

**MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 11, 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 9:05 a.m., with additional public access provided as a courtesy via the online Zoom meeting platform. President Spyksma called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
ABSENT: NONE

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

President Spyksma noted a Public Comment was received via email from Vishal Rekala, with a subject line titled, “McKinley Avenue and Atherton Drive School Storm Drain Issue.” He requested that staff provide an update to the Board regarding the current status of communications with Manteca Unified School District, and the City of Manteca about the storm drainage issues. The update may be presented at the next regular board meeting as a Communications item or an agenda item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Checks in the amount of \$239,461.95; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$1,955,800.15.; and Payroll dated July 24, 2026 in the amount of \$327,147.54, July 31, 2026 in the amount of \$538.62, and July 31, 2026 in the amount of \$3,693.16.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2026
- C. Accept and File Notice of Completion for the Fiore Development Project

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

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Item #1 – Directors’ Reports

Director Van Ryn thanked all staff for their service to the District and for keeping the water flowing, and cautioned everyone to be safe on the roads during harvest season.

Director Weststeyn expressed thanks to all District employees for their commitment, and commended the Division Managers for their diligence and hard work during the challenging irrigation season.

Director Weststeyn reported that he attended the Tri-Dam Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Town Hall

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meeting on August 7, in Copperopolis, to discuss the SMP amongst Lake Tulloch homeowners. He stated that it was a good meeting with approximately 150 local residents in attendance, who provided feedback and comments about the SMP. President Spyksma noted the importance of open communication to provide avenues, for questions and answers, for constituents.

Director Roos thanked the District's Pest Control Applicators and Division Managers for their work and excellent water quality this irrigation season.

Director Holbrook also noted the clean quality of water this irrigation season, and commended the Irrigation and Maintenance crews for their efforts.

President Spyksma reported that he attended the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) Commission meeting on August 10. Discussion included Phase 2 of the Strategic Communications Program, SJTA outreach and education, and SJTA legislative avenues.

President Spyksma reported that he participated in a Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) tour of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (Plant) on August 4, and opined on the beauty and grandeur of the site. His comments regarding the tour included PG&E's quest to garner support for legislature to keep the facility open; that the Plant provides 9-percent (9%) of power to California; that the radioactive waste storage was a modest size leaving a small footprint; the massive amounts of water utilized to cool the nuclear system; and the extensive security measures provided by PG&E's in-house security force.

Item #2 – Various Reports

Mr. Peter Rietkerk, SSJID General Manager, reported that he also attended the PG&E Diablo Canyon Power Plant tour on August 4, which included familiar peers from water agencies up and down the Central Valley. He added that the Plant holds a federal 20-year license extension from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission allowing operations until 2045, but state-level authorization currently mandates closure by 2030. PG&E will be looking for support to push legislation to recertify their state regulatory permit beyond 2030.

Mr. Rietkerk noted this year's harvest season and expressed his appreciation to the SSJID teams for their hard work and coordinated efforts.

Mr. Rietkerk reported that the 2027 Budget Season is underway, with budgeters preparing to submit their 2027 budget requests to Finance by the August 20 deadline. Staff anticipates presenting the proposed SSJID 2027 Budget to the Board in November. He added that the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant (WTP) budget will be presented to the WTP Operating Committee in October, which will allow the participating member agencies thirty (30) days to review and/or comment before staff seeks SSJID Board approval.

Mr. Rietkerk provided a brief update on the WTP Phase 2 Expansion Project. He stated that Bell Burnett & Associates (BB&A) had been working with the Operating Committee member agencies to review a draft cost-benefit analysis, and expansion cost allocation study. Staff will submit and discuss the findings at the Operating Committee meeting on August 17.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #3 – Consider Approval of Shotline Mix Purchase and Concrete Pump Rental from Innovative Shotlining, Inc. for Spray Cast Pipelining Operation

Mr. Chad Parsons, SSJID Senior Engineer, addressed the Board regarding the purchase of Shotline mix and a

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concrete pump rental from Innovative Shotlining, Inc. (ISI), for the 2026-2027 Spray Cast Pipelining Project (Project). He stated that for the upcoming 2026-2027 construction season, staff plans to complete approximately 20,000 linear feet (LF) of pipelining work at a budget cost of \$93.00 per LF, for a total project budget of \$1,860,000.00.

Mr. Parsons explained that the Project requires the purchase of up to 1,404 bags (1000 pounds each) of Shotline Mix from ISI for an amount not to exceed \$791,404.38, including applicable taxes and freight charges. ISI has proposed a price of \$498.00 per 1,000-pound bag, which is unchanged from the 2025/2026 season pricing. The approved 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget includes \$1,860,000.00, inclusive of labor, to complete approximately 20,000 LF of pipelining during the 2026/2027 construction season, with \$900,000.00 allocated for materials. Mr. Parsons noted that the Shotline Mix purchases will be divided into four (4) separate purchase orders which will help to gauge usage, need, and storage accommodations.

Additionally, staff requested authorization to execute a rental agreement with ISI for a concrete pump to support pipelining operations during the 2026-2027 construction season. The proposed concrete pump rental agreement provides rates of \$2,000.00 per week or \$8,000.00 per month. The approved budget includes \$40,000.00 for equipment rental. It was emphasized that the concrete pump would be reserved for the District with a “stand-by” directive, billing the District only when the pump is needed and under the terms of the proposed rental agreement. Mr. Parsons clarified that the District would utilize the rented concrete pump for a 4-week trial period, and as needed for the remainder of the season.

Board discussion included various industry concrete pumps, and the approximate cost to purchase a concrete pump of \$150,000.00.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Van Ryn to authorize staff to purchase up to 1,404 bags (1,000 pounds each) of Shotline Mix from Innovative Shotlining, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$791,404.38, including applicable taxes and freight; and authorize staff to execute a rental agreement with Innovative Shotlining, Inc. for the rental of a concrete pump to support pipelining operations.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #4 – Consider Approval of the Purchase of One (1) Single-Engine Vacuum Truck

Mr. James Ferguson, SSJID Shop Department Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding the purchase of one (1) single-engine vacuum (vac) truck and associated equipment from Municipal Maintenance Equipment (MME) for \$646,428.07, and authorize staff to complete the procurement and place the order.

Mr. Ferguson gave a brief recap of previous board meeting discussion, on July 28, 2026, regarding rental versus purchase of a vac truck whereby the Board concluded that the proposed maintenance costs for a District-owned dual-engine vehicle had been underestimated and requested additional research to reach a fully-informed decision.

Following further research, staff evaluated three (3) options over a 10-year planning period for: vac truck rental (Option 1), purchase a single-engine vac truck (Option 2), and purchase a dual-engine vac truck (Option 3). The financial analysis assumed 37-construction season days of use each year though ownership expects to

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provide additional maintenance-season use, but those additional days and associated benefits were not monetized in the base financial comparison. Mr. Ferguson discussed operating costs; operating considerations; various chassis, engine and pump options; and noted that a new vac truck would be exempt from California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations.

Staff recommended the purchase of a single-engine truck as it met the District's anticipated operational needs, had the lowest purchase price, and had the lowest ten (10) year present cost of the three (3) alternatives evaluated. Mr. Ferguson stated that Board approval to purchase the vac truck would allow staff to secure a production slot and 2026 pricing, and ensure the vac truck would be available for the 2027-2028 work program.

Board discussion included appreciation of the additional extensive research and information, staff operators to run the vac truck, anticipated delivery of the truck in early 2027, and excitement for maintenance productivity with the District-owned vehicle.

SSJID Irrigation Operations Manager Barron Sweet commended SSJID Electric Utility Manager Bill Schwandt for his assistance and contributions on the vacuum truck analysis.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Weststeyn to approve the purchase of one (1) single-engine vacuum truck and associated equipment from Municipal Maintenance Equipment for \$646,428.07, and authorize staff to complete the procurement and place the order.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #5 – Discussion of SSJID Encroachment Policy

Ms. Mia Brown, SSJID General Counsel, addressed the Board and stated that staff is currently working on a draft policy which embodies existing policies and procedures, and will include proposed revisions. The revised Encroachment Policy will be presented to the Board at the next regular board meeting.

Item #6 – Consider Annual Compensation for General Counsel

Ms. Brown noted that there was no performance review conducted in today's scheduled Closed Session. This agenda item was tabled for the next regular board meeting as an Open Session item.

Item #7 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board