

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, February 22, 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 – Regular meeting of February 8, 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. Monthly update of various studies

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 completed prior to the meeting. 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.

7. Delinquent Accounts

Staff will present a listing of the individuals and entities owing money to the District for 2011 or before. It is possible that one or more consumers will appear before the Board to request approval of special payment arrangements.

8. Pumping of Private Wells for Water Credits in Other Districts

The District has received inquiries from a number of landowners who may wish to pump private wells for water credits for their own properties in neighboring districts. The Board will be asked to review the District's policies for such pumping, and consider whether, and under what conditions, to allow pumping for credits in 2012.

9. Proposed Critical Year 2012 CCID Budget and Water Rates

In response to the initial declaration by the Bureau of Reclamation that 2012 is to be a Critical Year for CCID and the Exchange Contractors, staff will present a proposed Critical Year Budget, with recommended revisions to the schedule of summer water rates and allocations. The Board will be asked to approve the new rate schedule and budget, and to authorize staff to mail the appropriate Proposition 218 notices to all District landowners and water users, initiating a 45-day period in which protests can be filed against the rate changes.

10. Traffic Block Gates and Security Concerns

In response to the ongoing rash of thefts throughout the area, many consumers and landowners have asked that the District restrict access to certain portions of its canal banks by the installation of traffic block gates. The Board will be asked to discuss the matter and give staff direction as to how to proceed.

11. Miscellaneous Business

At this time, Board members and staff may discuss matters that are not on the agenda which may affect the operations of the District. No Board action is expected to be taken.

12. 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 – San Joaquin River Restoration, including NRDC v. Rodgers, et al.

12. Closed Session (Continued)

- d. (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.
- e. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Regional Board adoption of upstream salinity TMDL standards.
- f. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Litigation of rights to water from San Joaquin River, Kings River and Southern Delta.

13. Adjournment