

**MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 28, 2026  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) met in person in regular session in the District Boardroom at 9:00 a.m., with public access provided via the online Zoom meeting platform. President Spyksma called the meeting to order. Director Holbrook led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS:           HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA  
ABSENT:             VAN RYN WESTSTEYN

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

**Public Comment**

Mr. Josh Conrad, Professional Dog Trainer, addressed the Board as follow up to a meeting with SSJID General Manager Peter Rietkerk, SSJID Engineering Department Manager Forrest Killingsworth, and SSJID Public and Government Relations Manager Katie Patterson regarding a long-standing arrangement with Stanislaus County (since the 1950's) to utilize Woodward Reservoir for dog training purposes. He explained that training permits are purchased annually, and that Woodward's unique terrain and size is valued by the dog training community, providing optimal land for retriever training, field trials, hunt tests, and search and rescue training. Mr. Conrad gave a detailed history of activities and events at Woodward, over the years, including serving as the training grounds for the 1967 National Retriever Champion, hosting the 2011 American Kennel Club (AKC) National Retriever Championship, and hosting the 2013 and 2014 Sagehens Retriever Club AKC-sanctioned field trials. In conclusion, he stated that he and his peers respectfully take care of the property as their own, and expressed hope that the management change at Woodward will allow for continued use of the facilities. Mr. Conrad thanked the Board for their consideration and added that he looks forward to working with SSJID and new management.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Checks in the amount of \$41,977.28; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$2,354,759.05; and Payroll dated April 10, 2026 in the amount of \$441.96, April 17, 2026 in the amount of \$3,693.16, and April 17, 2026 in the amount of \$320,966.97.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026

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

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:           HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA  
NOES:           NONE  
ABSTAIN:       NONE  
ABSENT:        VAN RYN WESTSTEYN

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Item #1 – Directors' Reports**

President Spyksma addressed Director Roos and expressed condolences on the recent passing of his father, Ken Roos.

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Director Roos reported that he attended an SSJID Agricultural Water Committee meeting on April 22. Progressive discussion included water quality in the District's ditches.

Director Roos expressed heartfelt thanks to the District for the sympathy card, beautiful floral arrangement, and support shown following his father's passing.

Director Holbrook thanked the Senior Leaders for their monthly Managers' Reports. He added that the reports keep the Board current on valuable information and updates of District business and/or projects.

President Spyksma addressed Mr. Rietkerk, referenced that Managers' Reports, and requested that, on occasion, a Senior Leader could be highlighted to provide an oral report on exceptional and/or special District business and/or activity.

**Item #2 – Various Reports**

*The Managers' Reports, for April 28, 2026, were provided in electronic form to the Board on April 24, 2026.*

Mr. Peter Rietkerk referenced the sensitive issues surrounding the Canyon Tunnel Project, and thanked all staff for pulling together as a team, pitching in when needed, and contributing to a seamless workflow. He expressed gratitude to staff for the grace and respect demonstrated by all.

Ms. Patterson addressed the Board to provide updates on two (2) legislative items:

- Senate Bill (SB) 875 – Was amended on April 6, but still pertained to changes in California's eminent domain and public utilities laws affecting the acquisition of investor-owned utility assets by local public entities within the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) service area. The bill would also have limited the scope of review by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for voluntary and involuntary transfers of utility assets to public entities, and prohibited the recovery of litigation costs associated with municipalization efforts from utility ratepayers. The measure passed the Senate Judiciary Committee, but failed passage in the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 2026 – Related to flood-flow diversions for groundwater recharge, and most recently amended on April 16 and advanced through policy committees. The bill revises and recasts existing conditions under which diversion of flood-flows for groundwater recharge are exempt from requiring an appropriative water right, and extends the applicability of those provisions to diversions commenced before January 1, 2034. The bill is headed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. SSJID has taken an Oppose Unless Amended position on the measure.

Mr. Rietkerk announced the recent promotion of Sean Jefferson to SSJID Environmental Compliance and Safety Officer, replacing retired Walt Luihn.

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Item #3 – Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-13-V Authorizing and Directing the Sale of District Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus Property: 2017 Chevrolet Impala; 2010 Hyundai Excavator 320L-9**

Mr. James Ferguson, SSJID Shop Department Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding approval to sell one (1) District vehicle, and one (1) piece of equipment, namely the 2017 Chevrolet Impala LT, and 2010 Hyundai Excavator 320L-9, respectively. He explained that the Impala had been assigned to the Finance and Administration Manager, had already been replaced with an assigned new vehicle, had a porosity issue affecting the engine's cylinder 4, had reached maximum allowed mileage per District standards, and would warrant a \$1,000.00 reserve price at auction.

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Mr. Ferguson further explained that the Excavator had already been replaced in the District fleet and would warrant a \$25,000.00 reserve price at auction.

The auction house being utilized is GovDeals.com which requires the buyer(s) to pay 100-percent (100%) of all commission(s), at zero cost to the District. The vehicle and equipment shall remain on-site until all sales are final. SSJID General Counsel Mia Brown has reviewed and approved the contract between SSJID and GovDeals.com.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Roos to adopt Resolution 26-13-V Authorizing and Directing the Sale of District Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus Property: 2017 Chevrolet Impala; 2010 Hyundai Excavator 320L-9.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 26-13-V**

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SALE OF DISTRICT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT  
AS SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“District”) may sell as “surplus property” for valuable consideration, any property of the District which is determined to be no longer necessary for District purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Directors finds the following described vehicles and equipment no longer necessary for District purposes:

<u>DISTRICT I.D. No.</u>	<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>VIN NUMBER</u>
204-17	2017 Chevrolet Impala	2G1105S30H9174556
53-10	2010 Hyundai Excavator 320L-9	0027

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds it in the best interests of the District to dispose of said vehicles and equipment by sale, using reasonable efforts to obtain the best possible sales-price.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED,**

1. The Board of Directors authorizes the District Shop Supervisor to use his professional judgment in determining the most appropriate means of effectuating a sale of said vehicles and equipment at the best possible sales price, including, but not limited to: sale at public or on-line auction; placing vehicle with a dealer for consignment sale; or sale by published advertisement and receipt of sealed bids.
2. The Finance and Administration Department Manager is authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper, including execution of all documents, to execute the sale of said vehicles and equipment, and transfer title thereto.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:           HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA  
NOES:           NONE  
ABSTAIN:       NONE  
ABSENT:        VAN RYN WESTSTEYN

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**Item #4 – Quarterly Presentation of Financial Statements through March 31, 2026**

Ms. Sonya Williams, SSJID Finance and Administration Manager, addressed the Board and gave an oral presentation of the quarterly Financial Statements through March 31, 2026. She provided detailed explanations of the balance sheets; net positions; total assets; liabilities; revenues, expenses and changes in net position; non-operating revenues; irrigation revenues and expenses; cash flows; reserve allocations and balances; actual versus year-to-date budget comparisons; and breakdown of cash investments by category. Ms. Williams noted that the Operating Revenues for Electric Sales, listed on page 7, was listed at 0-percent (0%) as PG&E had not provided meter data information. She added that PG&E stated they would no longer be providing invoices containing meter data information, but that she is researching this issue further.

The Board inquired about research regarding the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) California Water Insurance Fund (CWIF), to which Ms. Williams responded that a Request for Proposal process needs to be initiated and sent to the three (3) known agencies familiar with CWIF. She added that a new Account Clerk had joined the Finance Department on April 27, and a job offer was presented to fill the Accountant position, which would bring the department to full-staff and productivity.

**Item #5 – Quarterly Presentation of Investment Report through March 31, 2026**

Ms. Williams gave an oral presentation of the quarterly Investment Report through March 31, 2026. She provided detailed explanations of the components of cash and investments, interest income year-to-date and monthly, amounts invested by yield to maturity, investment holdings, treasury yield curve, investment activity, maturities schedule, employment rates, and March Consumer Price Index 3.3%. She noted an error on page 11, Treasury Yields Current Year, that listed inaccurate dates on the chart and that a corrected copy had been distributed to the Board.

*It was announced that all remaining items on the Closed Session agenda would be discussed. The Board took a brief recess at 9:45 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 10:00 a.m.*

**Item #6 – CLOSED SESSION**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

*The Board returned to Open Session at 12:54 p.m.*

**Item #7 – ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Disclosure of reportable actions taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1: There were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

**Item #8 – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board