

Manteca, California
August 11, 2015

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in their chambers at 9:02 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 \$724,461.10; A/P wires in the amount of \$237,898.68; payroll dated August 7 in the amount of \$208,638.71.
- B. Approval of the regular Board meeting minutes of July 28, 2015.
- C. Approval of consent to SSJID's entry of property to read and owner's agreement to maintain flow meter, Angelo & Maria Stagnero, APN 203-070-37.

A motion was made by Director Kuil and seconded by Director Holbrook to accept the Consent Calendar as submitted, however noted that item C should be updated and re-signed using the new flow meter agreement form 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 – 2015 Water Supply Forecasts

Mr. Jeff Shields, General Manager, distributed the projected water budget reports, Tri-Dam operations daily water data reports, reservoir condition reports, and SSJID daily water usage reports. He stated that the current water usage is 28.225% below water usage in 2013. He confirmed that the cities are also using less water. Total diversions have been 181,269 AF. He said there is more water than originally expected and the Board can decide if they would like to continue running water through October, if needed.

Item #2 – Approval of hardware purchase and accept quotes from Energy Systems Engineering in the amount of \$326,400 for On-Farm meter reading system

Mr. Lloyd Wayman, SCADA Technician, said this would be the second phase of the On-Farm SCADA system which is used to monitor and download the data from each farmers flow meter. The information that is gathered can be stored in the district servers for billing and historic information. This will provide metering on SCADA ready private pumps that were installed under our program.

The board members questioned the expense if we do not currently read the flow meters. Director Holbrook stated that since the State requires that the District monitor the amount of water being used that the flow meters would be useful in monitoring this information. The board members also questioned the quotes and indicated that some of them did not include sales tax.

The board postponed taking action on this item and recommended the item be returned to staff for further review and research and bring it back to the next board meeting which will be held on August 25.

Item #3 – Consider support to nominate David Cehrs as vice president of the ACWA Board of Directors and approve Resolution #15-03-N authorizing this action

Mr. Jeff Shields indicated that he was personally acquainted with David Cehrs and that he is also a farmer.

A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Kamper to nominate David Cehrs as vice president to the ACWA Board of Directors and to approve Resolution #15-03-N authorizing this action. Motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

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

Item #4 – Review staff’s communication with Mr. Don Ney, APN 245-130-48, located on 20843 Carrolton Road to remove new tree encroachments on Lateral “Rr”– 20dd and authorize appropriate action

Mr. Sam Bologna, Engineering Manager, stated that Mr. Ney recently planted almond trees and installed a new irrigation system in replacement of an existing almond orchard on his 10-acre parcel located on Carrolton Road. In February 2015, Mr. Ney applied for an encroachment agreement for a proposed irrigation system that he was installing for his new trees and asked that the trees also be included in the encroachment agreement. The request, as submitted, was not acceptable due to the number of crossings that were being proposed and the close proximity of the trees to the pipeline. The system was completed before the District had an opportunity to complete its review. Unfortunately, the system that was built does not conform to the recommendations provided with the plan review.

There are two other parcels that are eligible to irrigate from this lateral. One belongs to Mr. Larry Stewart who owns 10 acres south of Mr. Ney. Fondse Brothers are also capable of irrigating a portion of their property from this line but the primary service is located on Lateral "Ra" which is the only location listed in our True Point water delivery system. Mr. Bologna spoke to Mr. Ney about the possibility of either transferring the line to him and his neighbors (essentially privatizing the line) or asking that his neighbor sign a service abandonment agreement so the line can be permanently abandoned. If the line were to become private, a control box would be installed at Mr. Ney's northwest property corner so the neighboring property to the north could still receive District water. Mr. Stewart stated that he will not abandon the pipeline and that he wants to reserve the right to use the pipeline in the future in case his well goes bad. He indicated that he spoke to Mr. Fondse who does not wish to abandon the pipeline either.

Mr. James M. Morris, attorney for Mr. Ney, asked if the Board could postpone making a decision on this item long enough for Mr. Ney, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Fondse to work out an agreement on how to resolve this matter and then bring that agreement back to the Board for consideration. The Board agreed to hear this matter at their September 8 meeting.

Item #5 – Approval of compensation adjustment for General Counsel

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kuil to void the action that was taken at the July 7 meeting on this item and re-approve the increase to General Counsel's salary in the amount of \$8000 per year retro-active to July 1. Motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

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

Item #6 – COMMUNICATIONS

Director Kuil said that he would be attending the Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA) meeting tomorrow. He said one of the things the GBA has been working on is support for the AB647 (Eggman) bill which simply stated that water put in the ground for recharge use is a beneficial use of water.

Director Roos attended Rosie Gentry's mother's rosary and said that Rosie was very grateful.

Director Holbrook spent one week at the cabin in Donnell's and said there were several forest fires that broke out while he was there. There was a lot of smoke and he was able to see how the fire fighters pull water out of the dam to help fight the fire.

Director Kamper said he attended the Tri-Dam meeting on August 3. They discussed the Save the Stan campaign, the recreation site at Tulloch, and an (ROV) Remotely Operated Vehicle that can make inspections of dam and rock tunnels.

Director Holmes would like to start the process for the Division 9 water rate increases after the end of the current irrigation season when operating costs for this season will be available for evaluation. He also announced his field day lunch for this coming Thursday at noon.

Director Holbrook announced that he attended the Manteca Cook Off this past Saturday evening and was approached by supporters in our community who had assisted SSJID during the LAFCo hearings. They were asking the status of the Retail Electric and LAFCo process. Ms. Vallow stated that she has a newsletter prepared and ready to go out to the community giving updates of the LAFCo process. She said it is important that the District keeps its presence in the media and community in regards to the Retail Electric project.

Ed Erisman, Water Treatment Plant Manager

- Staff began working on the Watershed Sanitary Survey. This report is required by the EPA every five years. The last two reports were compiled by outside consultants but staff feels confident they can complete this report which could save the District approximately \$40,000 but more importantly staff would become more familiar with the watershed and the types of activities that can affect our water quality.
- Staff will be testing all of the Mag-meters soon. We will be getting quotes to start testing them bi-annually. This testing was recommended by our customer cities.
- The Operations Committee met on Monday, August 10. The transmission line study was presented to the group and generated quite a few questions.

Bere Lindley, Finance & Administration Manager

- He thanked staff for getting out the Proposition 218 notices in his absence.

Sam Bologna, Engineering Manager

- The Conservation Program made one payment in the amount of \$26,000.
- Master account agreements are 98; there are 4 agreements for transfer of water through District facilities; Water allotment transfer agreements are 18.
- Work has been completed on Proposition 84 grant application and was submitted on August 7. The application looks good and hopefully the District will be in line to receive funds for the two projects submitted which include the West basin construction and funding for the Conservation program.
- The District ran into a snag with SJC Environmental Health on the East basin well project with regards to issuance of the permit for the two wells at the basin. The County is requiring a plan that shows minimum clearances from the high water mark of the pond and the property line. The high water mark is 40 feet and their standard is 50 feet even though our facility is lined and the normal operating level is at least 50 feet away. The clay bottom is 67 feet away. There is nothing in their ordinance that talks about neither high water marks nor lined facilities yet they are making a determination about the requirement that pertains to our application and have indicated that they have to process it as a special permit. They have issued two permits for test hole drilling and have yet to issue a permit or give us a timeline of when or if they will approve the permit.
- A workshop is planned for the pressurized system feasibility study on Wednesday, August 19 to refine the study before making a formal presentation to the Board.

- DWR and CDFA have asked for a tour of the Division 9 project and a brief presentation. Tentatively the date has been set for September 18 from 9 a.m. until noon.
- There will be a meeting with the City of Manteca on September 3 to discuss drainage issues.

Jeff Shields, General Manager

- Dennis Wyatt of the Manteca Bulletin wrote a good article regarding lowering Lake Tulloch and the natural flows in the Stanislaus River.
- He said there are temperature issues at Lake Tulloch.
- San Joaquin County Advisory Water Commission meeting is tomorrow.

It was announced that items 7c, d, e and f would be discussed in Closed Session.

Item #7 – Closed Session

- a. Public Employment
Government Code Section 54957
Title: General Manager

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of
Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
- 1 case

- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of
Section 54956.9
- 1 case

- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Section 54956.8
Property: Water
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Negotiating Parties: SSJID, Mountain House Community Services District
Under Negotiation: Water Transfer Price and Terms

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

Case Name:	Martha Bonde vs. South San Joaquin Irrigation District Superior Court for San Joaquin County Case No. 39-2013-00300234-CU-MC-STK
Case Name:	Pacific Gas & Electric vs San Joaquin LAFCo Superior Court for San Joaquin County Case No. 39-2015-00321743-CU-JR-STK

- f. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Section 54956.8
Property: Water
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Negotiating Parties: SSJID, San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority
Under Negotiation: Water Transfer price and Terms

Upon their return from closed session, President Holmes stated there were no reportable actions.

Item #8 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Kuil to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Motion passed 5 to 0 as follows:

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

ATTEST: _____
Betty Garcia, Executive Secretary