

Manteca, California  
May 24, 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 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 Rietkerk, General Counsel Steve Emrick, Engineering Department Manager Sam Bologna, and Interim Executive Secretary Dawn Driesen.

**Public Comment** –

Mr. Robert Frobose from Oakdale, CA addressed the Board stating that he was concerned with a contract that SSJID had entered into with OID. Mr. Frobose stated that the contract was initially for the split of 65,000 acre-feet with OID, but the contract had recently be changed to 75,000 acre-feet without Board approval. Mr. Frobose was concerned that if the farmers do not get enough surface water from the Districts, then they will need to pump groundwater which will lower the water tables.

Mr. Louie Tallerico asked the Board about the status of the pressurized system study. Mr. Rietkerk said he would meet with Mr. Tallerico after the Board Meeting and share the information with him.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$599,490.33; payroll dated May 13, 2016 in the amount of \$197,224.12.

B. Approval of the board meeting minutes of May 10, 2016.

C. Approval of Consent to SSJID's Entry of Property to Read and to Maintain Flow Meter for Cynthia A. Alfieri, APN 245-060-34 & 35.

D. Financial Statements for April 2016.

E. Investment Reports for April 2016.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to accept the Consent Calendar. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS

NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**Item #1 – Authorize acceptance of bids for chemical contracts for the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant and authorize staff to extend the term of each contract for 6 months.**

Staff goes out to bid for chemicals every three years to make sure costs are current. Bids came in lower than what the plant is currently paying. They only received one bid for Carbon Dioxide and would like to reject the bid and resubmit a request to bid in order to obtain more quotes. Director Holbrook moved, and Director Kuil seconded, to approve acceptance of low bids and to extend the contract to 3 ½ years, with exception of the Carbon Dioxide bid which will be rejected and rebid. The motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**Item #2 – Authorize staff to engage outside Engineering services to prepare plans and authorize staff to replace portions of Lateral “A-178dd” from Station 95-118 (2,300 feet) and Lateral “Kac”, Station 62-82 (2,000 feet).**

Sam Bologna and Joe Catanzarite addressed the Board. Mr. Bologna handed out a summary of the maintenance reports done on the laterals. Mr. Catanzarite said that they have reduced the volume in Lateral “Kac” to minimize pressure on the pipeline. Lateral “A-178dd” is a main pipeline and is used all summer. He stated that there are more reports for flooding and other issues that were not included in the packet. Director Holmes asked if the work will be done by District crews. Mr. Catanzarite said yes, after water season this winter.

The Directors had concerns about the entry forms not being properly filled out and want to make sure staff is taking the proper steps when entering the pipelines. It was decided that the Safety Coordinator, Walt Luihn, will explain the safety protocol at the next meeting.

Director Kamper made a motion to approve the replacement of portions of the Lateral “A-178dd” and Lateral “Kac” and authorize staff to have plans prepared by MCR Engineering. Director Roos seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

**Item #3 – Evaluate Kleinfelder’s recommendations for potential canal improvements to deal with the seepage issue in the MDC between Hwy 120 and Drop #2.**

Mr. Bologna handed out the Kleinfelder report along with a summary of the costs and options. Mr. Bologna stated that the area between Combs Road and Drop 2 is the most critical area. Joe Catanzarite stated that the property in that area used to be pasture and was recently planted in trees. The owner has lost approximately 8 trees due to the standing water from seepage. Mr. Catanzarite said that the French Drain is not functioning as it should. Director Holmes asked if the situation is ok for the rest of this season. Mr. Catanzarite said yes, but work will need to start immediately after water season, before the storms come in. The Board directed staff to obtain engineering cost estimates that show more thorough financial options, including lining the canal walls.

**Item #4 – Authorize acceptance of proposal for procurement and installation of pumps for the East Basin Wells.**

Sam Bologna and Stantec’s Jeff Shaw addressed the Board and explained the proposals received for the pumps at the East Basin wells. After discussion, Director Kamper made a motion, and Director Holbrook seconded, to authorize acceptance of the proposal from Conco West for \$471,000 for work on the East Basin wells, and N&S for \$6,274 for work on the Brocchini pump. Motion passed 4-1 with the following vote:

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

**Item #5 – Authorize acceptance of on-call support services proposal by Stantec for maintenance/operation services relating to the Division 9 Project.**

Mr. Bologna said that obtained a proposal from Stantec for services including troubleshooting, software updates, sound issues and SCADA. After some discussion, Director Holbrook moved, and Director Kamper seconded, to approve the on-call support services proposal from Stantec, not to exceed \$50,000. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

**Item #6 – Authorize staff to negotiate Water Service Contract with Dave Costa or out-of-District land.**

Mr. Bologna said that Mr. Costa was not aware that his parcel was out of the District. Staff met with Mr. Costa and provided him with the District’s Annexation Policy and Application. Mr. Costa addressed the Board and stated that it was not his intention to pull a fast one. He stated that this property had been irrigated this way by his father for years, but he wants to make this right however possible. The Board thanked Mr. Costa for his time and stated they would discuss the matter further in Closed Session.

**Item #7 – Consider approval of Seventh Day Adventist Church project, approve exemption from District’s pipeline replacement policy and authorize staff to sign plans for the project.**

Mr. Bologna said that the initial plans for the Seventh Day Adventist Church project showed improvements impacting the District’s Lateral “Z”. After discussions with the Church, they have updated the plans so that Lateral “Z” will not be affected. Motion was made by Director Holbrook, and seconded by Director Kuil, to authorize staff to sign plans pending the inspection of the pipeline and requiring the Seventh Day Adventist Church to sign an Encroachment Agreement stating that any new improvements will require replacement of the pipeline. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Director Holmes asked for reports.**

Director Roos

- He went on his annual snow report trip. He reported that there is not much snow below 8,000-9,000 ft. It seems like we are about two weeks ahead of schedule.

Director Kamper

- Requested that run sheets for each Division be provided to the Board.

Director Kuil

- Inquired about the McPhee encroachments by Woodward Reservoir. Mr. Rietkerk said we would plan a visit in July.

Director Holbrook

- Attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau meeting. The State has 18 various irrigated lands in the area to inspect and evaluate their practices.

Ed Erisman, Water Treatment Plant Manager

- They experienced some taste and odor issues in late April. The drought conditions in the previous years have led to an increase in organics in the raw water supply. This coupled with low inflows in later April and warm sunny days led to an increased level of algae in the upper impoundment of the reservoir. When oxidized as with chlorine these algae cells can release compounds that cause bad tastes and odors (T&O) as well as toxins. The T&O compounds are not harmful to humans other than causing the treated water to be unpalatable. They tested for potential toxins and none were found. They made some operational changes to deal with these T&O issues and have not had any more issues since late April.
- The plant had its annual inspection from the State Water Board’s Division of Drinking Water on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the T&O issues as well as future regulations concerning the recycle and backwash water. No deficiencies were noted at this time.

Don Battles, Utility Systems Director

- Passed out a True-up Billing handout for the Solar Farm bill. It is the lowest we have ever had. Reasons being that there have been less energy demand at the Water Treatment Plant (-511,000 kWh), and the panels on the Phase 2 facility were replaced which is providing better production.

Bere Lindley, Finance and Administration Manager

- The audit presentation has been put off until the first draft of the business plan is complete. Hoping to have the presentation at the second Board Meeting in August.

Troylene Vallow, Communications

- Peter Rietkerk and the District are being featured in the Irrigation Leader Magazine.
- An all-District newsletter will be going out in early June.
- Manteca Chamber Awards is June 23.
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau Dinner is June 3.
- Young Farmers and Ranchers, Summer's Bounty Fundraiser at Bear Ranch is June 25.
- Hope Family Shelter, A Night of Hope is July 7 at the Manteca Transit Center.
- Ripon Chamber Awards is July 21 at the Ripon Community Center. Theme is the 20's.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Department Manager

- Attended the GBA meeting where they had a presentation from DWR.
- City of Manteca has awarded the contract for the FEZ project to Knife River Construction, however, they haven't addressed the District's issues.
- Staff is finalizing development inspections.
- Working with Joe Catanzarite and Bere Lindley on the 5 year capital improvements plan.
- Working on encroachments for Alldrin, Verdegaal, Ney and McPhee.
- Received Pre-Application for Annexation from Barton.
- Working on Annexation Agreements for Miller and teVelde.
- Attended Imperial Irrigation District tour.

Peter Rietkerk, General Manager

- The San Joaquin River 5-Station Index is trending at 102% of average to date.
- Tri-Dam's May 1<sup>st</sup> snow survey projects another 403,000 acre-feet of runoff into New Melones from the Stanislaus River Watershed.
- As of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, New Melones held 627,074 acre-feet of water in storage, which is 26% of capacity.
- District staff recently distributed a draft Memorandum of Agreement to the Cities of Ripon, Manteca and Escalon detailing a framework for governance and Groundwater Sustainability Agency operation review and comment.
- Gave an update on water conservation regulations.
- Gave an update on legislative issues.
- Having ongoing discussions regarding potential settlement discussions at the state level to meet goals of the upcoming Water Quality Control Plan.
- Met with Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District representatives to tour system and discuss opportunities between the two districts.

- Met with Stanislaus County representatives regarding Woodward Reservoir recreation operations and SGMA groundwater activities occurring within Stanislaus County.

It was announced that all items would be discussed in Closed Session.

**Item #9 – Closed Session**

9. 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  
- 2 cases
  
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
- 1 case  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company v. San Joaquin LAFCo  
San Joaquin County Superior Court  
Case No. 39-2015-00321743 – CU-JR-STK
  
- d. Conference with real property negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: Water0  
Negotiating Parties: SSJID, United States Bureau of Reclamation, Stockton East Water District, South Delta Water Agency  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and terms of payment of sale
  
- e. Conference with real property negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: 0.75 acre strip of land on the east side of Mistlin Park access road  
Negotiating Parties: SSJID and City of Ripon  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Terms: Price and Terms of payment of sale Case No. 39-2013-00300234

Upon their return from closed session, it was announced that there was no reportable action.

Director Holbrook left the meeting at 1:50.

**Item #8 – Approval of agreements with Stockton East Water District and Oakdale Irrigation District regarding water transfers.**

Mr. Emrick addressed the Board and stated that Stockton East Water District prepared an agreement jointly with SSJID and OID for the delivery of 10,000 acre-feet. OID has chosen not

to be a part of the agreement, but the General Manager at OID will be asking their Board to approve its form.

Mr. Emrick then addressed the Board on a second agreement. The second agreement is with OID and is intended to document an understanding reached by the General Managers at each District. The agreement pertains to the responsibilities of each District concerning the SEWD transaction and the 10,000 acre-foot portion of the transaction with San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority and Department of Water Resources signed earlier this year. The understanding is that SSJID is responsible for providing the water to SEWD and would retain compensation for that portion of the transaction. OID is solely responsible for the 10,000 acre-foot portion of the agreement with SLDMWA and DWR and would retain the compensation for that portion of the transaction. OID is requesting some minor changes to the language that staff has not reviewed yet. In addressing the Board, Mr. Emrick responded to several questions raised by OID Board Member, Linda Santos, who was present for the entire duration of the open session portion of the Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Director, seconded by Director Kuil, approved the SEWD agreement as presented and the OID agreement as long as changes do not materially change the terms of the agreement. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

**Item #10 – Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Roos and seconded by Director Kamper to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4 to 0 as follows:

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Driesen, Interim Executive Secretary