

**MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 10, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK HOLMES ROOS WESTSTEYN
ABSENT: KAMPER

Also present were General Manager, Peter M. Rietkerk; General Counsel, Mia Brown; Engineering Department Manager, Forrest Killingsworth; and Clerk of the Board, Danielle Barney.

Public Comment - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$541,313.10; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$282,688.95; and Payroll dated February 28, 2020 in the amount of \$226,151.88.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020
- C. Approval of the Special Board Minutes of March 5, 2020

Director Kamper joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

- D. Approval of Consent to South San Joaquin Irrigation District's Entry of Property to Read and to Maintain Flow Meter, 20138 S. Jack Tone Road, Ripon

Director Kamper noted that the APN 245-160-29, listed on the Consent to South San Joaquin Irrigation District's Entry of Property to Read and to Maintain Flow Meter document, did not match the parcel number 39 highlighted on the San Joaquin County Assessor's Plat Map # 245-16. Mr. Forrest Killingsworth, SSJID Engineering Department Manager, responded that he believes the APN 245-160-29 is correct and the wrong parcel was highlighted on the plat map. He will confirm with staff and make any amendments deemed appropriate.

- E. Approval of Consent to South San Joaquin Irrigation District's Entry of Property to Read and to Maintain Flow Meter, 16704 Campbell Avenue, Escalon
- F. Approval of Consent to South San Joaquin Irrigation District's Entry of Property to Read and to Maintain Flow Meter, 17330 E. Eugenia Avenue, Ripon

Director Holbrook requested clarification of Exhibit "A" Legal Descriptions for Parcel No. 1, and Parcel No. 2. Ms. Mia Brown, SSJID General Counsel, clarified that only a portion of the legal descriptions for Parcels 1 and 2 are identical and encompass the property identified as 17330 E. Eugenia Avenue, Ripon, whereby Parcel No. 1 excludes the east 10-acres, and Parcel No. 2 is the east 10-acres.

- G. Approval to Accept and File Notice of Completion for the 2019 Membrane Tank Lining Repair

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- H. Approval of Quitclaim of District Lateral “V88dd” and Associated Easement
- I. Approval of Encroachment Permit Request from City of Manteca for Proposed Improvements at Fire Station No. 5.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Roos to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Holmes attended the SSJID Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner on March 6. He expressed thanks to the employees who coordinated and participated in the well-done event.

Director Holmes attended the Special Board Meeting / Water Master Plan – Water Advisory Committee Workshop on March 5. He commended the SSJID Engineering Department on the informative session.

Director Roos attended the SSJID Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner on March 6. He expressed his appreciation for the award received for his 25 years of service with the District.

Director Weststeyn attended the City of Manteca’s “State of the City” breakfast on February 26. The event provided city council members, and other delegates, to convey their sentiments of living in, and future visions for, the City of Manteca.

Director Weststeyn, and Ms. Mia Brown, attended the “Hard Hat Event for the Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca” on March 4. The construction site tour of the future water park resort included detailed information regarding water usage.

Director Weststeyn attended the Special Board Meeting / Water Master Plan – Water Advisory Committee Workshop on March 5. He stated that he has heard positive feedback from local growers on the informational event.

Director Holbrook attended the City of Manteca’s “State of the City” breakfast on February 26. He commented on the presentations, provided by city council members, which shed positive light on living in Manteca. Mayor Benjamin Cantu’s presentation promoted his vision of a growing business community for the city. Awards were presented for Large Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, and Downtown Business of the Year.

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Director Holbrook attended the SSJID Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner on March 6. He expressed enthusiasm on an excellent and fun time. He stated that he heard more laughter during that evening than he has ever heard at a District event.

Director Holbrook attended the City of Manteca's "Every 15 Minutes" 12th Annual Shrimp Feed fundraiser event on March 7. SSJID was acknowledged as a continued sponsor of this worthwhile program, which encourages high-school seniors to consider the consequences of personal safety when alcohol is involved. Also in attendance were City of Manteca council members, Mayor Cantu, and representatives of the Manteca Police Department and Manteca Fire Department.

Director Holbrook announced the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) / Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) board meeting, to be held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at the ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey, CA. He further explained that the SSJID Board must appoint a Director to attend as a representative of the District. The deadline to submit the RSVP form is April 9. Mr. Peter Rietkerk, SSJID General Manager, stated the topic will be added to the SSJID meeting agenda for March 24.

Director Kamper attended the SSJID Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner on March 6. He thanked all for their participation in the fun event.

Director Kamper attended the Special Board Meeting / Water Master Plan – Water Advisory Committee Workshop on March 5.

Director Kamper participated in the tour of the Joint Supply Canal (JSC), which was listed as an agenda item at the SSJID Board meeting on February 25, and included the Board Directors, District staff, and critical members of Condor Earth. He appreciated Condor's informative tour and thoroughness in the development of a 5-year maintenance plan for the JSC.

Justin Ashworth, Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Operations Supervisor:

- On the day of this Board meeting, March 10, the WTP was to begin work with Siemens to retrofit one permeate motor Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) with completion anticipated within one (1) week. The replacement of an additional WTP VFD is delayed for one (1) month due to shipping issues. Once the two (2) new drives are installed, four (4) remaining permeate motor VFDs will need to be replaced within the year. The remaining "good" components from the retrofits are being stored to be utilized in the event of a drive failure requiring in-house repairs as the factory no longer supports the original drives and replacement parts cannot be located.
- Another WTP membrane tank will be relined the week ending March 13. Over the course of the next few months, five (5) additional membrane tanks will be relined. Once complete, all eight (8) of the WTP's membrane tank linings will have been repaired.
- On March 11, The WTP will be working with District staff to pull the pump, at the L1 site, to investigate and repair elevated bearing temperatures. The repairs will be done in-house, saving the District approximately \$14,000 in repair costs. Mr. Ashworth is confident in staff's experience and ability to conduct the in-house repair at a higher quality than achieved from an outside contractor.
- On the day of this Board meeting, March 10, Mr. Charles Galea, WTP Chief Plant Operator, along with WTP operators and mechanics, was to participate in a tour of the Lodi WTP. The

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tour will provide staff the opportunity to witness the processes, and procedures conducted by Lodi WTP, and determine if these concepts should or could be incorporated into our own operations.

Bere Lindley, Assistant General Manager:

- On March 5, Mr. Lindley, Ms. Sarah Bloom, SSJID Management Accountant, and Mr. Killingsworth met with 4 members of Jacobs Engineering (Jacobs) staff to review the 30-year financial projection tool as presented by Mr. Lindley. The financial projection tool was developed in-house for SSJID's financial planning needs and to be used to evaluate capital expenditure alternatives within the Water Master Plan (WMP). The financial projection model provides projected financial statements for 30-years with elements including but not limited to financial reserves balance, debt service coverage, customer rates, etc. The financial model also contains interactive dashboards that allow analysis of various possible scenarios for annexations, capex alternatives within the WMP, debt, hydrology, customer rates, retail electric, Tri-Dam power sales prices, and options for dealing with the unfunded pension liability. Jacobs Engineering stated that the presented financial projection model is a competent tool.
- Mr. Lindley is continuing to make progress on the SSJID Annual Financial Report. He commended Ms. Bloom on her coordination efforts with the Brown Armstrong staff who are auditing the report. A partial first draft of the financial report was to be provided to the auditors on the day of this Board meeting.
- Mr. Lindley is assisting with the rewrite of the Water Supply Agreement with the cities of Escalon, Manteca, Lathrop and Tracy.
- Mr. Lindley is transitioning water budget calculations to Mr. Brandon Nakagawa, SSJID Water Resources Coordinator.
- Mr. Lindley is continuing to work with staff on the Electronic Document Organization project.
- The recruitment process for Accounting Technician/Payroll has begun. The employment opportunity has been posted on the District website. Ms. Rosie Gentry, SSJID Payroll Clerk, will be retiring in May 2020.

Frank Avila, Irrigation Operations Manager:

Water Department

- The elevation at Woodward is at 195.44.
- The Water Department has started this 2020 Irrigation Season on a high note with good attitudes and work. Currently, 700 cubic feet per second (cfs) is being diverted from Tri-Dam into Woodward.
- The Maintenance Department is keeping busy with priority repairs including vents, collapsed valves, and leaks in the pipelines. Once this priority work is complete, crews will inspect valves and pipelines throughout the cities to evaluate conditions and potential action.
- The Heavy Equipment operators are continuing to work on the Main Supply Canal (MSC) area located below the siphon. The work includes refurbishing the canal bank and grading the top of the roadway.

Construction Department

- The work performed on the Joint Supply Canal (JSC) is holding up well. No leaks have been identified.

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Shop Department

- The Shop crew continues to be busy with fleet maintenance, fabrication, and gate repairs.
- The Shop crews completed modifications, to the new District vehicles, on schedule by the first day of the 2020 Irrigation Season.

MDC/Telemetry Department

- The SCADA team is concentrating on getting all the automation equipment on-line, which includes working on calibrating gates, valves, and the new installed meters. The team is also making improvements to the SCADA system, which will allow the new equipment to be viewed by the appropriate division managers.

Mr. Avila informed the Board that Turlock Irrigation District (TID) is having problems starting the power plant at Woodward Reservoir. In addition, on March 9, TID staff communicated that while working to start the Frankenheimer Power Plant, they burned the generator condenser and windings on the unit. Thus, both power plants are down until further notice.

Mr. Avila thanked all the team members involved with the SSJID Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner. He expressed his opinion that the event was a success and all attendees seemed to be having a very good time. He added that he really enjoyed the evening.

Director Holbrook inquired on a high level of water he has seen in the French Camp canal. Mr. Avila responded that the high volume is purposeful. The intent is to run water to flush out sand and dirt sediment that has accumulated during the winter wet season.

Forrest Killingsworth, Engineering Department Manager:

Water Master Plan (WMP)

- The Grower Advisory Committee (AC) meeting was held on March 5, in the District's board room, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Primary topics were related to land use, water supply and demand, and infrastructure alternatives. The meeting went well and was successful. Mr. Killingsworth encouraged the Directors to share any feedback they receive from growers, both positive and/or negative. Mr. Killingsworth offered to provide a meeting summary to Director Holbrook, as he was unable to attend.
- Work has already begun on preparation for the next Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting will focus on infrastructure alternatives, level of service, and finances. Mr. Killingsworth recommended a call for a SSJID Special Board Meeting before the next AC meeting so Board Directors can attend in compliance with Brown Act requirements.

Recent Irrigation Issues

- Lateral Z @ Industrial Park Drive
 - The pipe was bored through in two locations by Sefen Company performing work for Comcast. Comcast or the contractor did not apply for, or obtain, an approved encroachment permit for the work within the District Easement.
 - District crews have already repaired the facility with minimal impacts to District service.
 - Staff is in the process of gathering information to contact the owner.

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- Lateral Ha 14dd
 - A grower trenched over the District’s pipeline to install a new irrigation system without obtaining an encroachment permit from the District.
 - The grower did not submit an Underground Service Alert (USA) ticket and did not contact District staff until his trenches were filled with water from the leaky District pipeline.
 - The grower also planted many trees in the District easement and over the pipeline.
 - District crews repaired weak spots in the pipe that were responsible for leaks.
 - The grower will be contacted to remove the unauthorized trees and to obtain an encroachment permit for any proposed facilities within the easement.
- Lateral Qk-Qn (Delicato)
 - On March 9, four (4) leaks were discovered on the new pipeline installed by Delicato. The leaks occurred at two (2) connection points and two (2) intermediate joints.
 - The leaks were significant enough to pull water from the pipeline and suspend service to downstream customers.
 - Engineering staff is currently in the field with the contractor to gather information in attempts to repair the pipeline and reestablish service.
 - The owner will be notified of the issues and asked to expeditiously develop a plan for repair to be submitted to the District.

Director Holbrook inquired on any legal repercussions. Ms. Brown replied that the area of fault would need to be identified (i.e. installation process, or inspection process).

- Lateral “Rff” @ Woodbridge Apartments
 - On the weekend of March 7, a modified “C” structure on Lateral “Rff” was left open flooding a property in Manteca that is currently under construction. The development is known as the Woodbridge Apartments. It is unknown to District Staff as to when the valve was opened or who opened it.
 - The “C” structure is located on an adjacent property and diverts water into a private pipeline that previously conveyed water to the subject property.
 - The misdirected water filled 2,000+ linear feet of open trench with storm drain pipe that had already been laid but not backfilled.
 - The water filled the pipe with sand and mud and appears to have disrupted the grade that it was installed at. It is likely that the storm drain pipe will need to be removed and reinstalled.
 - The project was permitted through the City of Manteca without SSJID having the opportunity to review the improvement plans. Ordinarily, all developing properties with District service are required to enter into a Service Abandonment Agreement with the District and remove all facilities that were previously used to service the property. If the District had been provided the opportunity to review the plans, this likely would have been made a requirement.
 - It is unclear why the project had been permitted by the City without the District’s involvement. Staff is in the process of gathering information.

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Joint Supply Canal

- Engineering staff is moving forward to request a proposal from Condor Earth to develop a scope of work for the 2020/2021 JSC maintenance work, as recommended by the 5-year Maintenance Plan recently presented to the Board.

Director Roos exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Brandon Nakagawa, Water Resources Coordinator:

- The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 11, at 3:00 p.m., in Stockton.
- The ESJGWA Board meeting is postponed to March 25, at 10:30 a.m., at the Stockton Delta Water Supply Project in Lodi.
- The ESJGWA Technical Committee meeting will be held on March 18, at 3:00 p.m., and again on March 25 before the ESJGWA Board meeting.
- The Greater San Joaquin Regional Water Coordinating Committee meeting will be held on March 18, at 3:00 p.m., in Stockton.
- The ESJGWA is on track to complete the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Annual Report on April 1. Mr. Nakagawa thanked Mr. Ed Erisman, WTP Plant Manager; Mr. Lloyd Wayman, SSJID Telemetry Systems Supervisor; and Mr. Avila for providing the necessary water usage data in such an efficient and timely manner.
- Mr. Nakagawa is working on developing an RFP for the District's updated WMP, which is due later this year.
- Mr. Nakagawa is working on SSJID Strategic Plan Projects including: 1) Create an updated Employee Performance Review Program; 2) Develop a Standardized New-Hire On-Boarding Program; and 3) Develop a Water Allocation Policy Proposal.

Peter Rietkerk, General Manager:

- Mr. Rietkerk thanked all who were able to participate in the SSJID Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner. He acknowledged Ms. Robin Giuntoli, SSJID Accounting and Customer Services Manager; Ms. Dawn Driesen, SSJID Administrative Secretary; Ms. Julie Vrieling, SSJID Office Assistant; and Ms. Barney on their enthusiastic coordination efforts for a fun-filled event.
- On March 9, Mr. Rietkerk attended a Water Supply Development Agreement meeting with Mr. Lindley, Ms. Brown, Mr. Ashworth, Mr. Nakagawa, Mr. Erisman, and Mr. Galea to discuss amendments to the current Water Supply Agreement. A meeting is scheduled on March 30, with representatives from the cities of Escalon, Manteca, Lathrop and Tracy, to discuss final terms and comments. It is anticipated that the cities will seek approval, from their respective councils, at their April city council meetings.
- Mr. Rietkerk is working on an SSJID Board manual with the concept of two (2) separate documents:
 - 1) Board Handbook – A document containing guidelines of, but not limited to, best practices, representation, Brown Act compliance, and California Fair Political Practices Commission laws.
 - 2) Board Policy – A document containing definitions including, but not limited to, governance, counsel, compensation, and staff interaction.

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A committee meeting will be convened to discuss any drafts of the proposed board manual.

- Mr. Rietkerk attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau (SJFB) Calla Nile Farm Center lunch meeting on February 26.
- Mr. Rietkerk attended the SJFB Escalon Farm Center annual dinner meeting on February 27. SSJID was invited to be a presenter at the event, along with Mr. Steve Knell, General Manager, Oakdale Irrigation District.
- Mr. Rietkerk spoke at the SSJID 2020 Irrigation Water Season Kick-off meeting on March 2, and was inspired by the motivated staff. He expressed the need to always demonstrate and communicate the District's Mission, Vision and Values as an example, especially because the District has so many new employees.

The Board took a short break at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened to open session at 10:55 a.m.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #2 – Consider Approval of the Proposal from HDR Engineering, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for Two (2) Concrete Drying Beds at the Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Ashworth addressed the Board providing a history of the WTP drying beds, a description of the current design, and the increases in sludge production due to declining quality of raw water. In 2019, Carollo Engineering analyzed the WTP raw water and solids accumulation, citing the need for additional drying beds, to which the WTP concurred. Though Carollo recommended the addition of five (5) new drying beds, staff requested and the Board approved the 2020 capital expenditure for the construction of two (2) new drying beds.

Staff invited nine (9) reputable engineering firms to evaluate the project and submit a proposal. The three (3) firms who attended the job walk and submitted a proposal are:

- HDR, Inc.: \$206,168
- Carollo: \$197,800
- Stantec: \$167,119.16

Mr. Ashworth stated that the proposal from HDR Inc. provided multiple recent references to projects they have engineered and designed. In addition, their proposal provided multiple alternative designs. Staff is recommending that the Board approve the proposal from HDR, Inc.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Weststeyn to approve the proposal from HDR, Inc., for design and engineering services for two (2) concrete drying beds, at the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant, for the amount of \$206,168.

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

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Item #3 – Consider Request for Service Abandonment Agreement Amendment from Wesley Kwan Regarding APN 249-110-55

Mr. Killingsworth addressed the Board and provided a history of the property and the recent transfer of ownership. The new owner, Mr. Wesley Kwan, is requesting an amendment of the existing service abandonment agreement so that the property can be eligible to receive District water.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Holbrook to approve the Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement Amendment for APN 249-110-55 subject to the conditions stated in Item #3 of today's agenda packet.

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #4 – Presentation of the SSJID Winter Projects Completed by the Irrigation Department Crews

Mr. Avila addressed the Board and provided a PowerPoint presentation depicting an overview of the SSJID 2019-20 winter projects completed by the Irrigation crews. Mr. Avila displayed photos and/or gave detailed descriptions of more than thirty (30) projects which will help to improve service to SSJID customers and extend the life of the District's aging infrastructure.

Mr. Avila commented that the new employees take initiative and are eager to learn, and that the winter maintenance season was concluded without any injuries. He stated that he has a great crew and safety is always a priority. He also acknowledged Mr. Chad Parsons, SSJID Associate Civil Engineer, and Ms. Vrieling for their assistance with the presentation. Mr. Killingsworth added that the projects displayed were conducted in-house by District crews, which clearly demonstrates the innovation and high quality of work achieved. Mr. Rietkerk stated that the success of the projects indicates the seamless communication between the engineering team, Mr. Killingsworth, and Mr. Avila.

Item #5 – Review of Updated Water Supply Conditions and Consideration of Actions Related to Water Supply and Allocation

Mr. Rietkerk addressed the Board and gave an oral presentation of updated water supply projections for the Stanislaus River watershed and estimates of available water supply for SSJID's agricultural and urban (water treatment plant customers) for the 2020 year. He also discussed the availability of surplus water that may be available for spring pulse flows. Mr. Rietkerk provided updates on hydrology, rainfall measurements, precipitation projections, monthly probabilities, carry-over storage into New Melones Reservoir, the estimated Water Budget for the Water Year ending 9/30/2020, and DWR's Water Supply Forecast Summary.

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Based on projections, staff is not recommending establishment of allocations to irrigators at this time. However, Mr. Rietkerk does strongly recommend messaging to growers on the best practices for water usage and conservation. Mr. Nakagawa added that DWR will update the Water Supply Projection in March, which will include snowmelt and unimpaired runoff. In addition, the State will provide strong messaging regarding drought during “Water Awareness Month” in May. Mr. Nakagawa commented that the District might wish to wait until May to determine allocations, though messaging could start immediately.

Item #6 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-04-W Approving the Agreement for Release of Water and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Agreement for Release of Water By and Among the Oakdale Irrigation District, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and the California Department of Water Resources

Mr. Rietkerk addressed the Board and provided a history of SSJID and OID entering into agreements that involve the release of surplus water into the Stanislaus, on an environmentally (fish) friendly schedule, in a coordinated manner so that the releases are picked up by export interests in the Delta. In 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2018, SSJID and OID participated in similar actions with the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and DWR. These releases have enhanced the flows for salmon in the Stanislaus, assisted the State in meeting water quality objectives in the lower San Joaquin River, and provided water supply to other areas in need around the State. Finally, these actions have provided additional capital for SSJID to finance and construct modernization and conservation projects around the District.

Mr. Rietkerk further explained the water supply projections in the Stanislaus River Watershed, and that the final terms of the agreement will likely be determined in late March or April 2020 after review of hydrology. At this time, staff is seeking Board approval of the contract so that the District can begin working with the parties and Reclamation toward implementing the transfer action in the April-May timeframe. Mr. Rietkerk stated that the delegation of the final approval of the pricing for the contract to the General Manager, or a committee of the Board, will be discussed in Closed Session of this Board meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Weststeyn to adopt Resolution #20-04-W Approving the Agreement for Release of Water and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Agreement for Release of Water By and Among the Oakdale Irrigation District, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and the California Department of Water Resources upon confirmation of acceptance by all parties, to the final terms of said agreement.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20-04-W**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE OF WATER AND
AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE
OF WATER BY AND AMONG THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, THE SOUTH
SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, THE SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER
AUTHORITY, AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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WHEREAS, the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID), collectively referred to as “Districts”, are California irrigation districts operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and,

WHEREAS, Districts are co-owners of certain water rights on the Stanislaus River, including pre-1914 appropriative rights to divert water from the Stanislaus River for irrigation of the lands within the Districts, and various post-1914 appropriative rights to store Stanislaus River water in various reservoirs for diversion to irrigate lands within the Districts, as well as to generate electrical power; and,

WHEREAS, the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) is a California joint power authority operating under and by virtue of Section 6500, et seq., of the California Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) owns, operates and maintains water collection, storage, conveyance and delivery facilities, including but not limited to the State Water Project (SWP), and delivers water to its water service contractors located throughout California; and,

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors was presented with, and has reviewed an Agreement for Release of Water by and among the Oakdale Irrigation District, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, and the California Department of Water Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors has determined there may be “surplus water” available for sale in water year 2020 pursuant to in-District demands; and,

WHEREAS, the release of water during the April-May time—period will assist Reclamation in meeting its legal obligation under D—1641 to meet the Spring pulse flow; help meet and protect the beneficial use as designated by the State Water Board in the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan and meet the policy objective of Congress in having additional flows to the Delta paid for and be exportable pursuant to Section 4001 on the WIIN Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors does hereby approve the Agreement for Release of Water and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2020 by the following vote:

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

BY: _____
DAVID KAMPER, President
Board of Directors

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ATTEST:

PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary

Item #7 – Consider Approval of Resolution 20-05-W Approving the 2020 Spring Pulse Flow Release Project and a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Weststeyn to adopt Resolution #20-05-W Approving the 2020 Spring Pulse Flow Release Project and a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20-05-W**

**APPROVAL OF THE 2020 SPRING PULSE FLOW RELEASE PROJECT AND
A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID), collectively referred to as “Districts”, are California irrigation districts operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and,

WHEREAS, Districts are co-owners of certain water rights on the Stanislaus River, including pre-1914 appropriative rights to divert water from the Stanislaus River for irrigation of the lands within the Districts, and various post-1914 appropriative rights to store Stanislaus River water in various reservoirs for diversion to irrigate lands within the Districts, as well as to generate electrical power; and,

WHEREAS, the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) is a California joint power authority operating under and by virtue of Section 6500, et seq., of the California Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, SLDMWA’s member units are 28 water agencies representing approximately 2,100,000 acres of land within the western San Joaquin Valley, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties that receive water from the federal Central Valley Project (CVP) under water service or exchange contracts; and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) owns, operates and maintains water collection, storage, conveyance and delivery facilities, including but not limited to the State Water Project (SWP), and delivers water to its water service contractors located throughout California; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the applicable requirements of State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order D-1641, USBR makes releases from New Melones Reservoir to meet water quality and water quantity objectives measured at Vernalis; and,

WHEREAS, Districts’ water rights are satisfied by and through the performance of a settlement agreement with the USBR (the 1988 Agreement) which requires the USBR to deliver water to the Districts at Goodwin Dam each year; and,

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WHEREAS, the amount of water available for the Districts' use each year under the 1988 Agreement is calculated by adding the inflow into New Melones to the amount derived by the formula (600,000-inflow) divided by three (3), not to exceed 600,000 acre-feet; and,

WHEREAS, based upon the USBR's 2020 forecast, Districts are willing to release up to 100,000 acre feet of water from Goodwin Dam during April and May 2020 (proposed Project) without reservoir refill criteria. The USBR will be responsible for determining the flow rate and schedule of the release, upon concurrence with the NMFS; and,

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Districts, USBR will release such water from Goodwin Dam, over, above and in excess of the quantities released by the USBR necessary to satisfy the USBR's obligations under Appendix 2-E and RPA IV.2.1 of the National Marine Fisheries Service's Biological Opinion (BO); and,

WHEREAS, such operations in the Delta will be conducted consistent with D-1641 and applicable Biological Opinions; and,

WHEREAS, the Districts' release of supplemental flow in April and May will improve instream flow conditions for migratory fish in the Stanislaus and San Joaquin River and will have an incidental effect of improving water quality and water supply conditions in the Delta that can benefit CVP and SWP operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto expect and anticipate, but cannot guarantee, the amount of water released as a result of the proposed Project will subsequently arrive at Vernalis; and,

WHEREAS, DWR and the SLDMWA are willing to fund the supplemental releases and to share the anticipated incidental water supply benefits to their respective water contractors; and,

WHEREAS, the SLDMWA and DWR will pay OID and SSJID for every acre foot of water released into the Stanislaus River; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Project would utilize existing water conveyance infrastructure and no construction would take place; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Project has been determined by the Board of Directors to be categorically exempt from CEQA because it will result in the provision of supplemental instream fishery flows pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301, subsection (i), and in the ongoing operation of the existing system without change in operation or expansion of use pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301; and,

WHEREAS, Goodwin Dam is located in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties; OID is located in Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties; SSJID is located in San Joaquin County; and the DWR and SLDMWA facilities are located in Contra Costa, Alameda, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced Counties; and,

WHEREAS, OID is the custodian of the documents or other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based, and the District office is the location of this record.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Directors that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The proposed Project has been determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA under 14 Cal. Code of Regulations, Section 15301, subsection (i) Maintenance of Stream Flow to protect fish and wildlife resources. There will be no change in operation or expansion of existing diversion and pumping facilities, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
3. A Notice of Exemption is approved (and is on file with the District's records).
4. Staff is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption at the Clerk's Office (or other authorized place) of Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Alameda, Merced, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties and in the manner prescribed by the CEQA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2020 by the following vote:

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

BY: _____
DAVID KAMPER, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary

It was announced that all items in closed session would be discussed. The Board took a break at 12:12 p.m. and convened to closed session at 12:19 p.m.

Item #8 – Closed Session

8. a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
 Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of
 Government Code 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

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

*SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY, et al., vs. CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD*
County of Tuolumne Superior Court
Case No. CV62094

SSJID vs. PG&E
Appeal from Judgment of Dismissal Pending:
In the Court of Appeal for the State of California, Third Appellate District
Case No. C086319
Superior Court for San Joaquin County
Case No. STK-CV-UED-2016-0006638

PG&E vs. San Joaquin LAFCo; SSJID, Real Party in Interest
In the Court of Appeal for the State of California, Third Appellate District
Case No. C086008
Superior Court for San Joaquin County
Case No. STK-CV-UJR-2015-0001266

SSJID vs. Lakeview Ranch Partners
Superior Court for Stanislaus County
Case No. 202844

Modrell and Larson vs. Oakdale Mutual Water Company et al
Superior Court for San Mateo County
Case No. 19-CV-07604

- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
California Government Code Section 54656.8
Property: Water
Negotiating Parties: Oakdale Irrigation District, United States Bureau of Reclamation,
Department of Water Resources, San Luis and Delta Mendota
Water Authority, South Delta Water Agency
District Negotiator: General Manager
Terms: Price and terms of payment of sale
- e. Labor Negotiations
California Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Employee Organization: IBEW Local 1245

The Board reconvened to open session at 1:37 p.m.

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Disclosure of reportable actions taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1:
Reportable action taken in closed session:

Item 8(d) Conference With Real Property Negotiator:

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holmes and seconded by Director Holbrook to give authority to the General Manager to negotiate and approve price and quantity.

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #9 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board