

**MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
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 Weststeyn called the meeting to order. Director Spyksma led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
ABSENT: HOLBROOK ROOS

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 - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Checks in the amount of \$297,815.88; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$825,544.11; and Payroll dated September 6, 2024 in the amount of \$307,621.06.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024
- C. Financial Statements through August 31, 2024
- D. Investment Report for August 2024

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

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES: KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: HOLBROOK ROOS

COMMUNICATIONS

The Managers' Reports were provided in electronic form to the Board on September 20, 2024.

Item #1 – Directors' Reports

Director Spyksma referenced the Managers' Reports of departmental updates submitted for September 24, 2024, and commented that they were all well written requiring no follow-up questions.

Director Kamper stated that he had no updates to report.

Director Spyksma reported that he attended the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) Commission meeting on September 12. He added that an offer letter, to fill the position of SJTA Executive Director, has been presented to a candidate.

Director Spyksma commented on a good 2024 irrigation season, and the projected dry weather forecast.

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President Weststeyn reported that he attended the SSJID Budget and Finance Committee meeting on September 12. Discussion included recommendations for flow meter cost options. Staff will move forward with grant funding opportunities.

Item #2 – Various Reports

Mr. Peter Rietkerk, SSJID General Manager, passed around, for Board viewing, a note from the Central Valley Early Iron Car Club thanking SSJID for its sponsorship donation to the Central Valley Early Iron Car Club Show. All proceeds from the car show are used to purchase bicycles and toys for local needy children during the Christmas holiday.

Mr. Rietkerk passed around, for Board viewing, the newly printed SSJID 2024 Strategic Plan. He acknowledged SSJID Public and Government Relations Manager Katie Patterson, and contracted communications and public relations firm CV Strategies, for a job well done on the booklet. Mr. Rietkerk added that staff are excited about the final look of the 2024 Strategic Plan, and even more excited to begin implementing the strategies and goals identified in the Plan in the coming years.

Mr. Rietkerk acknowledged SSJID Engineering Department Manager Forrest Killingsworth for his assistance with Second Harvest of the Greater Valley (SHGV) Food Bank, regarding an issue they had with required drainage improvement plans exceeding their grant funded budget. Mr. Killingsworth reached out to MCR Engineering, SHGV's engineer and mutual business associate of SSJID, to coordinate and discuss plan options on behalf of SHGV. A solution was found by MCR, and accepted by the City of Manteca, which will save the local non-profit considerably, and still provide the drainage benefit needed by the food bank. Mr. Rietkerk commended Mr. Killingsworth for his efforts in developing solutions with MCR.

Director Spyksma inquired about landscaping plans for the District Office front lawn area. Mr. Rietkerk responded that staff is including capacity in the 2025 budget for landscape improvements.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #3 – Consider Approval of Yosemite Square Development Project in Manteca

Mr. Killingsworth addressed the Board, acknowledged SSJID Civil Engineer/Surveyor Keith Sausedo for his research and extensive work on the Item #3 staff report, and noted that there are sixteen (16) projects in the pipeline for the upcoming winter construction season. He added that Mr. Tony de Melo, Principal Civil Engineer at North Star Engineering Group, Inc., was in attendance; and Ms. Kelsey Barclay, Project Manager at Lennar Homes was in attendance via the online Zoom meeting platform, to answer any question regarding the proposed Yosemite Square Development Project (Project).

Mr. Killingsworth explained the size, location, scope of work, standard District requirements, and District utilities and property (Laterals Tb and TB 130DD) involved with the Project. He further explained proposed SSJID improvements, easements to be conveyed/abandoned, property acquisition, encroachments, irrigation service, and storm drainage. Mr. Killingsworth noted that District staff had reviewed the improvements plans and found that the Yosemite Square Project met SSJID's engineering standards and requirements. In the event any additional plan issues are identified, the Developer's Engineer will be required to make the necessary corrections prior to SSJID staff signature of said plans.

If Board approved, Lennar Homes would purchase a 30' wide by 680±' long strip corresponding to a portion of Lateral Tb, at a price of approximately \$8.34/square foot, for a total purchase price offered to the District of \$168,918.57.

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Mr. Killingsworth stated that today’s Board action would include approval of the Yosemite Square SSJID Improvement Plans, but that the Developer’s Improvement Plans for the Yosemite Square Unit No. 1, and Off-Site projects would be presented for Board approval at a future meeting.

Staff recommended the Board’s conditional approval pending fulfillment of the items listed in the agenda Item #3 staff report; adoption of Resolution 24-23-P Authorizing the Conveyance by Quitclaim of Real Property Owned by the District; and adoption of 24-22-P Authorizing the Quitclaim of Easements Owned by the SSJID (Portion of Lateral TB, TB-130DD, and Drain 4A).

Board discussion included appreciation to the detail of the well-compiled staff report.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by Director Kamper to authorize conditional approval pending fulfillment of the items listed in the agenda Item #3 staff report; adoption of Resolution 24-23-P Authorizing the Conveyance by Quitclaim of Real Property Owned by the District; and adoption of 24-22-P Authorizing the Quitclaim of Easements Owned by the SSJID (Portion of Lateral TB, TB-130DD, and Drain 4A)

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 24-22-P**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS
OWNED BY THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
(PORTION OF LATERAL “TB”, “TB-130DD” AND DRAIN 4A)**

WHEREAS, the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (“District”) is the lawful owner of easements upon that real property situate in the unincorporated area County of San Joaquin, identified by San Joaquin County Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 228-020-32, 228-020-37 and 228-020-39 (the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the easements are generally described as follows:

Lateral “Tb”:

- Easement recorded in Book 1624, Page 129, San Joaquin County Records, being variable width;
- Easement recorded in Book 2454, Page 343, San Joaquin County Records, being variable width;
- Easement recorded in Book 2454, Page 363, San Joaquin County Records, being variable width;
- Easement recorded in Book 2454, Page 375, San Joaquin County Records, being fifteen (15) feet in width;
- Easement recorded in Book 2500, Page 167, San Joaquin County Records, being fifteen (15) feet in width;

Lateral “Tb-130dd”:

- Easement recorded in Book 1365, Page 53, San Joaquin County Records, being thirty (30) feet in width;
- Easement recorded in Book 2179, Page 578, San Joaquin County Records, being thirty (30) feet in width;

Drain 4a:

- Easement recorded in Book “G”, Volume 41, Page 333, San Joaquin County Records, being thirty (30) feet in width;
- Easement recorded in Book “G”, Volume 41, Page 334, San Joaquin County Records, being thirty (30) feet in width (collectively “Easements”); and

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WHEREAS, the Easements are more particularly described in the attached Exhibit “A-1”, “B-1”, “C-1”, “D-1”, “E-1”, “F-1”, “G-1”, “H-1” and “I-1” and shown in the plats attached hereto as Exhibit “A-2”, “B-2”, “C-2”, “D-2”, “E-2”, “F-2”, “G-2”, “H-2” and “I-2”; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the District no longer requires the Easements for District purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors finds it in the best interests of the District to quitclaim the Easements and the facilities contained therein unto DRP SOLARIS MULTISTATE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the owner of the underlying real property burdened by the Easements; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 22500 authorizes an irrigation district to dispose of real property where: 1) the District’s Board of Directors find the property is no longer necessary for District purposes; 2) the proposed conveyance is supported by valuable consideration; and 3) the District’s Board of Directors finds the terms and conditions of the conveyance to be in the best interests of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors finds the requirements of California Water Code section 22500 have been met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Directors that:

1. The Board of Directors finds that the Easements are no longer necessary for District purposes;
2. Valuable consideration for the quitclaim of said portion of the Easements is acknowledged as received;
3. The Board of Directors finds the terms and conditions of the quitclaim to be in the best interests of the District;
4. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager and other District staff to execute and record all documents and do all other things necessary and proper to effectuate the quitclaim of the Easements and the facilities contained therein to DRP SOLARIS MULTISTATE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the owner of the underlying real property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 24-23-P**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE BY QUITCLAIM
OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DISTRICT
(PORTION OF LATERAL “TB”)**

WHEREAS, the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as “District,” is the title holder of a portion of real property located in the City of Manteca and described in that certain deed recorded in the Book of Official Records, Vol. 1624, page 125, San Joaquin County and more particularly described in Exhibit “A”, (“Subject Property”) and shown in the plat attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

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WHEREAS, the DRP SOLARIS MULTISTATE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Buyer”) seeks to purchase Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the District’s fee interest in the Subject Property is no longer necessary for District purposes and is surplus to its needs, and the Board of Directors finds it is in the best interest of the District to sell the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Subject Property to Buyer is not subject to Government Code section 54222 because the Subject Property is not suitable for any of the purposes described in that statute because of its size and configuration; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Subject Property to Buyer upon the terms described below is for adequate valuable consideration under applicable law, and

WHEREAS, the Board approves the terms of the sale, which are generally as follows:

1. Purchase price of \$8.34248173 per square foot ($\$8.34248173 \times 20,248 \text{ sf} = \$168,918.57$).
2. The sale of the Subject Property is “as-is,” without warranties.
3. District’s title to the Subject Property will be conveyed by Quitclaim Deed.
4. Buyer will pay all costs related to transfer, including but not limited to, escrow costs, title fees and recording fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District that:

1. The foregoing recitals are found to be true.
2. The President and Secretary are authorized to execute a Quitclaim Deed on behalf of the District disposing of the District’s interest in the Subject Property to the Buyer on the terms described above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

Item #4 – Consider Approval of Trillium Apartments Project in Manteca

Mr. Killingsworth addressed the Board; acknowledged Mr. Marshall Swift, MCR Principal Engineer and designated engineer to SSJID, for his research and work on the agenda Item #4 staff report; and noted that Mr. Swift and Mr. Demetri Filios, Associate at Manteca Development Group, were in attendance to answer any questions regarding the proposed Trillium Apartments Project (Project).

Mr. Killingsworth explained the size, location, scope of work, standard District requirements, and existing District utilities and property (Lateral Ya) involved with the Project. He further explained proposed SSJID improvements, easements to be conveyed/abandoned, encroachments, irrigation service, and storm drainage.

Mr. Killingsworth provided background regarding a large-lot final map, recorded in 2020, that created the developing property and several parcels surrounding it. On August 25, 2020, the Board approved a Developer’s Agreement which allowed the recording of the large-lot final map, but required that the entire length of the

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District’s pipeline between Atherton Road and Woodward Avenue be replaced in its entirety upon development of any parcel that encompassed SSJID’s Lateral Ya.

SSJID staff reviewed the improvement plans for the Trillium Apartments and determined that they met the District’s existing engineering standards and requirements. Any remaining corrections must be resolved before final approval and staff signatures are obtained.

Mr. Killingsworth noted an opportunity, presented by Mr. Filios, whereby the southern portion of the pipeline could be shifted further to the east allowing the proposed District easement to be located entirely within the Developer’s property, thereby eliminating design difficulties involving the neighboring properties. Mr. Killingsworth recommended the Board provide authorization for staff to coordinate the mutually beneficial modification with the Developer prior to plan signature.

Mr. Filios addressed the Board and thanked them and District staff for their diligence and coordination efforts of the Project, since first initiated in 2017. He expressed his appreciation, and added that Board approval will finalize the improvements identified in the 2019 Developer’s Agreement.

Staff recommended the Board’s conditional approval pending fulfillment of the items listed in the agenda Item #4 staff report; adoption of Resolution 24-20-P Authorizing the Quitclaim of Easement Owned by the SSJID (Portion of Lateral YA); and adoption of 24-21-P Authorizing the Quitclaim of Easement Owned by the SSJID (Portion of Lateral YA).

Board discussion included potential groundwater issues within the Project area, and the size of the District pipe.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by Director Kamper to authorize conditional approval pending fulfillment of the items listed in the agenda Item #4 staff report; adoption of Resolution 24-20-P Authorizing the Quitclaim of Easement Owned by the SSJID (Portion of Lateral YA); and adoption of 24-21-P Authorizing the Quitclaim of Easement Owned by the SSJID (Portion of Lateral YA).

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 24-20-P**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS
OWNED BY THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
(PORTION OF LATERAL “YA”)**

WHEREAS, the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (“District”) is the lawful owner of easements upon that real property situate in the unincorporated area County of San Joaquin, identified by San Joaquin County Assessor’s Parcel Number 241-320-43 (the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the easements are generally described as follows: that easement recorded in Book “A”, Vol. 282, Page 175, San Joaquin County Records, being twenty (20) feet in width; and that easement recorded in Book 2605, Page 67, San Joaquin County Records, being thirty (30) feet in width (collectively “Easements”); and

WHEREAS, the Easements each contain a portion of District’s Lateral “Ya” pipeline, and are more particularly described in the attached Exhibit “A-1” and “B-1” (“Easements”) and shown in the plat attached hereto as Exhibit “A-2” and “B-2”; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the District no longer requires the Easements for District purposes; and

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WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors finds it in the best interests of the District to quitclaim the Easements and the facilities contained therein unto BIANCHI RANCH PARTNERS, LLC the owner of the underlying real property burdened by the Easements; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 22500 authorizes an irrigation district to dispose of real property where: 1) the District’s Board of Directors find the property is no longer necessary for District purposes; 2) the proposed conveyance is supported by valuable consideration; and 3) the District’s Board of Directors finds the terms and conditions of the conveyance to be in the best interests of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors finds the requirements of California Water Code section 22500 have been met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Directors that:

1. The Board of Directors finds that the Easements are no longer necessary for District purposes;
2. Valuable consideration for the quitclaim of said portion of the Easements is acknowledged as received;
3. The Board of Directors finds the terms and condition of the quitclaim to be in the best interests of the District;
4. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager and other District staff to execute and record all documents and do all other things necessary and proper to effectuate the quitclaim of the Easements and the facilities contained therein to BIANCHI RANCH PARTNERS, LLC, the owner of the underlying real property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 24-21-P**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENT
OWNED BY THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
(PORTION OF LATERAL “YA”)**

WHEREAS, the SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (“District”) is the lawful owner of an easement upon that real property situate in the unincorporated area County of San Joaquin, identified by San Joaquin County Assessor’s Parcel Number 241-320-44 (the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the easement is generally described as follows: that easement recorded in Book “A”, Volume 282, at Page 175, San Joaquin County Records, being twenty (20) feet in width (“Easement”); and

WHEREAS, the Easement contains a portion of District’s Lateral “Ya” pipeline, and is more particularly described in the attached Exhibit “A” and shown in the plat attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the District no longer requires the Easement for District purposes; and

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WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors finds it in the best interests of the District to quitclaim the Easement and the facilities contained therein unto GHPR BUILDER, INC., the owner of the underlying real property burdened by the Easement; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 22500 authorizes an irrigation district to dispose of real property where: 1) the District’s Board of Directors find the property is no longer necessary for District purposes; 2) the proposed conveyance is supported by valuable consideration; and 3) the District’s Board of Directors finds the terms and conditions of the conveyance to be in the best interests of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors finds the requirements of California Water Code section 22500 have been met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Directors that:

1. The Board of Directors finds that the Easement is no longer necessary for District purposes;
2. Valuable consideration for the quitclaim of said portion of the Easement is acknowledged as received;
3. The Board of Directors finds the terms and conditions of the quitclaim to be in the best interests of the District;
4. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager and other District staff to execute and record all documents and do all other things necessary and proper to effectuate the quitclaim of the Easement and the facilities contained therein to GHPR BUILDER, INC., the owner of the underlying real property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

Item #5 – Consider Approval of Award of Contract for the Lateral X-W Pipeline Connection Project to Knife River Construction

Mr. Chad Parsons, SSJID Associate Civil Engineer, addressed the Board and provided background of the Lateral X-W Pipeline Connection Project (Project) which was identified as a Capacity Enhancement Project during development of the SSJID Water Master Plan (WMP). He gave detailed explanations of the scope of work to be carried out in three (3) separate projects: 1) Lateral X-W Pipeline Connection Project (Fall 2024 construction); 2) Lateral W190dd3dd to We connection Project (Anticipated Fall 2025 construction); and Hat Ranch Development (Fall 2025 construction). The total cost for the entire Capacity Enhancement Project (Projects 1, 2 & 3) is estimated at \$5-6 million.

An invitation for Bid and Notice to Contractors for the Lateral X-W Pipeline Connection Project was posted on August 2, with an Engineer’s Estimate of \$2,446,000.00. Three (3) addenda were issued through the bidding process, and two (2) pre-bid meetings were held by staff. Nine (9) bids were received with Knife River Construction (Knife River) being the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder with a base price of \$1,908,251.00. Staff was satisfied with the quantity of bids received and the resulting competitive pricing. The Project completion date is anticipated by February 1, 2025.

Staff recommended Board approval to award the contract to Knife River for the amount of \$1,908,251.00; authorize the General Manager to approve up to \$100,000.00 in additional work as determined necessary; and

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authorize staff to approve up to \$15,000.00 for construction management and materials testing as determined necessary for the project.

The Board discussed an opportunity to start Project tasks prior to the end of irrigation season in areas where service would not be interrupted, and satisfaction with the number of responsive bidders.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Spyksma to award the contract to Knife River for the Lateral X-W Pipeline Connection Project in the amount of \$1,908,251.00; authorize the General Manager to approve up to \$100,000.00 in additional work as determined necessary; and authorize staff to approve up to \$15,000.00 for construction management and materials testing as determined necessary for the project.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

Item #6 – Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Setting the Date for the End of the 2024 Irrigation Season

Mr. Brandon Nakagawa, SSJID Water Resources Manager, addressed the Board and proposed Friday, October 18, 2024 as the end date of the 2024 irrigation season. He cited considerations that factored into the recommendation including harvest conditions, current hydrology data, Water Treatment Plant operations, weather forecast predictions, Woodward operating levels, and SSJID’s water conservation account.

Board discussion included warm weather producing invasive vegetation in still waters; Tri-Dam Project’s vegetation issues; and authorizing the President and General Manager to move the end date up, if needed, in the event of extreme wet weather.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by Director Kamper to announce that the end of the 2024 irrigation season will be October 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.; and authorize the President and General Manager to move the end date up, if needed, in the event of extreme wet weather.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

Item #7 – Approval of Letter of Support for the City of Escalon Connection to Nick DeGroot Water Treatment Plant Project Application for a WaterSmart Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Nakagawa addressed the Board regarding approval to provide a letter of support for the City of Escalon (City) Connection to the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant (WTP) WaterSmart Drought Program Grant Application for the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Mr. Nakagawa explained that the WTP Connection Project (Project) is listed in the Eastern San Joaquin

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Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) as a management action to utilize surface water in-lieu of groundwater pumping as a step towards sustainability required under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). On September 11, the ESJGWA adopted a resolution declaring this Project and 5 additional projects priority for funding.

It was noted that SSJID is also competing for the WaterSmart Drought Program Grant for the Q-Qc Reservoir and Conjunctive Use Project, which is also listed in the ESJGWA Resolution as a priority for grant funding. Other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the ESJGWA applying for the WaterSmart Drought Program Grant include Stockton East Water District, Oakdale Irrigation District, and North San Joaquin Water Conservation District in addition to Escalon.

Mr. Nakagawa stated that the District continues to advocate for and support the City's connection to the WTP. Staff recommended that the SSJID Board of Directors authorize and direct the President of the Board to sign a letter of support for the City of Escalon's WaterSmart Drought Program Grant application.

The Board inquired if the City was providing SSJID with a letter of support for the District's grant application, to which Mr. Nakagawa responded in the negative but added that SSJID has obtained letters of support from The Wine Group, the ESJGWA, legislators, and other stakeholders.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Kamper and seconded by Director Spyksma to authorize and direct the President of the Board to sign a letter of support for the City of Escalon Connection to Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant WaterSmart Drought Program Grant application.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

Item #8 – Consider Approval of Agreement with Turlock Irrigation District Regarding a Joint Feasibility Study of SSJID's Hydroelectric Power Plants

Mr. Bill Schwandt, SSJID Electric Utility Manager, addressed the Board for approval of a reimbursement agreement with Turlock Irrigation District (TID) regarding a joint feasibility study of SSJID's two (2) small hydroelectric power plants. He explained that the District's two hydropower units, Woodward and Frankenheimer Power Plants (Power Plants), are approaching fifty (50) years old and in need of refurbishment or decommissioning.

SSJID and TID are currently under contract through the SSJID-TID Small Hydroelectric Project Development Contract (Contract) whereby SSJID owns, and TID manages, the Power Plants. Both power plants have had recent issues that challenged the Contract terms regarding repair, and which brought the refurbishment or decommissioning question forward, along with the Contract requirements to negotiate another successive term of the Contract.

Mr. Schwandt stated that the TID-SSJID feasibility study will review factors of both power plants including annual generation and revenues; operating and maintenance costs; and necessary refurbishments to operate over the next thirty (30) year period; plus provide recommendations on potential optimization and future value. The study would be conducted by Black & Veath (B&V) for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$93,831.00. Under the Reimbursement Agreement, SSJID would reimburse TID for 50-percent (50%) of the actual cost of the work

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completed by B&V for the feasibility study, plus project management and support costs incurred by TID to assist in the studies.

Staff recommended Board approval of the Reimbursement Agreement with TID to complete the SSJID Small Hydro Feasibility Study for the Woodward and Frankenheimer Hydroelectric Power Plants.

Board discussion included the trustworthy relationship with TID; the inclusion of TID in the study; TID's role in maintaining SSJID's assets; complete transparency provided via the feasibility study; the information and knowledge obtained through the feasibility study; and assessments currently being conducted by B&V for various local power plants.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by President Weststeyn to approve the Reimbursement Agreement for Small Hydroelectric Project Feasibility Study Project between SSJID and Turlock Irrigation District.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

Item #9 – Consider Approval of Agreement with Caely Renewables for Purchase and Sale of Renewable Energy Credits

Mr. Schwandt addressed the Board and explained renewable energy credits (RECs), REC equivalence to 1,000 kilowatt hour (kWh) or 1 megawatt hour (MWh), and the current market to buy or sell RECs. He further explained that the District has sold its RECs in the past, and the proposed transaction is for 1314 MWh of energy (1314 RECs) to Caely Renewables US, LLC (Caely), at a purchase price of \$10.00 per MWh or RECs for a total of \$13,140.00. The proposed transaction is to sell RECs from fourth quarter (Q4) of 2023, and first quarter (Q1) and second quarter (Q2) of 2024.

Mr. Schwandt stated that the proposed agreement is a standard form Renewable Energy Certificate Purchase and Sale Agreement for this one-time transaction, and noted the potential to enter into a future contract whereby SSJID sells RECs, to an entity like Caely, on a quarterly, ongoing basis.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Spyksma and seconded by Director Kamper to approve the Renewable Energy Certificate Purchase and Sale Agreement between SSJID and Caely Renewables US, LLC.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	KAMPER SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	HOLBROOK ROOS

It was announced that all remaining items on the Closed Session agenda would be discussed. The Board took a brief recess at 10:05 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 10:15 a.m.

Item #10 – CLOSED SESSION

**MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:40 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 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board