

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 – 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 March 13, 2013**

**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 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 the loan documents on behalf of the District.

**7. Report on 2012 Private Well Pumping**

Hydro Technician Bob Pfitzer will present a report on 2012 pumping of deep wells in the CCID service area, covering both District-owned and private wells. No Board action is expected to be requested.

**8. 2012 Groundwater Analysis Report**

Staff and Groundwater Consultant Ken Schmidt will present an analysis of the 2012 well pumping program and the current condition of the area's groundwater aquifers. The analysis will cover conditions in the various sub-areas within the District's boundaries and will address the groundwater triggers in the Los Banos sub-area governing transfers outside of the sub-area. Board action may be requested.

**9. Pumping of Private Wells for Water Credits in Federal Districts in 2013**

The Board will be asked to review and approve requests from CCID landowners who wish to pump private wells for water credits for their own properties in neighboring Federal districts in 2013.

**10. 2013 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 2013 in order to be able to transfer water to other ground that they own in Federal districts. The Manager will present details of the requests, and the Board will be asked to approve the transfers for 2013.

**11. Whitehurst Detachment / Annexation Request**

The Whitehurst Family Trust owns 22.3 acres that was detached from CCID at the time it was annexed into the City of Los Banos. The property has not been developed, and Tony Whitehurst, representing the family, will appear at the meeting to ask that the District extend the three-year time limit for them to pursue alternatives for making use of the detached water rights. Board action will be requested.

**12. Hostetler Ranch, LLC Annexation**

**a. Negative Declaration**

Following a public hearing, at which members of the public may make comments as to the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Hostetler Ranch, LLC Annexation, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 13-06 to approve a negative declaration.

**b. LAFCO Proceedings**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 13-07, to request LAFCO to initiate proceedings to annex approximately 20.0 acres into CCID. The property is located in the Northwest quarter of Section 27, T.10S., R.10E., M.D.B.&M., south of the City of Los Banos, within Merced County.

**13. Locans Investments, LLC Annexation**

**a. Negative Declaration**

Following a public hearing, at which members of the public may make comments as to the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Locans Investments, LLC Annexation, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 13-08 to approve a negative declaration.

**b. LAFCO Proceedings**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 13-09, to request LAFCO to initiate proceedings to annex approximately 42.67 acres into CCID. The property is located in the Southwest quarter of Section 25, T.10S., R.10E., M.D.B.&M., south of the City of Los Banos, within Merced County.

**14. Approval of March 2013 Warrants**

**15. Monthly Financial Report**

The Secretary will present figures through March 31 for water sales, revenues and expenses in comparison to the 2013 budget, receivables, investments, and the reserve funds for water conservation loans and projects. No Board action is expected to be taken.

**16. Proposition 218 Election for Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program**

Staff will present the Engineer's Report that is required as part of the process for pursuing a land-based benefit assessment under Proposition 218, along with draft copies of the cover letter and ballot that would be used. The Board will be asked to accept the Engineer's Report and authorize staff to proceed with the election.

**17. Grant Application for Amaral System Spill Elimination Project**

Grant funds may be available from the Bureau of Reclamation for the planned improvement of the Amaral Ditch Service Area, near Crows Landing, which is a District water conservation project. The grant has a 50% (minimum) match requirement. The Board will be asked to authorize the submittal of an application for such funding, and to approve Resolution No. 13-10.

**18. License Agreement – PG&E Overhead Electrical Line**

PG&E wishes to install an overhead power line across the Lucerne Canal, east of Willis Road, to provide electrical service to a pump for a new drip tape system being installed as an on-farm water conservation project for Four-W Ranch. The proposal meets CCID's engineering and legal requirements, and the Board will be asked to approve a license agreement, and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the document on behalf of the District.

**19. 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.

**20. 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.

**21. Closed Session**

- a. (Government Code Section 54954.5) – Real Property Negotiations – Discussion of and instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- b. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Litigation – CCID/Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States (Drainage litigation)
- c. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Subsidence in Western Madera County and Merced County east of the San Joaquin River
- d. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – San Joaquin River Restoration, including NRDC v. Rodgers, et al.
- e. (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.
- f. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Regional Board adoption of upstream salinity TMDL standards.
- g. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Litigation of rights to water from San Joaquin River, Kings River and Southern Delta.

**22. Adjournment**