

Manteca, California  
February 9, 2016

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in their chambers at 9:00 a.m. President Holmes called the meeting to order and 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, 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 \$242,052.36; A/P wires in the amount of \$211,746.83; payroll dated February 5, 2016 in the amount of \$190,713.19.
- B. Approval of the regular board meeting minutes of January 26, 2016.
- C. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for Joseph and Alison Bavaro, APN 247-130-34.
- D. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and to maintain flow meter for Albert Brocchini Farms, Inc., APN 228-090-08.
- E. Approval of the current employee pay schedule.

Director Holbrook noted on page 5 of the minutes in his comments regarding the Clean Water Act, he added the bill went before Congress and the Senate and is now before the President. Director Roos noted on page 5 of the minutes under the Directors report from Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference, his comment regarding the San Andreas fault should be that it averages a major event every 180 years and is 140 years overdue. Director Holmes distributed an updated employee pay schedule to include the position of Assistant General Manager.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to accept the Consent Calendar with the changes noted 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

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Item #1 – Approval of purchase of one Altec AT40S bucket truck for the Main District Canal**

Mr. Joe Catanzarite and Mr. Ron Gee addressed the Board. Mr. Catanzarite stated the number of sites where the bucket truck will be used has increased. The bucket truck will be utilized for several different projects but will mainly be used at the MDC. Director Kuil asked what is the weight limit for the lift and Mr. Gee responded that it is 600 pounds and can reach heights of 45 feet.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Roos to approve the purchase of one 2016 Altec bucket truck on a Ford 550 Chassis in the amount of \$136,287.94 from the low bidder.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

**Item #2 – Approval of purchase of one half ton pickup and one Traverse**

Mr. Catanzarite stated the high mileage pickup is being used in Division 2 and the 15 year old Malibu is being used by office staff. He stated the cost of the replacements for these vehicles were already included in the current year’s budget.

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Kamper to purchase one 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Regular Cab WT in the amount of \$23,644.38 and one 2016 Chevrolet Traverse LS in the amount of \$26,279.22 from the low bidder.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

**Item #3 – Approval of purchase of one Trailing 24 foot, 40,000 lbs. capacity tilt trailer**

Mr. Catanzarie and Mr. Gee said the trailer was already included in the current year’s budget. This trailer will be replacing a 33 year old trailer which is being used by the maintenance department.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to purchase one 2016 Trailing TKT40LP tilt trailer from Papé Machinery in the amount of \$29,554.76.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Mr. Joe Catanzarite, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor reported the following:

- His crews are wrapping up the winter maintenance projects.
- 15 to 20 asbestos pipe will be removed next week, appropriately disposed of and replaced.
- Staff are removing sand from the Main Supply Canal at Gary Alldrin's property.
- They are pumping out the syphon pipe, removed rock and tree debris from the main canal.
- Gunnite work is being done at the main canal and should be done this week.
- John Briggs and Joe Catanzarite attended seminars last week. Some classes discussed the top 10 OSHA fines and Team Building. While at the conference they bought \$300 worth of safety glasses at \$1.00 each.

Director Roos asked if the City of Escalon's construction activities were interfering with the District's facilities. Mr. Catanzarite was not aware of any interference. Mr. Rietkerk indicated that Nick Fereria had spoken with the Escalon's public works department and confirmed their activities are not interfering with the District's facilities.

**Item #4 – Consider approval of an amendment to the Development Agreement with the developer of Milner Estates to allow for Quitclaim of easement in advance of acceptance**

Mr. Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager, stated the developer of Milner Estates is in the process of processing its map and would like to have one of the easements for an abandoned pipeline that has been removed and released prior to the final map being recorded. Director Holbrook is against quitclaiming the easement before the recording of the map.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to authorize the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors to sign an amended Developers agreement, subject to the following conditions:

- District agrees to quitclaim only that portion of the easement within the development pertaining to Lateral "X 170dd"
- Owner agrees to perform all of its obligations in the agreement, including those relating to replacement of the facilities within the property, and Owner's dedication of Lot "A" to District upon recordation of the final map and installation of electrical service to the site and a block wall sound barrier in order for District to use the service as a groundwater pump site.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

**Item #5 – Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Ripon’s request to purchase a portion of District property located adjacent to their property on River Road to accommodate proposed improvements in that area**

Mr. Bologna stated the City of Ripon has submitted a request to acquire a 50 foot wide strip of land consisting of approximately 0.75 of an acre located adjacent to property owned by the City that is located at the intersection of River Road and Fulton Avenue, next to Mistlin Sports Park. There are no District facilities currently occupying this property. The City is requesting that the land be conveyed at no cost due to the proposed use as a portion of road improvements. This request is not consistent with District policy or past practice.

Director Roos suggested an exchange of other real property such as the Jack Tone Road well and pump. Director Holbrook suggests to keep things clean, a fair market value for the property be determined and payment terms be established within a ten year time frame. Kevin Werner, Administrator for the City of Ripon, was in the audience. He indicated the City would like to obtain a deferred agreement with the District. No action was taken.

This item was referred to Closed Session for further discussion.

**Item #6 – Discussion and possible action for 2016 Water Operations including initiation of process to adopt water conservation measures in 2016, including consideration of a drought allotment**

Mr. Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, stated as the District goes through water modeling and given the current hydrologic outlook, he recommends the District review the conservation measures that were successfully deployed in 2015 and propose any edits as necessary so that when the Board makes water supply decisions later this month, if necessary, the District is prepared to present a drought allocation resolution with appropriate timing to satisfy Water Code requirements. He reviewed the water supply conditions as of February 8. The precipitation at Sacramento River 8-station index is currently 32.9 inches or 114% of average to date. The San Joaquin River 5-station index is currently 25.7 inches. Beardsley now has approximately 27.7 inches. He reported the Stockton Airport rainfall is currently 9.5 inches. The snow pack in the Northern Sierras is at 111% of normal; the Central Sierras are approximately 106% of normal and the Statewide snow pack is tracking at 105% of normal. He stated while hydrology has improved considerably over last year, New Melones storage continues to be a serious concern and is bottoming out. At this time last year, there was nearly 590,000 AF in storage. Currently, there is approximately 410,000 AF. In 2015-2016, New Melones dipped lower than the previous lowest storage year on record which was in 1991-1992. Even with the current El Nino influenced precipitation and snow, barring a “March Miracle” or an “Awesome April,” it is unlikely that current hydrology will end the drought and stave off another year of emergency drought actions by the State and even the possibility of water rights enforcement and curtailments. If weather

continues to stay dry, we understand irrigation demands will increase sooner than later and that growers will want to know water supply and conservation measure program availability prior to starting the season for planning purposes. Mr. Rietkerk reviewed water diversions from Goodwin as the water year ended on September 30, 2015 which was 189,957 AF.

Ms. Julie Vrieling, Water Conservation Coordinator, reviewed the drought management programs that were implemented in 2015. She said in 2016 there is no reason to have an application deadline for water transfers. The limiting rule for water allotment available to transfer away from a source parcel should refer to the quantity of water used in 2014 instead of the previous year. Tier 2 lands were not curtailed in 2015 and staff believes that should stay the same. Staff feels the water allotment transfers for 2016 should also remain the same. The master account agreements were only valid in 2015. For 2016, master account agreements will need to be re-established and farmers will be required to come into the office to update their records. Continue to keep the Drought Task Force. Mr. Catanzarite suggested scaling down the task force to one employee. Director Holmes suggested that staff bring a drought management plan to the next meeting for consideration by the Board so that the District can hold a public meeting in early March.

**Item #7 – Discussion of February 4, 2016 meeting of ad hoc board committee with Division 9 ratepayers regarding pressurized service rate increase proposed for Proposition 218 hearing on February 23**

Mr. Rietkerk reported that an invitation was sent to all the growers in Division 9 to attend a committee meeting on February 4 to discuss the proposed rate increase. The proposed rate would be set at \$44 per acre-foot for pressurized water delivery. It was a good meeting and well attended. The farmers expressed a number of concerns regarding the proposed rate. Directors Holmes and Kuil were in attendance. They explained that the proposed \$44 rate consists of two parts. One part is \$34 per acre-foot to recover the cost of electricity used by the pressurized water system. The other part is \$10 per acre-foot to provide for the cost of replacing capital assets of the pressurized system as they fail. After much discussion, both Directors agreed at the public hearing on February 23, if the proposed rate does not reach a majority protest, the Board could propose implementing a \$39 per acre-foot increase.

Director Kuil indicated the meeting was good and that the customers expressed concerns about the \$10 capital expenditures cost but would support a \$5 increase. Director Holmes stated if the Board proposes to reduce this cost from \$10 to \$5 per acre-foot it would be a true compromise. Director Holbrook disagreed with reducing the proposed rate and said if the District does not get the money to continue to provide capital improvements, and if a breakdown of the facilities occur, then perhaps the owners could pay for those costs. Director Kamper said the farmers in Division 9 have been heavily subsidized for capital improvement costs since the beginning of the program. Mr. Henry Winters is opposed to the \$10 per acre-foot increase and stated when the program was implemented by the District, the growers in the area were forced to participate in the program. Ms. Elise Machado, one of the owners of Circle JM Dairy, stated that her family met regarding the proposed rate increase and they are also opposed to the \$10 increase and that they have 30 votes. Director Roos stated the pressurized system is an amazing project and it is working better than the District imagined it would. He said since the project began, the District did not know what the operation costs would be. Since inception, the costs have been found to

be more than \$20 and yet the Board compromised by proposing the additional \$10 per acre-foot rate. The District cannot continue to absorb all of the ongoing operational costs.

#### **Item #9 – COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Holbrook said that East Bay Mud and North San Joaquin Water Conservation District are working on a proposed DREAM Project which is a small scale demonstration of groundwater recharge and groundwater banking. The proposal involves EBMUD delivering approximately 1,000 acre-feet of EBMUD's water to NSJWCD landowners who would use the EBMUD surface water for irrigation instead of pumping local groundwater, generating a 1,000 acre-foot "credit" in the groundwater basin. He also stated the El Nino discussions are going downhill.

Director Kuil announced he would be attending the GBA meeting tomorrow.

Director Kamper noted the Tri-Dam meeting would be next Thursday at SSJID.

Ed Erisman, WTP Manager

- City of Turlock will be touring the WTP on February 26. They are exploring their options for the new WTP they plan to build on the Tuolumne River at Fox Grove on Geer Road.
- The tank inspection at the M2 site revealed some areas of corrosion that will need to be fixed. Staff is looking at two different methods for making the repairs. The first will be the standard method that has been used in the past and involves draining, drying, sand blasting and re-painting the necessary areas. This method requires quite a lot of down time as there is a period of paint curing and VOC removal as well as the normal bacteriological samples required to put the tank back into service. The second method involves divers who enter the tank and make the repairs while the tank is still in service. The paint they use has no VOC-s and cures underwater. This method was recommended to us by the City of Manteca who recently used it for their new 3 million gallon tank.
- Repairs to the GE switchgear at the WTP were attempted last week. GE ordered the wrong part and are not able to complete the repairs. They ordered a new part and will be out to make repairs as soon as it comes in which could be 3 to 4 months. GE has been notified that SSJID will pay the invoice only when repairs are completed.

Troylene Vallow, Communications

- Peter Rietkerk and Jeff Shields will participate in the Almond Blossom Fashion Show on Thursday, February 11 at the community center.
- Almond Blossom parade will be held on Saturday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. Staff who will be operating and riding on the float will need to be there by noon. She appreciates as many directors that can be there. Staff will be walking alongside the float and handing out items.
- Employee Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, March 4 at the Escalon Community Center; it is a casual affair with a "blinged up" jeans theme.
- SSJID is sponsoring the "Not Forgotten" Memorial Day celebration in Manteca on May 29.
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau is holding their Foundation for Agricultural Education Wine Tasting event on Thursday, March 3 at the Robert Cabral Age Center.

- American AG Golf tournament will be held on May 23 and proceeds are used towards scholarships.
- Every 15 Minutes Drunk Driving awareness program will host a shrimp feed on Saturday, March 19 and will benefit both Juniors and Seniors.
- Manteca Chamber of Commerce Coffee will be held at the District on Wednesday, March 23 at 8:00 a.m.

Director Roos announced the Ken Vogel fund raiser will be held on March 10 at Johnny Kamps and encouraged Directors to attend.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- He met with City of Manteca regarding their plan for the proposed FEZ (Family entertainment center and hotel complex). They would like to address the Board at the next meeting to secure conceptual approval.
- Stantec is working on the pump design and electrical specifications for the completion of the two wells at the east basin. They have been able to refine the pump design and get the high capacity pump down to 200 hp while the low capacity pump is at 100 hp. Lead time is 18 to 22 weeks. Preliminary estimate for the two pumps combined is approximately \$155,000 for the same make of pumps that we have for the pressurized system. These pumps are equipped for VFD operations. We will continue to obtain quotes from other suppliers so that we get a comparison on cost and procurement time and should have complete quotes for all work necessary to move forward with the project by the next Board meeting. Stantec will give a presentation at that time.
- Staff received recommendations from Kleinfelder regarding various options to remedy seepage issues at the MDC. We are in the process of securing cost estimates for each option so that we can determine which option is most beneficial to pursue. Plan to present information at the next Board meeting.
- There are a number of development projects and structure permit installations in progress. There are five development projects and 9 structure connections that need to be completed by the March 1 deadline.
- Engineering department is working on a map that will illustrate the extent of encroachments throughout the District.
- A pre-construction meeting was held with FTG Construction Materials (Alegre) and they indicated they will begin moving dirt tomorrow.
- He participated in a conference call regarding GSA effort pertaining to governance. He also was a part of a conference call with the City of Manteca regarding a potential water resources grant opportunity under Prop 1. He attended a drought task force meeting at the Cabral Center last week that provided some updates on weather forecasts and discussed actions being taken by other local agencies dealing with the drought.

Peter Rietkerk, General Manager

- Department of Water Resources has been engaging stakeholders in workshops over the past couple of months to discuss considerations in developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) regulations (requirements) which are due to be adopted by June 1, 2016. GSP regulations will provide the requirements for determining and developing

sustainability. DWR expects to post draft regulations for review and consideration any day now.

- DWR is also in the process of developing a report entitled Water Available for Replenishment which is a SGMA statute requirement. The report, which has drawn some concern from water interests, will provide regional estimates of water available to contribute toward groundwater recharge and SGMA management from sources including storm water, surface water, conservation, recycled water, desalination, and water transfers.
- Had a meeting with Western Area Power Administration meeting on January 28 to discuss overview of Western services, SSJID contracts, and future service opportunities.
- Attended a meeting on February 3 with SJTA members, Merced ID, various Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), DWR, and Department of Fish and Wildlife representatives. Purpose of the meeting was for parties to consider participating in a “reinvigorated” settlement discussion as a means of meeting potential Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan requirements for the San Joaquin River tributaries, with a similar but separate discussion occurring on the Sacramento River.
- Met with Mark Houghton regarding the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant application process and the time involved in order to pursue a grant.
- He will attend the Ripon Rotary lunch meeting on February 17.

At this time, General Counsel announced that items 10a, b, c, d, & e would be discussed in closed session.

**Item #10 – Closed Session**

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
- 4 cases
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
- 3 cases
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
- 1 case

Case Name: Pacific Gas & Electric Company vs.  
San Joaquin LAFCo  
Superior Court for San Joaquin County  
Case No. 39-2015-00321743-CU-JR-STK



- d. Public Employment Performance Evaluation  
California Government Code Section 54957  
Utility Systems Director
  
- e. Conference with real property negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: A 0.75 acre strip of land on the east side of the Mistlin Park  
access road  
Negotiating Parties: SSJID and City of Ripon  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and terms of payment of sale

Upon their return from Closed Session, it was reported that no action was taken. Then the Board took up the following item:

**Item #8 – Consider compensation adjustment for Utility Systems Director**

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Roos to increase the Utility Systems Director’s pay by 4 ½ percent retroactive to his hire date and to amend the employee pay schedule accordingly.

The motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

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

**Item #11 – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

The motion passed 5 to 0 with the following vote.

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

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