

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, October 22, 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 September 24, 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 it is brought up.)

6. On-Farm Water Conservation Projects

It is expected that one or more on-farm conservation projects that have previously received preliminary approval from the Water Conservation Policy Committee will be ready to present for final approval and funding. The Board will be asked to approve incentive grants and/or loans for the projects, and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute loan documents on behalf of the District.

7. Approval of September 2014 Warrants

8. Monthly Financial Report

The Secretary will present figures through September 30 for 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 to be taken.

9. San Joaquin River Restoration Project

The Board will be asked to authorize the Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Reclamation to allow the District to become part of a cooperative effort to perform the environmental review of the Mendota Pool Bypass and Reach 2B Improvements Project, integral components of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

10. East Ditch Reservoir Project

As the final steps in the environmental review process for the East Ditch Reservoir Project, the Board will be asked to take the following actions:

- a. Accept the Finding of No Significant Impact issued by the Bureau of Reclamation in compliance with NEPA.
- b. After conducting a Public Hearing, adopt Resolution No. 14-16 to approve a Negative Declaration for the project under CEQA.

11. Easement Modification Agreement – PG&E

As part of the East Ditch Reservoir project, an overhead power line will need to be relocated, necessitating a modification to the existing easement agreement. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 14-17 to approve a proposed Easement Modification Agreement, and to authorize the President and Manager to execute the document on behalf of the District.

12. Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings

Because of various time conflicts and the holiday season, the Board will be asked to approve the following changes to the schedule of Regular Board meetings, with only one meeting per month in November and December, starting at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

- a. Wednesday, November 19, 2014
- b. Wednesday, December 17, 2014

13. Proposed 2015 Budget for Exchange Contractors

The Executive Director will present a draft of the proposed 2015 budget for the Exchange Contractors. The Board will be asked to review the proposal and give President O'Banion direction as to how to vote at the Four Entities' next Board meeting, on November 7.

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 and its recent curtailment notices.
- 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 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.

17. Adjournment