

**MINUTES FOR THE JULY 14, 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. SSJID Engineering Department Manager Forrest Killingsworth led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
ABSENT: HOLBROOK

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

Public Comment – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Checks in the amount of \$113,241.87; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$1,604,054.54; and Payroll dated June 26, 2026 in the amount of \$3,693.16, and June 26, 2026 in the amount of \$316,493.64.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026

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

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Item #1 – Directors’ Reports

Director Van Ryn expressed hope that all had a safe and happy July 4th holiday, and thanked Irrigation Management for their hard work. He also cautioned about adhering to safety protocols while working in the current high heat temperatures.

Director Weststeyn reiterated Director Van Ryn’s comment about health safety measures while working in high heat. He also commended the Division Managers and Maintenance Crews for the exceptionally clean water flowing this irrigation season.

Director Weststeyn announced that he was notified by the East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District (ESRCD) that SSJID’s joint project application, to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) funding, had been approved. The District will receive funds for the “Collaborative Salmonoid Habitat Restoration Implementation and Planning throughout the Lower Stanislaus River.” Details to follow.

Director Roos thanked SSJID Environmental Compliance and Safety Officer Sean Jefferson for his knowledge

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of herbicide applications and the excellent quality of the District's waterways.

President Spyksma advised all to stay hydrated while working in the current high heat. He thanked the crews and all staff for their continuous hard work and service to the District.

Item #2 – Various Reports

Mr. Peter Rietkerk, SSJID General Manager, referenced Director Weststeyn's comment regarding the District's recent award notification of CVPIA funding, and provided brief background of Board approval, in 2024, authorizing the District to jointly apply with FISHBIO, for CVPIA funding, through the CDFW Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. He explained that the grant application proposed the Honolulu Bar Phase 2 Project, with SSJID to receive a portion of the \$9 million joint-application award. Mr. Rietkerk further explained that expenses are now outdated by two (2) years; budgets will need to be reviewed; and administrative requirements and details are to follow. President Spyksma congratulated staff on the grant award, and suggested releasing the positive publicity on the District's online platforms and/or other media outlets. Ms. Katie Patterson, SSJID Public and Government Relations Manager, concurred and added that Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) should also be acknowledged for their collaboration on the Honolulu Bar Phase 1 Project.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #3 – Consider Approval of a Temporary Emergency Water Conveyance Agreement

Mr. Chad Parsons, SSJID Senior Engineer, addressed the Board regarding approval to ratify the Release of Liability and Temporary Permit for Emergency Use of District Conveyance Facilities Agreement (Temporary Agreement) with Circle JM Dairy.

Mr. Parsons explained that, on July 6, District staff received a request from Ratto Brothers Farming for emergency irrigation assistance following the failure of a private agricultural well serving vegetable row crops on properties owned by JM Dairy. The request sought temporary use of the District's conveyance facilities for an estimated period of two (2) to three (3) weeks. He further explained the affected Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs), locations, and acreage totaling approximately 157 acres.

Staff conducted a site visit and confirmed that irrigation was actively occurring with water supplied from a privately owned Circle JM Dairy well, producing approximately 1,900 gallons per minute and conveying through the District's Lateral V and Lateral V399dd pipeline before entering Circle JM Dairy's well.

On July 9, due to the emergency nature of the well failure and limited impact on current District operations, the General Manager executed the Temporary Agreement on behalf of the District subject to subsequent ratification by the Board.

The Temporary Agreement conditions are as follows:

- Permit shall remain in effect through August 21, 2026 (six week term)
- A conveyance fee of \$100.00 per acre-foot of water delivered shall be charged
- Landowner shall provide an initial deposit of \$2,500.00 toward conveyance charges

The private well is equipped with a flow meter that will be used to document delivered water volumes for billing purposes.

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President Spyksma stated that he discussed the emergency issue and authorization of the Temporary Agreement with the General Manager, prior to execution. Additional Board discussion included appreciation to staff for resolving the urgent matter in a timely manner, and for their flexibility to help local growers.

Mr. Rietkerk acknowledged District staff for their coordinated efforts towards a speedy resolution including Mr. Parsons, SSJID GIS/Engineering Tech Anthony Podesto, SSJID Irrigation Services Supervisor Joe Hasten, and SSJID Engineering Executive Assistant Dawn Driesen.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to ratify the Release of Liability and Temporary Permit for Emergency Use of District Conveyance Facilities Agreement with Circle JM Dairy, as authorized by the General Manager, to allow the temporary conveyance of well-sourced water through Lateral V for emergency irrigation purposes.

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #4 – Consider Approval of Award of Contract for Front Main Office Pavement Project

Mr. Edgar Torres, SSJID Associate Engineer, addressed the Board regarding approval of an award of contract to RNR Paving, Inc. (RNR) for the Main Office Pavement Improvement Project Phase 2 (Project); approval of a separate contract with The Door Company (TDC) for gate loop replacement and gate system coordination associated with the Project; and authorization for the General Manager to approve up to \$50,000.00 in additional work if deemed necessary to complete the Project.

Mr. Torres stated that the front parking lot has reached the end of its useful service life and requires reconstruction due to extensive pavement deterioration, and that pavement adjacent to Building C will also receive localized pavement repairs and preventative maintenance measures (e.g. pavement coating). He detailed the scope of work including concrete improvements; storm drain infrastructure; installation of conduit and pull boxes; replacement of pavement striping and wheel stops; asphalt pavement coating; and temporary access, traffic control, and coordination necessary to maintain District business and operations throughout construction.

Mr. Torres summarized the bid process, noting that seven (7) proposals were received. RNR was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a total bid of \$238,581.40, which was substantially below the Engineer's Estimate of \$309,000.00. A Notice of Intent to Award was issued on July 7, 2026, establishing a bid protest period through 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2026. Staff's recommendation to award the contract is contingent upon the bid protest period expiring without receiving a timely bid protest.

Construction is anticipated to commence in late July 2026 and be completed within thirty (30) calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. The asphalt paving coating will be completed within seventy-five (75) calendar days to allow adequate curing of the new asphalt concrete (mid-October).

Mr. Torres explained the temporary access and parking for employees and visitors, and noted that construction activities affecting public access will not be permitted on scheduled board meeting days.

Mr. Parsons added that automated gate access will be removed therefore requiring manual operation to open

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and close. To ensure continued security for staff and property, consideration is being given to hiring a guard for thirty (30) days for an estimated \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00, the cost of which was not included in staff's written recommendation.

Board discussion included that there were no other entry/access points into the back parking lot; changing the location of the August Tri-Dam Board meeting from SSJID to OID; and that the gate replacement and system coordination was awarded to TDC because TDC had installed the current gate system and would not honor its in-place warranty if damages occurred during the Project.

Staff recommended award of contract to RNR in the amount of \$238,581.40; approve a separate procurement with TDC in the amount of \$6,977.00; and authorize the General Manager to approve up to \$50,000.00 in additional unforeseen expenses as deemed necessary.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Van Ryn to approve award of contract to RNR Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$238,581.40; approve a separate procurement with The Door Company in the amount of \$6,977.00; and authorize the General Manager to approve up to \$50,000.00 in additional unforeseen expenses as deemed necessary.

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #5 – Consider Approval of SSJID 2026 Mid-Year Budget Amendment

Ms. Sonya Williams, SSJID Finance and Administration Manager, addressed the Board regarding the 2026 adopted budget and stated that the budget amendment occurs annually at mid-year, to re-evaluate estimated expenses for the upcoming winter construction season. Board approval of the budget amendment grants staff permission to carry out the general plan of action and associated expenses included in the budget.

Ms. Williams explained that the requested mid-year adjustments to Irrigation Operation expenditures total \$111,010.00, which are offset by anticipated revenues including \$1,080,000.00 in additional water sales, and \$800,725.00 in the Robert O. Schulz Solar Farm (Solar Farm) revenue. She further explained notable adjustments including an \$8,300.00 increase to the Garbage/Waste budget for the removal of illegally dumped tires from District canals; a \$20,500.00 increase for Outside Services for emergency pipeline repairs; and a \$27,000.00 increase for SCADA Level Monitoring Sites. These expenditures were not anticipated in the budget development process.

Ms. Williams referenced Capital Expenditures and stated that the largest recommended adjustment was an increase to the annual pipeline rehabilitation project, which expanded from 12,500 linear feet (LF) to 20,000 LF to address identified infrastructure needs. She noted three (3) Engineering projects that had been canceled, and two (2) that had been postponed.

Board discussion included the U307dd Abandonment Project and associated costs of abandonment versus removal of the District pipeline.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Weststeyn to approve the SSJID 2026 mid-year budget amendment.

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The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #6 – Consider Approval of Proposed Irrigation Rate Increase; and Adoption of Resolution No. 26-22-B Setting Irrigation Service Rates

Ms. Williams addressed the Board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 26-22-B Adopting Rates for Irrigation Services Furnished by the SSJID. The proposed irrigation rates for 2027 are \$65.00 per acre for the fixed per acre rate, \$10.75 per acre-foot for the volumetric rate Tier 1, \$18.25 per acre-foot for the volumetric rate Tier 2, and \$65.00 as the minimum charge. All acreage-based rates will be collected by the San Joaquin County Tax Collector's Office on the 2026-27 Property Tax bills, and all volumetric-based rates would be effective at the start of the 2027 Irrigation Season.

Ms. Williams provided background of Board adoption, in July 2023, of a five (5) year schedule of maximum annual irrigation water rates in accordance with Article XIID of the California Constitution – Proposition 218 (Prop 218). The District is now entering the fourth year of this approved rate structure.

Ms. Williams explained that the Board must annually adopt the Schedule of Irrigation Rates which cannot exceed the amount(s) listed for the pertaining year. She added that the Board may also elect to adopt a rate schedule that is less than the adopted maximum rate for 2027. However, in accordance with Prop 218, the forgone revenue cannot be recovered in later years.

Board discussion included thanking Ms. Williams for the recap and analysis; and Division 9 rates. Additional Board discussion suggested keeping the 2026 rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Volumetric Charges for 2027 at \$10.00 per acre-foot and \$17.50 per acre-foot, respectively; and to approve the proposed 2027 scheduled Fixed rate at \$65.00 per acre, and \$65.00 as the minimum charge.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Van Ryn to keep the 2026 rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Volumetric Charges for 2027 at \$10.00 per acre-foot and \$17.50 per acre-foot, respectively; and to approve the proposed 2027 scheduled Fixed rate at \$65.00 per acre, and \$65.00 as the minimum charge.

The motion failed 2 to 2 by the following vote:

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to adopt Resolution No. 26-22-B adopting the 2027 Schedule of Irrigation Rates of \$65.00 per acre for the fixed per acre rate; \$10.75 per acre-foot for the Volumetric Rate Tier 1; \$18.25 per acre-foot for the Volumetric Rate Tier 2; and \$65.00 as the minimum charge.

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**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 26-22-B**

**ADOPTING RATES FOR IRRIGATION SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Irrigation District Law provides authority for the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, (“District”) in lieu, in whole or in part, of levying assessments, to fix and collect charges for any service furnished by the District and to prescribe reasonable rules with respect to said charges; and

WHEREAS, the District operates an irrigation system on which District-supplied water is delivered to parcels within the District for irrigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, at its duly noticed regular meeting on May 23, 2023, the District’s Board of Directors accepted and adopted the May 2023 “Cost Analysis of Irrigation Services and Irrigation Rate Recommendations – South San Joaquin Irrigation District” prepared by Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group; and

WHEREAS, at the same May 23, 2023 regular meeting, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 23-16-Y Adopting Procedures for Proceedings under Proposition 218 to Adopt and Implement Irrigation Rates, and authorized and directed staff to commence all necessary procedures in order to initiate the notice and public hearing process under Proposition 218 (Cal. Const., Art. XIII D, § 6); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution, Notice of Public Hearing (“Notice”) is required to be provided to the affected property owners and any tenants subject to the proposed rate increases to the irrigation water rates not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rates; and

WHEREAS, the District mailed Notices on June 2, 2023, to the affected property owners and tenants subject to the proposed rate increases to the irrigation water rates in compliance with Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Gov. Code § 53755), of the location, date, and time of the public hearing on the proposed rate increases, and of the procedures for written protests against to the proposed rate increases; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution, on July 25, 2023, at 9:00am in the SSJID Board Room located at 11011 E. Highway 120, Manteca, California, the District held a public hearing to consider public comments to and protests against the proposed irrigation water rate increases; and

WHEREAS, during that public hearing, the Board of Directors considered public comments to and protests against adoption of the proposed irrigation water rate increases; and

WHEREAS, affected property owners and tenants subject to the proposed rate increases were given the opportunity to submit written protests against the proposed rate increases by the close of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the public hearing, written protests were counted by MK Election Services, LLC and the total number of written protests presented by the close of the public hearing was less than fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the total number of affected parcels subject to the proposed irrigation water rate increase; and

WHEREAS, following the close of the public hearing, the Board of Directors approved the Schedule of Irrigation Rates as set forth in Exhibit A.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District hereby takes the following actions:

- (1) The Board of Directors hereby adopts the following Irrigation Rates:

Charge Category	2027
Fixed - per acre	\$ 65.00
Volumetric - Tier 1 (<=48") - per AF	\$ 10.75
Volumetric - Tier 2 (>48") - per AF	\$ 18.25
Minimum Charge	\$ 65.00

- (2) Prior to implementing any of the Board Adopted rate increases for 2027 and 2028 as set forth in Exhibit A, the District shall supply written notice of any such increase not less than 30 days prior to the effective date of the increase. Such notice may be included in the regular billing statement for the payment of irrigation water or any other mailing by the District to the address to which the District customarily mails the billing statement.

- (3) The Board of Directors further finds as follows:

- a. The revenues derived from the aforementioned charges do not exceed the costs of providing the subject properties with the respective service(s); and,
- b. The revenues derived from the charges will not be used for any purpose other than that for which the charges are imposed; and,
- c. The amount of the charge imposed does not exceed the proportional cost of the service(s) attributable to the subject property.

- (4) This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026 by the following vote:

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

Board discussion noted that urban water rates have also increased, and increasing the irrigation rates is a fair balance in the District's water usage.

Item #7 – Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-23-B Certifying 2027 Rates and Charges for Services Furnished by SSJID

Ms. Williams addressed the Board and explained that, on an annual basis, the District is required to provide the San Joaquin County Auditor-Controller's Office with a resolution certifying the annual charges for services that will be collected by the County on the tax assessment roll. The resolution is due to the County on or before August 10, 2026.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Van Ryn and seconded by Director Weststeyn to adopt Resolution No. 26-23-B Certifying 2027 Rates and Charges for Services Furnished by SSJID.

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**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 26-23-B**

**CERTIFYING 2027 RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES
FURNISHED BY THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Irrigation District Law provides authority for the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, (“District”) in lieu, in whole or in part, of levying assessments, to fix and collect charges for any service furnished by the District and to prescribe reasonable rules with respect to said charges; and

WHEREAS, the District currently charges a flat rate charge (“Flat Rate Charge”) of \$60.00 per acre per year for water service to each parcel in the District on which District-supplied water is available for irrigation, with a minimum charge of \$60.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the District currently charges a groundwater recharge charge (“Ground Water Recharge Charge”) of \$12.00 per acre per year to each parcel in the District of 10 acres or more which is subject to a recorded Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement, and on which crops are commercially grown; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2025, in conformance with the procedural requirements of Proposition 218, the District approved a volumetric charge of \$10.00 per acre-foot (“First Tier Volumetric Charge”), and on September 22, 2015 limited the First Tier Volumetric Charge to the first 48 inches of water used per year, and on July 22, 2025 further approved an additional volumetric charge of \$17.50 per acre-foot for water used in excess of 48 inches per year (“Second Tier Volumetric Charge”); and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, in conformance with the procedural requirements of Proposition 218, the District approved a pressurized water charge (“Pressurization Charge”) for customers served with pressurized water from the District’s Division 9 Irrigation System Improvement Project set at \$50 per acre-foot consisting of (a) \$38 per acre-foot for recovery of electricity expense (“Electricity Cost Recapture”), subject to an annual inflation or deflation adjustment, and (b) \$12 per acre-foot for the improvement or replacement of capital assets (“Provision for Capital Assets”), also subject to an annual inflation or deflation adjustment. The Pressurization Charge of \$50 was effective for the 2021 season and may be adjusted by the Board of Directors for inflation or deflation in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 218 and Government Code section 53756 for each of the 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons. The annual inflation or deflation index applicable to the Electricity Cost Recapture is the change in the cost of electricity, on a per acre-foot basis, experienced by the pressurized water system in the preceding year. The annual inflation or deflation index applicable to the Provision for Capital Assets is based on the California Consumer Price Index as published by the California Division of Industrial Relations for the preceding calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the changes in the Electricity Cost Recapture and Provision for Capital Assets caused by application of the inflation or deflation indexes shall be given by mail to each customer subject to the Pressurization Charge at the address to which the District customarily mails the billing statement for the Pressurization Charge, and to the record owner's address shown on the last equalized assessment roll, if that address is different than the billing address; and

WHEREAS, the District declares the following with respect to the Flat Rate Charge, Ground Water Recharge Charge, First and Second Tier Volumetric Charges, and Pressurization Charge:

- (1) The revenues derived from the aforementioned charges do not exceed the costs of providing the subject properties with the respective service(s); and,

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- (2) The revenues derived from the charges will not be used for any purpose other than that for which the charges are imposed; and,
- (3) The amount of a charge imposed shall not exceed the proportional cost of the service(s) attributable to the subject property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that pursuant to Sections 22280 and 22283 of the Water Code, the Flat Rate Charge, First and Second Tier Volumetric Charges, shall increase for the 2027 calendar year and the Ground Water Recharge Charge and the Pressurization charge will continue at their current levels for 2026 calendar year as follows and subject to the following rules:

RULE NO. 1: FLAT RATE CHARGE

- a) For each separate parcel, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcel Maps, which is not the subject of an Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement with the District, there shall be a charge for the use of District irrigation water, an annual Flat Rate Charge of \$65.00 per acre.
- b) The minimum amount for the Flat Rate Charge shall be \$65.00. The Flat Rate Charge is due on receipt and payable in two installments.
- c) For parcels billed by the District, the first installment is delinquent if not paid by 4:30 p.m. on December 20, 2026, and the second is delinquent if not paid by 4:30 p.m. on June 20, 2027.
- d) For parcels billed by San Joaquin County, the first installment of such charges will be delinquent if not paid by the customer to the County by December 10, 2026, and the second installment of such charges will be delinquent if not paid by the customer to the County by April 10, 2027.
- e) For parcels billed by the District, water service will be denied to any land having outstanding Flat Rate Charges in excess of ten (10) working days.

RULE NO. 2: FIRST and SECOND TIER VOLUMETRIC CHARGES

- a) There shall be a First-Tier Volumetric charge of \$10.75 per acre-foot for the first 48 inches and a Second-Tier Volumetric charge of \$18.25 per acre-foot for water used in excess of 48 inches.
- b) Water service will be denied to parcels having outstanding volumetric charges in excess of \$10.00 for 45 days or longer.

RULE NO. 3: PRESSURIZATION CHARGE

- a) The pressurization charge and the annual adjustment feature is described as follows:
On January 28, 2025, the District imposed a Pressurization Charge for customers served with pressurized water from the District's Division 9 Irrigation System Improvement Project set at \$58.12 per acre-foot consisting of (a) \$43.31 per acre-foot for Electricity Cost Recapture, subject to an annual inflation or deflation adjustment, and (b) \$14.81 per acre-foot for Provision for Capital Assets, also subject to an annual inflation or deflation adjustment. The Pressurization Charge of \$58.12 is effective for the 2025 season and may be adjusted by the Board of Directors for inflation or deflation in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 218 and Government Code section 53756 for each of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. The annual inflation or deflation index applicable to the Electricity Cost Recapture is the change in the cost of electricity, on a per acre-foot basis, experienced by the

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pressurized water system in the preceding year. The annual inflation or deflation index applicable to the Provision for Capital Assets is the change in the California Consumer Price Index as published by the California Division of Industrial Relations for the preceding calendar year. Notice of the changes in the Electricity Cost Recapture and Provision for Capital Assets caused by application of the inflation or deflation indexes shall be given by mail to each customer subject to the Pressurization Charge at the address to which the District customarily mails the billing statement for the Pressurization Charge, and to the record owner's address shown on the last equalized assessment roll, if that address is different than the billing address.

- b) Parcels receiving pressurized water from the District's Division 9 Irrigation System Improvement Project, shall, in addition to the Flat Rate Charge described in Rule No. 1, and the First and Second Tier Volumetric Charges described in Rule No. 2, pay a Pressurized Charge of \$58.12 per acre-foot during 2025.
- c) Parcels receiving pressurized water from the District's Division 9 Irrigation System Improvement Project will be billed each month of the irrigation season both for delivery of District-supplied water under Rule No. 2 and for pressurization of such water under this Rule No. 3.
- d) Water service will be denied to parcels having outstanding Pressurization Charges in excess of ten (10) working days.

RULE NO. 4: GROUNDWATER RECHARGE CHARGE

- a) For those separate parcels, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcels, which are used to grow commercial crops and which are the subject of an approved District Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement, there shall continue to be an annual Ground Water Recharge Charge of \$12.00 per acre for the benefits derived from groundwater recharge.
- b) The Groundwater Recharge Charge is due on receipt and payable in two installments.
- c) For parcels billed by the District, the first installment is delinquent if not paid by 4:30 p.m. on December 20, 2026, and the second is delinquent if not paid by 4:30 p.m. on June 20, 2027.
- d) For parcels billed by San Joaquin County, the first installment of such charges will be delinquent if not paid by the customer to the County by December 10, 2026, and the second installment of such charges will be delinquent if not paid by the customer to the County by April 10, 2027.

RULE NO. 5: SERVICE ABANDONMENT

- a) Those separate parcels, as shown on the District records of San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcels, which do not utilize District water service may be exempted from the District Flat Rate Charge provided the owners of such lands enter into an "Irrigation Service Abandonment Agreement" with the District, and
- b) Provided further, there are no outstanding amounts owed to District for water service on such lands.
- c) Such parcels may also be exempted from the Ground Water Recharge Charge, provided such parcels are less than 10 acres or are not used to grow commercial crops.

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RULE NO. 6: COLLECTION

- a) The Board authorizes the charges to be billed and collected by the District and to deny water service to parcels having outstanding charges that exceed the thresholds established in the Rules above.
- b) The Board authorizes the charges resulting from the Flat Rate Charge and Groundwater Recharge Charge to be transmitted to the County Auditor-Controller and continue to be enrolled on the tax roll of the County of San Joaquin for collection at the same time, in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties for delinquency as county taxes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026 by the following vote:

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

Item #8 – Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-24-G Appoint Authorized Agents for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water Energy and Efficiency Grant

Mr. Brandon Nakagawa, SSJID Water Resources Coordinator, addressed the Board regarding authorizing the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for WaterSMART Water Energy and Efficiency Grant (WEEG) Program funding for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project (AMI Project). Staff further recommended that the Board President establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to evaluate all terms prior to signing the grant funding agreement and all policy issues needing to be resolved prior to installing District meters on private irrigation systems.

Mr. Nakagawa provided background of Senate Bill (SB) X7-7, enacted in 2009, which required the use of flow measurement devices to measure and bill for the total volume of water delivered to agricultural users. Since 2012, the District required irrigation customers to install a flow meter and consent to SSJID's entry to read, measure, maintain, and repair said meters. The meters are approaching the end of their lifecycle and the District must ensure that the State's metering and billing requirements continue to be met.

On October 22, 2024, the Board directed staff to submit a grant application for WaterSMART WEEG Program funds, seeking the maximum grant award of \$2,000,000.00, while pledging to contribute \$2,025,000.00 as the local cost match. On June 2, 2026, staff received an email from Reclamation congratulating SSJID on being selected for the \$2 Million in WaterSMART WEEG funds. Staff has been in contact with Reclamation and begun the process of gathering the required documentation necessary for the grant funding agreement.

Mr. Nakagawa stated that staff is re-evaluating the costs for the AMI Project to determine how inflation has affected the cost of meters, telemetry components and labor. He added that staff is also evaluating the feasibility of complying with the Buy America Act (BAA) which is a requirement imposed by the federal government.

Staff recommended that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board be formed to evaluate all terms prior to signing the grant funding agreement, and all policy issues needing to be resolved prior to installing District meters on private irrigation systems. The \$2 Million estimated AMI Project cost share, and the \$2 Million grant award will need to be included in the 2027 Capital Budget.

The Board inquired about only using grant funds for the AMI Project, to which Mr. Nakagawa replied that a requirement of the grant award is a cost-share match. Additional Board discussion included that the AMI

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Project will be high-maintenance incurring future expenses; that the AMI Project will provide detailed information and reporting advantages; that the automated system will provide vital information to growers and real-time data allowing for better crop management and service to District customers; and that growers should be informed of the upcoming new metering system if/when they inquire about installing flow meters.

President Sypkma clarified that he will have an offline discussion with the General Manager regarding recommendation of two (2) Board Members for the WEEG Program Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to adopt Resolution No. 26-24-G Authorize the General Manager to Enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program Funding for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 26-24-G**

**AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT
WITH THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR WATERSMART WATER AND ENERGY
EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE ADVANCED METERING
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“SSJID”) is a California irrigation district operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, SSJID has prepared and adopted the 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan (“AWMP”) in accordance with the California Water Code Section 10826 and guidance put forth by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and

WHEREAS, the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project (“Project”) has been identified in the 2025 AWMP as necessary for compliance with State law regarding volumetric measurement and billing of delivered irrigation water; and

WHEREAS, staff prepared an application for grant funding to the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Reclamation selected SSJID’s Project to receive \$2,000,000 for the Project through the WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program (“WEEG”); and

WHEREAS, prior to releasing WEEG Program funds, SSJID will need to submittal all required forms and disclosures and enter into a funding agreement with Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, SSJID will be obligated to provide a local cost-share minimum of 50% or \$2,000,000 for the Project as a condition of the funding agreement with Reclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District as follows:

1. Authorizes the General Manager, or designee, the Water Resources Coordinator, to complete, review, sign and submit, for and on behalf of SSJID, all required forms, documents and disclosures required by Reclamation; and

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2. Authorizes the General Manager, or designee, to enter into a funding agreement with Reclamation to secure up to \$2,000,000 from the WaterSmart WEEG Program; and
3. Authorizes and directs the General Manager, or designee, to carry-out all applicable terms of a funding agreement, including certifying disbursement requests and compliance with applicable State and federal laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of July, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

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

Item #9 – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Regular Board Meeting Agendas for August through End of Irrigation 2026

Mr. Rietkerk addressed the Board regarding a temporary change in format of the Regular Board meetings starting August 11, 2026 and continuing through the end of irrigation season. The proposed change follows previous discussions with the Board which identified a need and desire to conduct the board meetings in a more timely and efficient manner during harvest season, as a consideration to the harvest schedules and workloads of Board Members.

Mr. Rietkerk explained that the temporary changes would be to hold a Special Board Meeting at 7:00 a.m., on the above-mentioned dates, which would consist of Closed Session items only. The Regular Board Meetings would be held, as usual, commencing at 9:00 a.m. and consist of Open Session and any potential Board action items.

The proposed changes do not require Board approval, as it would not result in a change in the regularly scheduled board meetings. Special meetings can be scheduled at the request and approval of the Board President and/or General Manager, so no formal Board approval is required.

Ms. Mia Brown, SSJID General Counsel, stated that many public agencies conduct their board meetings using the proposed format. Reportable actions taken in Closed Session will be announced coming out of Closed Session before the Special Board meeting adjourns. She added that Board action could be taken for this agenda item, though not required.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Weststeyn to approve the temporary change in format of the Regular Board meetings, starting August 11, 2026 through the end of the 2026 irrigation season. The temporary changes entail holding a Special Board meeting at 7:00 a.m., on the above-mentioned dates, which would consist of Closed Session items only. Regular Board meetings will be held, as usual, commencing at 9:00 a.m. and consist of Open Session items.

The motion passed 4 to 0 by the following vote:

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

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It was announced that all remaining items on the Closed Session agenda would be discussed. The Board took a brief recess at 10:10 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 10:20 a.m.

Item #10 – CLOSED SESSION

President Spyksma exited the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:28 p.m.

Item #11 – 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 #12 – Brown Act Review

Board consensus was reached to table Item #12 – Brown Act Review to a future meeting.

Item #13 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board