

**MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 12, 2018
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 City of Ripon Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. President Kuil called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll-call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK KAMPER KUIL
ABSENT: HOLMES ROOS

Also present were General Manager, Peter M. Rietkerk; General Counsel, Mia Brown; Assistant General Manager, Bere Lindley; Engineering Department Manager, Forrest Killingsworth, and Clerk of the Board, Betty Garcia.

Public Comment - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$537,917.18; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$677,987.68; and special payroll date May 18 in the amount of \$1,078.66; payroll dated May 25 in the amount of \$204,901.31; and payroll dated June 8 in the amount of \$213,077.93.
- B. Approval of the regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2018.
- C. Approval of hourly rates for outside legal counsel.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kamper to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

Item #1 – Communications

Director Kamper:

- He asked Frank Avila, Irrigation Operations Manager, if farmers could be notified when the Magnacide runs are completed.
- He inquired when the SSJID Board Remodel would be completed. Mr. Lindley stated he believes the work will be finished by the end of July.

Director Kuil:

- He asked if customers are able to pre-pay their water usage bills. Mr. Lindley said yes they are able to do so. Director Kuil suggested that information might be included in the next District newsletter.

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Ed Erisman, Water Treatment Plant Manager:

- An ultralight aircraft crashed into Woodward Reservoir over the Memorial Day weekend. The pilot survived and the aircraft was retrieved by divers a few days later.
- Water Treatment Plant demand is averaging approximately 30 MGD (Millions of gallons per day). The City of Manteca is making up the biggest increase in usage. The Cities of Tracy and Lathrop flows are typical for this time of year.
- WTP staff recently harvested bundles of fibers from all eight trains and sent them to Suez for an autopsy and cleaning study. They will be inspected to see what types of fouling elements are in the fibers, and if the cleaning methods being used are removing everything. They will also conduct tests of different cleaning chemicals and techniques to see if there is room for improvement. This study will also help staff to determine a fiber replacement schedule.

Bere Lindley, Assistant General Manager:

- Maria Gikas found a total of 49 projects that were not recorded in the general ledger and is working with the Engineering Department to determine the value of the projects. She found a total of \$2.9 million for six of those projects. To date, Maria has gone back 20 years and after speaking with the auditors, they agreed that staff should not go back farther than 20 years. The audit should be completed by the end of June and will be submitted to the auditors to finalize.
- Mr. Lindley is working on the Water Supply Agreement with the Cities that take water from the Water Treatment Plant. He is reviewing the latest draft and plans to forward it to the Cities for review prior to the next Water Committee Meeting. Once received back, it will be forwarded to our legal department for review.
- He is also working on the long-term financial projections and is approximately 75 to 80 percent complete.

Frank Avila, Irrigation Operations Manager:

Water Department:

- Woodward Level is at 209.50 ft; the total in-flows from Tri-Dam are 600 cfs.
- Both power plants continue to be online and generating power.
- We have a new employee that started working on June 11. His name is Conner Stevens and will be assigned as a Ditchtender/Maintenance worker.

Maintenance Department:

- The Maintenance Department continues to be busy keeping up with the maintenance needs of the Water Department.
- Crews are working on the excavation of the Rossier Drain site.
- Staff has nearly completed the grading of the MDC.

Shop Department:

- The new Ford F-150 division trucks went out on water on Monday, June 11.

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- The shop is currently working as quickly as possible to prepare the eight (8) pickups that are going to be up for sale. The goal is to have this item brought before the Board of Directors at their June 26 meeting.
- The new Ford F-350 for the Meter Tech position is currently at Scelzi Enterprises getting the utility body installed and should be done in the coming days.
- All other repair and maintenance work is being completed on schedule.

MDC/Telemetry Department:

- Staff continues to be busy with the daily operations, and has a long list of projects to do.
- The VAA automation project is almost complete and being tested.
- Chris Looney, a new night operator for the control room, is being trained and the goal is for him to take over on June 24; this will free up Kent Gabrielson to work with Walt Luihn on the spray crew.

Forrest Killingsworth, Engineering Department Manager:

Developments:

- Atherton Drive Extension is moving forward. We are finalizing the Developer's Agreement with the City of Manteca. The Operations and Engineering staff is meeting with the City's consulted engineer and contractor this afternoon to determine if construction can be permitted during water season without causing risk or disruption to District customers.

SSJID Water Master Plan:

- We received three proposals from interested firms last Friday. District Staff will start the review process, schedule interviews as necessary, and arrive at a recommended selection by July 2. A best-case scenario would lead to a project start date around the first half of August.

Upcoming Projects:

- Cathodic Protection testing of the Hilt Sag Siphon – Chad Parsons, Associate Civil Engineer, has acquired three quotes to perform a corrosion survey of the 132" PCC pipe. The quotes came in well under budget and we hope to move forward in the next few weeks.
- Float Valve Fencing – An Invitation for Informal Bids has been delivered to several fencing companies to construct fence enclosures around the six float valve sites. Bids are due next Thursday, June 21.

Capital Improvement Planning:

- Operations and Engineering staff have been working to develop and update the planned improvements for the upcoming construction season. Several changes have been identified which will likely be discussed and reviewed with the Board at the next meeting in June.

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Mia Brown, General Counsel:

- She is working with various departments, drafting and reviewing contracts to ensure compliance with recent changes to the Labor Code and other laws.
- Mia continues to work with the Great Wolf Lodge developers reviewing their easement and encroachment documents.
- She is also reviewing the Center Point documents.

Peter Rietkerk, General Manager:

Water Supply:

- Reservoir Storage
 - New Melones inflow for WY 2017-2018 is 698,000 acre-feet and storage is 1,942,975 AF, or 81-percent of capacity.
- OID/SSJID completed the Spring 2018 flow augmentation action in conjunction with the Bureau of Reclamation. The amount of water released to augment the pulse flow was approximately 55,400 acre-feet. Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority are coordinating to finalize the accounting for the transaction. OID and SSJID boosted media messaging on river flows to highlight safety, and local life-jacket loan programs promoted by Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

News:

- The “Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act,” or the “drinking water tax” as coined by opponents, a proposal to levy a statewide drinking water tax amounting to \$0.95 per month for residents, was abandoned by legislators and the Brown administration on 6/8/2018, with a compromise to spend \$5,000,000 from the general fund to mitigate lead in drinking water at child-care facilities, and additional plans to allocate \$23,500,000 from the general fund for “safe drinking water actions later in this legislative session.”
- OID and SSJID continue to provide progress updates to our federal representatives on actions authorized by the December 2016 WIIN act, including the Stanislaus River Native Fish Plan.
- OID and SSJID also continue to coordinate and discuss water management actions on the Stanislaus River with Reclamation the Department of Interior.

Meetings:

- 05/23/2018 – GWA Phone Discussion on Model Calibration
- 05/29/2018 – Meeting with Peter Butler, Congressman Denham’s staff
- 05/31/2018 – Manteca Rotary, Guest Speaker Congressman Denham
- 06/06/2018 – SJTA Monthly Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

Item #2 – Consider approval to replace outdated fueling system at the main yard

Mr. James Ferguson, Shop Supervisor, addressed the Board stating that the key lock console on the fuel system was replaced in 2003. He said the system is obsolete and replacement parts are difficult to find. The new system will allow for accurate vehicle cost per mile reporting and is equipped with a proximity reader option that works with our current security system.

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to approve the purchase of a fuel system from Shields, Harper & Company with an approximate cost of \$30,269.87 which includes parts and costs of installation in the amount of \$13,090.00 will be provided by Nucleus Pump Services. The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #3 – Consider approval of Water Transfer Agreement by and between South Delta Water Agency and South San Joaquin Irrigation District

Mr. Peter Rietkerk, General Manager, said that historically, SSJID has participated in water transfers to South Delta Water Agency. He stated the water transfers typically involve small quantities of water purchased by SDWA on behalf of their customers subject to Term 91 conditions. Term 91 is a condition of all permits and licenses granted by the State Water Resources Control Board after 1965, for diversion and use of water in the Delta watershed.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kamper to approve the Water Transfer Agreement of 150 acre-feet of water by and between South San Joaquin Irrigation District and South Delta Water Agency for the price of \$100.00 per acre-foot. The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #4 – Consider formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of discussing items related to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Director Holbrook stated this item was brought up as a result of the Special Meeting held May 15, 2018.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kamper to assign Directors Kuil and Holmes to the Ad Hoc Committee for items related to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

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The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

The Board took a break at 9:50 a.m. and then went into Closed Session.

Item #5 – Closed Session

General Counsel, Mia Brown, announced that all items would be discussed, and the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:40 a.m.

5. 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
 - Phase 1 hearings on San Joaquin River/Delta Water Quality Control Plan before
 State Water Resources Control Board
 - 1 case
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation pursuant to
 Government Code Section 54956.9 (e) (3):
 Receipt of a claim pursuant to the Government Claims Act:
 - Claim submitted by Will and Kristina Cockrell
- d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
 Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
 - 3 cases

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

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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. 2028441

- e. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Water
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Negotiating Parties: SSJID, South Delta Water Agency
Under Negotiation: Terms of payment

The Board returned to open session at 10:21 a.m.

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

**Item #5c – Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (e) (3):
Receipt of a claim pursuant to the Government Claims Act:**

A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Holbrook to reject the claim submitted by Will and Kristina Cockrell. The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #6 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Kamper to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

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The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

ATTEST: _____
Betty L. Garcia, Clerk of the Board