Manteca, California June 23, 2015

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in their chambers at 9:01 a.m. President Holmes called the meeting to order and Director Roos 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 Jeff Shields, General Counsel Steve Emrick, Engineering Department Manager Sam Bologna, and Executive Secretary Betty Garcia.

### **Public Comment - None**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$709,206.94; A/P wires in the amount of \$531,138.35; payroll dated May 29 and June 12, 2015 in the amount of \$396,496.27.
- B. Approval of the regular Board meeting minutes of May 26, 2015.
- C. Approval of the Special Board meeting minutes of June 16, 2015.

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Roos to accept the Consent Calendar as submitted and passed 5 to 0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS

NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

### **ACTION CALENDAR**

## Item #1 - Request from Kevin Van Laar to access water from main distribution canal

Mr. Joe Catanzarite, Operations & Water Supervisor, said that normally the District does not install services on the main distribution canal. He said it would be a big advantage for the grower to take water from the main canal. The board asked Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager, if the District has experienced problems with other farmers taking water out of the main canal. Mr. Bologna was unaware of any issues. Director Holbrook stated if this request is approved, the Board would be setting a precedent for others who may want to take water from the main canal. He said whatever decision is made today, that decision must be kept uniform for all other applicants.

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Roos to approve Mr. Van Laar's request to access delivery of irrigation water from the main distribution canal, however this request is subject to the approval of the District's engineering department and the required permits must be obtained. Motion passed 4 to 1 as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KUIL ROOS

NOES: KAMPER ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

# Item #2 – Consider renewal of property and liability insurance

Mr. David Ward, Commercial Insurance Broker with Interwest Insurance Services, LLD addressed the Board. He reviewed and summarized the liability insurances and stated the cost for this year's insurance was less than last year.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to accept the renewal proposal for property and liability insurance in the amount of \$277,365 for the year 2015. Motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS

NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

### Item #3 – Water Supply Forecast

Mr. Shields, General Manager, reviewed the projected water budget for 2015 with the Board. He said New Melones inflow was at 257,000 AF which is higher than anticipated. He has been speaking with the cities and Tracy did get curtailed. He said the District's response to a curtailment order is due today to the State Board. He reviewed the summary of curtailment certification responses through June 22. He discussed Tri-Dam operations daily report of water data, as well as the reservoir conditions. Finally he reviewed the SSJID water usage reports.

Director Holmes asked to discuss item #6 at this time.

# Item #6 – Consider adding website page to list water available for transfer

Mr. Bere Lindley, Finance and Administration Manager, stated that one quarter of the irrigators have less than 19.6 of their 36 inch allotment remaining, and three quarters have more. He said the District expects to use 191,000 AF by the end of summer and has diverted just over 100,000 AF to date. He is happy to see the growers using the tools the District has provided to help manage their allotments. He proposes creating a page on the SSJID website which would show a list of customers who have allotment or water available to transfer. The list could show their name, phone and/or email and an estimate of how much water is available. Those growers who are looking for water could contact the parties on the list and agree upon a transfer. Mr. Shields expressed concerns in regards to posting the customers personal data on the website.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to approve the addition of a page to the SSJID website showing a list of customers offering water or allotment for transfer, however staff is charged with resolving the privacy concerns. Motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS

NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

### Item #4 – Consider moving regular board meeting of July 14 to July 7

Mr. Shields stated that two of our board members are attending the Hydrovision International Conference in Portland, Oregon on July 14 and unable to attend the regular board meeting.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kamper to move the board meeting date from July 14 to July 7. Motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS

NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

### Item #5 – Consider approval of power system study at the WTP

Mr. Ed Erisman, Water Treatment Plant Manager, stated that staff noticed a discrepancy in the property boundaries indicated in the Arc Flash analysis of 2009. This discrepancy led staff to question the validity of the existing arc flash analysis.

A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Holbrook to accept the quote from Industrial Test, Inc. to perform a power system study for a cost of \$35,700 that includes short circuit study, protective device coordination study and arc-flash hazard study at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS

NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

### Mr. Erisman gave his monthly report:

- Reported several small fires at Woodward Reservoir over the weekend. He said the total area burned was about 5 acres.
- WTP staff install a new fire hydrant run at the plant.
- There have been several more PG&E outages; one was over one hour in duration and was caused by work being done on Dodds Road substation.
- Stanislaus County has applied for and received grant funding for a Clean Boating Program which is now in effect at Woodward Reservoir. The program educates boaters on proper hazardous materials handling and disposal

### Item #7 – Financial Statements for May 2015

This item was for information only and no action was taken.

### Item #8 – Investment Reports for May 2015

This item was for information only and no action was taken.

# Item #9 – Consider compensation adjustment for General Counsel after Closed Session This item was not discussed.

### Item #10 – COMMUNICATIONS

Director Holbrook said at the APPA conference the employee market in both power and water is going down; baby boomers are retiring. Solar installations are being done by public entities to better manage power. He said that Cyber Security is on the rise and 59% of the intrusions were at U.S. Dams including irrigation systems. He said there is an upcoming training available in Idaho Falls and suggested the District send our IT Systems Administrator so that he can learn how to help prevent these intrusions.

Director Kamper said that CSDA wants to stop a proposed budget trailer bill 825 that would allow State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to require consolidation of public water systems, overriding local agency procedures, planning and budgets. Mr. Shields said he has been watching the bill closely.

Director Kuil attended the GBA meeting on June 10 and said there were good discussions on forming GSAs. One speaker in particular, Walt Ward, was very knowledgeable about the GSAs.

# Bere Lindley, Finance & Administration Manager

• He agreed with Director Holbrook about cyber security and said he and Mr. Shields will evaluate whether to register Michael O'Leary for the conference.

### Troylene Vallow, Communications Coordinator

- Manteca Chamber of Commerce is holding its installation of members on Friday, June 26. There will be an awards dinner banquet at the Manteca Transit Center.
- July 16 the Ripon Chamber of Commerce will be holding their installation dinner.
- Currently working on a District wide newsletter to 40,000 residents and will speak to water conservation issues, water status, and retail electric.

### Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- He attended the U.S. Society for irrigation and drainage professionals (USCID) conference in Reno on June 2-5. He said there were good speakers and discussed groundwater sustainability and challenges of supply and demand management at the basin scale.
- He said the GBA is pursuing grants
- Conservation program has paid out \$195,268; and has committed \$229,228.
- CEQA compliance for the well has been completed. He issued the notice to proceed with drilling the second well.

### Jeff Shields, General Manager

• He will attend a San Joaquin Farm Bureau meeting tonight.

The following structure permits were approved:

- Carol Posey, APN 245-080-11, Lateral "Bd"

The following encroachment agreements were approved:

- Wyatt and Trevor Hogan, APN 208-080-23, Lateral "Rfb"
- L. Van Dyken Farms, Inc., APN 226-100-13, Lateral "We"

# Director Roos left the meeting prior to Closed Session.

It was announced that item 11a, b, c, d & e would be discussed in Closed Session.

#### **Item #11 – Closed Session**

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

Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

- c. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to pargraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
  - 1 case
- d. Public Employment Performance Evaluation

Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Counsel

e. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Pursuant to Section 54956.8 Property: Water

Agency Negotiator: General Manager Negotiating Parties: Mountain House

Under Negotiation: Water Transfer Price and Terms

# Upon their return from closed session, the following action was reported on item #11e.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kamper to authorize the General Manager to negotiate and sign an agreement and to obtain the necessary approvals to provide up to 1,800 acre-feet of well water to Mountain House until December 31, 2015. The motion also provided that the Board may terminate the agreement on September 30 if they

decide conditions so warrant, that the agreement will be effective when signed, and that board ratification of the agreement will be required at the earliest opportunity. Motion passed 4 to 0 as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL

NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: ROOS

### Item #12 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Holbrook to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m. Motion passed 4 to 0 as follows:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL

NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: ROOS

ATTEST: _		
	Betty Garcia, Executive Secretary	