

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, February 26, 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 February 12, 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. 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. 2014 Water Supply

The latest information on 2014 water supply will be presented, including the level of interest by CCID consumers in two proposed pools for supplemental water. The Board will be asked to review and approve a process to make water available for Pool No. 2, through purchasing water made available by fallowing of District ground.

7. Griset Farms 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 Griset Farms Annexation, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 14-03 to approve a negative declaration.

b. LAFCO Proceedings

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 14-04, to request LAFCO to initiate proceedings to annex approximately 5.00 acres into CCID. The property is located in the Northwest quarter of Section 7, T.9S., R.9E., M.D.B.&M., south of the City of Gustine, within Merced County.

8. 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. 14-05 to approve a negative declaration.

b. LAFCO Proceedings

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 14-06, to request LAFCO to initiate proceedings to annex approximately 79.82 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.

9. 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.

10. Grant Applications for Oil Station Ditch Facility Improvement Project

Grant funds may be available for the planned improvement of the Oil Station Facility, southeast of Crows Landing, by means of two separate programs through the Bureau of Reclamation. Each of the two grant programs requires that the District match 50% or more of the project cost. The Board will be asked to approve Resolution Nos. 14-07 and 14-08 to authorize the submittal of applications for the funding.

11. Public Information Program – San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority

The District has agreed to participate financially in the Water Authority's Public Information Program at a 25% level, in line with the DIPS formula. Mike Stearns, Chair of the Authority's Public Information Committee, will request that the District increase its level of participation.

12. License Agreement – Cerutti Bros., Inc.

Cerutti Bros., Inc. wishes to install a 12-inch pipeline beneath the Main Canal west of Newman, to transport water from their well to their collection basin, for distribution through their return system. The proposal meets the applicable District requirements, and the Board will be asked to approve a license agreement for the installation, and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the document on behalf of the District.

13. 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.

14. 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 54954.5) – Real Property Negotiations – Instructions to staff with respect to acquisition of property to be utilized for the new Poso Reservoir and East Ditch Reservoirs.
- c. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Litigation – CCID/Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States (Drainage litigation)
- d. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Subsidence in Western Madera County and Merced County east of the San Joaquin River
- e. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – San Joaquin River Restoration, including NRDC v. Rodgers, et al.
- f. (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.
- g. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Regional Board adoption of upstream salinity TMDL standards.
- h. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Litigation of rights to water from San Joaquin River, Kings River and Southern Delta.

15. Adjournment