

**MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 5, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S WATER MASTER PLAN
GROWERS' MEETING AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in special session in the District Boardroom at 9:00 a.m. Director Kamper called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll-call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: KAMPER HOLMES ROOS WESTSTEYN

ABSENT: HOLBROOK

1) DISCUSSION ITEM: WATER MASTER PLAN

SSJID General Manager, Peter Rietkerk, welcomed attendees and introduced District Staff present: Frank Avila, Irrigation Operations Manager; Brandon Nakagawa, Water Resources Coordinator; Joe Hasten, Irrigation Operations Supervisor; Mia Brown, General Counsel; Bere Lindley, Assistant General Manager; Forrest Killingsworth, Engineering Department Manager; and Chad Parsons, Associate Civil Engineer. Mr. Rietkerk also introduced Mark Leu, Project Coordinator, and Jason Smesrud, Project Engineer, from CH2M/Jacobs Engineering.

Mssrs. Mark Leu and Jason Smesrud from CH2M/Jacobs proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the Water Master Plan process and timeline.

Engineering Department Manager, Forrest Killingsworth, then provided a PowerPoint presentation discussing the SSJID irrigation system infrastructure components, including an overview of the Stanislaus River canyon, in which SSJID and Oakdale Irrigation District's Joint Supply Canal (JSC) is located. Mr. Killingsworth discussed ongoing and future planned activities for canal maintenance, as well as the District's commencement of preliminary studies for a possible Canyon Tunnel Bypass Project.

Mr. Killingsworth then introduced three general alternative approaches to consider in future infrastructure planning:

- 1) **Maintain Existing System.** This approach would largely maintain and preserve the system as it currently exists, with replacement of pipelines and other infrastructure on an as-needed basis, without a focus on major upgrades.
- 2) **Targeted Modernization.** This approach would identify those areas where it would be most feasible, cost-effective, and desirable to make system upgrades, and make improvements on a case-by-case basis.
- 3) **District Pressurization.** This approach would result in the systematic total replacement of the existing distribution system (excepting the "Division 9" system, which was newly upgraded to a pressurized system in 2011).

Mr. Killingsworth discussed the current system-wide work in progress and next steps in determining which infrastructure alternative approach(es) to take. In deciding which approach(es) to take in long-

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range planning, the District will consider feasibility, costs vs. benefits, and customers' needs and preferences.

Mr. Killingworth then opened up the floor for questions and comments from the public.

This meeting was informational only. There were no action items to be considered by the legislative body, and no actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mia Brown, SSJID General Counsel