

Manteca, California
June 16, 2015

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in special session in their chambers at 9:03 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 Jeff Shields, General Counsel Steve Emrick, Engineering Department Manager Sam Bologna, and Executive Secretary Betty Garcia.

Public Comment - None

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #1 – Directors and staff’s report from APPA Conference

Director Holbrook said it was a great conference and the main theme is that solar is creating challenges for the utilities nationwide. Some communities have over 50% solar use and it is anticipated the electrical industry will not be the same in the next 3 to 4 years. The nation is cutting down on water power, going green, but we do not have the capacity. The drought is causing more problems with producing electricity. The other issue is security and there has been a 300 to 400 percent increase in cyber intrusions at water, sewer, and power plants throughout the nation. He also participated in the Day of Giving at a local shelter for abused women and children.

Mr. Don Battles, Utility Systems Director, confirmed that this APPA conference contrasted favorably with prior conferences. They talked much about renewable energy and integrating them into the grid. Cal-ISO will become a major grid supplier outside of California in the near future.

Mr. Jeff Shields, General Manager, spent a lot of time in the exhibit area visiting Moody’s Financing to discuss retail electric and pressurized irrigation systems to find out more about the financial structure and how curtailment orders affect District ratings.

Mr. Steve Emrick, General Counsel, said many people think that California, Nevada, Florida, and Arizona are the solar states, but that is not the case. Solar is affecting many other states in the nation.

Mr. Bere Lindley, Finance and Administration Manager, reported he learned a lot regarding distributed generation and the impacts of solar panels on rooftops. He said that solar uses less kilowatt hours, generating less revenue for the utility companies. The utility can consider

increasing rates but they would be ridiculously high. He says the fixed rates must be adjusted. Solar power cannot be balanced but the load and generation must be balanced.

Item #2 - COMMUNICATIONS

Director Kamper reported he is unable to attend this week's Tri-Dam meeting on Thursday.

It was announced that item 3 a & b would be discussed in Closed Session.

Item #3 - CLOSED SESSION

- a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
Government Code Section 54957

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

Upon their return from closed session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken.

Item #4 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Roos and seconded by Director Holbrook to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.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