

SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS

March 9, 2016

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The meeting was called to order by President Fisher at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office. Attendance at the meeting was as follows:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Fisher, Zaninovich, Morris, Regan, Dulcich
DIRECTORS ABSENT: none
ALSO PRESENT: Manager Roland Gross, Dennis Keller, Scott Kuney, Bruce Berretta

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was no addition or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Fisher welcomed the guests but no comments were made.

MINUTES

On motion of Director Regan, second by Director Zaninovich and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2016 were approved as submitted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Director Zaninovich, second by Director Dulcich and unanimously carried, December disbursements in the amount of \$756,600.65 were approved as submitted.

WATER SUPPLY AND CANAL OPERATIONS

There was no change in the water supply as Reclamation's declared 0% Class 1 & 2 allocation. The district conveyed 17 AF of water for the month of February from purchased water out of Millerton.

The board was given an update on water storage levels for the CVP system.

Exchange contractors have called for deliveries off of the San Joaquin River starting in March. The Bureau of Reclamation has managed to meet the demands of the Exchange Contractors from pumping out of the Delta preventing releases from Millerton Lake into the San Joaquin River for the Exchange Contractors. Reclamation is expected to update Friant Contractors on their water supply status on or about March 20, 2016.

Engineer Keller provided the board with an update on how the 2016 – 2017 water year could develop based on his modeling and information made available by Reclamation.

Manager Gross has been working with other Friant districts with putting a contingency plan together for moving Uncontrolled Season water that would be over and above district demands.

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MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION.

Friant Kern Canal is still scheduled to dewater for maintenance in November 2016.

SSJMUD Maintenance activities are focused on replacing and repairing lateral gates in preparations of the 2016 water season.

POSO CREEK IRWM

The Poso Creek IRWM group has accepted SSJMUD as a new member provided SSJMUD agrees to reimburse the IRWM for expenditures that were not covered by grant funding and provided direct benefit to SSJMUD. The Poso Creek IRWM will amend their Environmental Assessment to include SSJMUD. The IRWM group anticipates having an MOU that includes SSJMUD available for review for the Directors at the April board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2016 – 2017 BUDGET AND MANAGERS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

President Fisher called the hearing to order at 2:45 pm and closed the hearing at 2:50 pm. No comments were heard and only 1 question was raised by Mr. Berretta which was answered to his satisfaction.

The 2016 – 2017 water rate of \$107.28 is based on 75% class 1 supply.

RESOLUTION 16-04 “ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, WATER TOLL AND POWER SURCHARGES”.

On motion of Director Regan, second by Director Zaninovich, and unanimously carried, Resolution 16-04 passes.

RESOLUTION 16-05, “ESTABLISHING A STANDBY CHARGE”

On motion of Director Morris, second by Director Dulcich and unanimously carried, Resolution 16-05 passes.

2016 – 2017 Standby charge is set at \$88.65

CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON GROUND WATER ISSUES

Director Regan and Manager Gross continue to attend ground water meetings.

SSJMUD’s System Operator Victor Perales has enrolled the District into the DWR’s CASGEM and continues to add grower wells in the district to the data base.

District council Scott Kuney gave the board an update of the status of SGMA. The DWR’s DRAFT ground water regulations have been released for public comment.

SSJMUD has offered to enter into an MOU with the City of Delano in an effort to work together with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The City of Delano is still reviewing the MOU but has indicated they will sign the document.

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Manager Gross continues discussions with neighboring Water Storage Districts on proposals where SSJMUD would be able to bank a portion of the District's water. Joining the Poso Creek IRWM and adding SSJMUD to the Environmental Assessment of the IRWM will allow SSJMUD to participate in ground water banking in the future.

ASSOCIATIONS

KERN GROUND WATER AUTHORITY PROPOSED AND AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT.

District Council Kuney briefed the Board of Directors on the Proposed and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the Kern Ground Water Authority. On motion of Director Regan, Second by Director Morris and unanimously carried the board signed the JPA.

The South Valley Water Association hosted Congressman Costa and Congressman Valadao in two separate meetings to discuss drought issues and the need for pumping south of the Delta to secure water supplies for the San Joaquin Valley growers.

Energy Resources

Construction continues on the new river outlet generator on the Friant Dam with the progress currently 13 weeks behind schedule. The existing river outlet generator is scheduled to return to service the April 1, 2016.

Department reports

Maintenance reports for the month were included in the Board packet.

The monthly financial and budget report was also included in the Board packet.

Closed Session Potential Litigation Two Matters.

President Fisher declared the board was in closed session at 3:20 pm. At 4:10 pm President Fisher declared the board was no longer in closed session. While in closed session the board provided direction to board appointed negotiator President Fisher.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Roland Gross, Secretary