

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 18, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

CCID Main Office, 1335 West I Street, Los Banos, California

Notice: One or more Directors may attend the meeting by conference call. The speaker phone will be available to the public in the Board meeting room. If a conference call occurs, all votes will be conducted by roll call.

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review of Agenda

The Board will consider corrections or additions to the agenda of items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the District following the posting of the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of November 19, 2014

4. Water Report and Informational Items

- a. Four Entities Watermaster's report on reservoir storage and water supply outlook
- b. CCID water operations
- c. Report on water use by CCID consumers
- d. Update of various studies and issues

5. Public Participation

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on matters that are not on the agenda, which affect the operations of the District and are within the jurisdiction of the Board. The President may limit the time allowed for comment. (Members of the public may also address the Board on any matter on the agenda, when that item is brought up.)

6. On-Farm Water Conservation Project(s)

One or more on-farm conservation projects that have previously received preliminary approval from the Water Conservation Policy Committee will be described and the Board will be asked to approve incentive grants and/or loans for the projects, and to authorize the President and Secretary to sign the loan papers on behalf of the District.

7. Contract Documents – East Ditch Reservoir Project

Plans and specifications have been completed for the East Ditch Reservoir, and its features and operation will be described. The Board will be asked to accept the contract documents and to authorize a call for bids for the project.

8. WaterSMART Grant Applications

The Bureau of Reclamation has money available for grants under its WaterSMART program, to help with projects to conserve water and improve energy efficiency. The District wishes to submit applications for two such grants. After staff describes the proposed projects, the Board will be asked to adopt the following two resolutions:

- a. Resolution No. 14-19 – Molasses Ditch Lining Project
- b. Resolution No. 14-20 – Groundwater Banking Project

9. Approval of November 2014 Warrants

10. Monthly Financial Report

The Secretary will present figures through the end of November for water sales, revenues and expenses in comparison to the 2014 budget, receivables, investments, and the reserve funds for water conservation loans and projects. No Board action is expected.

11. Proposed 2015 CCID Water Rates and Budget

On November 19, staff presented a proposal for 2015 Water Rates and Budget, based on the assumption that 2015 will be a Critical Year. The Board took the proposals under advisement, and staff is recommending only minor revisions to the original draft. The Board will be asked to approve the 2015 water rates and budget, either as presented or with modifications. Specifically, the presentation will include these items:

- a. Proposed 2015 water rates and allocations, based on a Critical Year supply, along with authorization for staff to proceed if necessary with the appropriate steps to conduct a protest election under the provisions of Proposition 218.
- b. Proposed 2015 general District budget.
- c. Anticipated revenues and expenditures for the CCID Water Conservation Projects Fund in 2015, with a ten-year cash flow projection for the Fund, from 2015 through 2024. *[Informational only]*

12. Well Water Pumping Policies

The Board will review and discuss the District's well water pumping policies and will be asked to give input to staff with regard to potential future revisions.

13. Legal and Four-Entities Matters

General Counsel, the Executive Director and the Manager will discuss with the Board current issues affecting the Exchange Contractors and CCID. Board action may be requested on any of these matters.

14. Miscellaneous Business

At this time, Board members and staff may discuss matters that are not on the agenda which may affect operations of the District. No Board action is expected to be taken.

15. Closed Session

- a. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Existing Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to Management and General Counsel with regard to Friant Water Authority, et al. v. United States Department of the Interior, et al.
- b. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to Management and General Counsel with regard to actions expected to be taken by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- c. (Government Code Section 54954.5) – Real Property Negotiations – Discussion of and instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- d. (Government Code Section 54954.5) – Real Property Negotiations – Instructions to staff with respect to acquisition of property to be utilized for the new Poso Canal Reservoir and East Ditch Reservoir.
- e. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Litigation – CCID/Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States (Drainage litigation).
- f. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Subsidence in Western Madera County and Merced County east of the San Joaquin River.
- g. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – San Joaquin River Restoration, including NRDC v. Rodgers, et al.
- h. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – SWRCB proceedings regarding salinity, San Joaquin River flows, State and Federal ESA as applied to Delta smelt, longfin smelt, steelhead and salmon.
- i. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Regional Board adoption of upstream salinity TMDL standards.
- j. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Litigation of rights to water from San Joaquin River, Kings River and Southern Delta.

16. Adjournment