding the need for

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long-range, integrated, water resources planning. These discussions have included an extensive vetting of SSJID specific interests and objectives, as well as common water resources objectives and interests among SSJID and its sister district, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID). He stated that SSJID will do its own Water Master Plan and will soon release the final RFP for a consultant. Additionally, SSJID has hired the Irrigation Training & Research Center (ITRC) at Cal Poly to complete the modernization plan for the District. Mr. Rietkerk explained that the second effort is to develop a basin level plan that considers the common surface water rights of OID and SSJID, common regulatory threats, summary water demands of the two Districts, common water resource opportunities among the Districts, and identifies water supply priorities that may be shared amongst the Districts. This effort is called the Stanislaus River Basin Plan.

Director Holbrook asked Mr. Rietkerk if he is satisfied with the fiscal estimate for SSJID's portion of the proposed plan, estimated at \$408,830.00. Mr. Rietkerk said yes and believes the costs for the plan are properly allocated between the two districts..

Director Roos does not believe that the District can control the water that is in our basin and therefore believes a study that costs the District over \$400,000 is too much to spend. Director Holbrook said this study is important to obtain valuable information that can be used to protect the District and its water rights. Director Holmes said the information obtained through this study, will enable the District to make better and more informed decisions regarding its water. Mr. Rietkerk believes one of the reasons for doing this plan is that the District cannot wait for the State Board to promulgate its own initiatives on water rights. With this information, we are able to protect and maximize the District's water rights. Director Kamper agreed with Peter.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Holmes to approve the scope of work as presented, and to recommend approval of a contract with Oakdale Irrigation District by the Tri-Dam board.

The motion passed 3 to 2 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER
NOES:	KUIL ROOS
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Special Counsel Steve Emrick asked the Board to add another item to #2b. He said rather than one (1) case, this item would be changed to two (2) cases.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Holmes to change item #2b in Closed Session from 1 case to 2 cases.

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The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Item #2 – Closed Session

Special Counsel Steve Emrick announced that all items would be discussed, and the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:40 a.m.

2. a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
 Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of
 Section 54956.9
 - 2 cases

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
 Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of
 Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
 - Phase 1 hearings on San Joaquin River/Delta Water Quality Control Plan before
 State Water Resources Control Board
 - 2 cases

- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
 Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
 - 3 cases

SSJID vs. PG&E
Appeal from Judgment of Dismissal Pending;
In the Court of Appeal for the State of California, Third Appellate District
Case No. C086319
Superior Court for San Joaquin County
Case No. STK-CV-UED-2016-0006638

PG&E vs. San Joaquin LAFCo; SSJID, Real Party in Interest
In the Court of Appeal for the State of California, Third Appellate District
Case No. C086008
Superior Court for San Joaquin County
Case No. STK-CV-UJR-2015-0001266

SSJID vs. Lakeview Ranch Partners
Superior Court for Stanislaus County
Case No. 2028441

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- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Water
Agency Negotiator; General Manager
Negotiating Parties: SSJID, OID, San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority; and
Department of Water Resources
Under Negotiation: Terms of Payment

- e. Public Employees Performance Evaluation
Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1)
Title: Special Counsel

The Board returned to open session at 11:58 a.m.

Disclosure of reportable actions taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1: There were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

Item #4 – Consider approval of possible annexation of parcels split by District Boundary

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holmes to no longer pursue annexation of these parcels.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Item #6 – Waiver, Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to authorize the General Manager to sign the Waiver, Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement indemnifying the Bureau of Reclamation for claims due to incremental releases of OID/SSJID water into the Stanislaus River in May 2018 to supplement river pulse flows, subject to approval of the same agreement being presented to the Oakdale Irrigation District’s Board of Directors at their meeting.

The motion passed 4 to 1 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES:	HOLMES
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

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Item #7 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Roos to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

ATTEST: _____
Betty L. Garcia, Clerk of the Board