

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 – 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 – March 9, 2016

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 individual water use by CCID consumers
- d. Update of various studies and water supply 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. Red Top Area Subsidence

Staff and consultants will provide responses to the points raised at the meeting of March 9, 2016. The Public Hearing from that meeting has been continued, and those in attendance may offer input as to the draft Environmental Assessment / Initial Study for the 2016-2026 transfer of water from Madera Irrigation District and Chowchilla Water District to the Red Top area. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 16-04 to adopt the proposed EA/IS and issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

7. On-Farm Water Conservation Program

One or more 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 execution of the loan documents.

8. Pumping of Private Wells for Water Credits in Federal Districts in 2016

The Board will be asked to review and approve requests from one or more CCID landowners who wish to pump private wells for water credits for their own properties in neighboring Federal districts in 2016.

9. 2016 Transfer(s) Based on Fallowing

One or more CCID landowners are expected to request permission to fallow a portion of their land in CCID in 2016 in order to be able to transfer water to non-District ground that they own. The Manager will present details of the requests, and the Board will be asked to approve the transfers for 2016.

10. Call for Bids – East Ditch Reservoir Project

Staff will present details of the plans and specifications for the East Ditch Reservoir Project, a key component of the District's long-term system improvement program. The Board will be asked to accept the documents and authorize a call for bids.

11. License Agreement for Valley Health Team, Inc.

Valley Health Team, Inc., is in the process of purchasing a piece of property in the City of Firebaugh previously owned and operated by the I-5 Social Services Corporation as a day care center. A portion of the parking lot built for the facility in 2004 is located on the right-of-way of the Poso Canal. Valley health has asked to enter into an agreement with CCID for the right-of-way, to keep the parking lot in use for their health center. The Board will be asked approve the request and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the document on behalf of the District.

12. Presentation of 2015 Financial Report

John M. Murao, the District's independent auditor, will present the 2015 audited financial report. The Board may accept the report as presented, or may take it under advisement for consideration and acceptance at the next Board meeting.

13. Restatement of Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

MassMutual Retirement Services, the administrator of the District's 401(k) Retirement Plan, has drafted a restatement of the plan document in order to incorporate changes in the law. The Board will be asked to approve Resolution No. 16-05 to approve the revisions and to authorize the Secretary to sign the document on behalf of the District.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- d. (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 Merced Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).
- 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.
- k. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Landowner dispute over drainage easement in the Dos Palos area.

17. Adjournment