

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 – 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 – April 25, 2012

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. Family Farm Alliance

Dan Keppen, the Executive Director of the Family Farm Alliance, will appear before the Board to describe the goals and activities of the organization. At the conclusion of Mr. Keppen's presentation, the Board may be asked to consider authorizing the District to join the organization, and/or to make a financial contribution.

7. On-Farm Water Conservation Projects

a. Completed Projects

A number of on-farm conservation projects that have previously received preliminary approval from the Water Conservation Policy Committee have been satisfactorily completed. 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 documents on behalf of the District.

b. NRCS Grant Funding

The District was recently approved for an agricultural water conservation and efficiency grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for the planned East Ditch Reservoir and Santa Rita Canal Reservoir. As an associated part of the program, NRCS has matching funds available for grants for qualifying on-farm projects done by private landowners within the service areas of the reservoirs. Staff will describe the program, but no Board action is expected to be requested.

8. Eastside to Westside Water Transfer Facilitation Proposal

On August 28, 2010, the Board gave conceptual approval to the proposed Eastside Conveyance Project, involving a long-term transfer of water from Stevinson Water District to Panoche Water District, using San Luis Canal Company's facilities to make the connection and to facilitate the transfer. The project proponents have now secured the necessary permits, and have completed final drafts of the various necessary agreements. The CCID Board will be asked to approve the agreements and to adopt Resolution No. 12-08 to authorize their execution by the President and/or Secretary.

9. Pumping of Private Wells for Water Credits in Federal Districts in 2012

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 2012.

10. Proposed Conserved Water Transfer – Firebaugh Canal Water District

Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD) is proposing a transfer of up to 4,000 a.f. per year to Westlands Water District and San Luis Water District. The conserved water is from the concrete lining of several miles of canals within FCWD. The Board will be asked to approve the proposal.

11. License Agreement – Panoche Drainage District

Panoche Drainage District wishes to install a pipe crossing beneath the O'Banion Bypass near the Main Canal, southeast of Los Banos, in order to divert water into the Main Drain. The proposal meets the District'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.

12. License Agreement – PG&E Underground Electrical Line

PG&E wishes to install an underground power line across Meredith Avenue in Gustine, in order to provide electrical service to a new well that is in Harry Schmidt Park. The proposal meets the District'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.

13. ACWA Health Benefits Authority / Joint Powers Insurance Authority

The ACWA Health Benefits Authority was reconstituted in 2010 to oversee ACWA's group health plan offerings, but the organization is now in the process of merging with the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 12-09 to consent to the merger of the two organizations and the termination of the HBA agreement, and to authorize the President and/or Secretary to execute any necessary documents on behalf of the District.

14. Approval of April 2012 Warrants

15. Monthly Financial Report

The Secretary will present figures through April 30 for water sales, revenues and expenses in comparison to the 2012 budget, receivables, investments, and the reserve funds for water conservation loans and projects. No Board action is expected.

16. 2012 CCID Water Awareness Scholarships

At the meeting of April 25, the Board authorized the Scholarship Committee to notify staff of its recommendations for 2012 scholarship winners, in order to meet early deadlines for some of the high school awards ceremonies. The Committee will present its final report, and the Board will be asked to formally approve the list of winners of 2012 CCID Water Awareness Scholarships.

17. Revised Schedule of Future Board Meetings

Due to time conflicts, the Board will be asked to revise the modified summer schedule of 2012 Regular Board meetings for June and July, with one meeting per month on the third Wednesday rather than the fourth Wednesday, starting at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

- a. Wednesday, June 20, 2012
- b. Wednesday, July 18, 2012

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. Closed Session

- a. (Government Code Section 54954.5) – Real Property Negotiations – Instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- b. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Litigation – Update and discussion of legal actions taken by the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, et al. against Biological Opinions for Delta smelt and salmon.
- c. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Litigation – CCID/Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States (Drainage litigation), including the EIR for the Camp 13 Drainage Elimination Plan.
- 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, VAMP Agreement, 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, and/or Irrigated Lands Conditional Ag Waiver Program.
- g. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Litigation of rights to water from San Joaquin River, Kings River and Southern Delta.

21. Adjournment