

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – 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 12, 2016

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 water supply 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. Red Top Area Subsidence

Staff and consultants are expected to provide further responses to points raised at the meetings of March 9 and March 23. The Public Hearing was continued to April 27, and additional input will be accepted as to the draft Environmental Assessment / Initial Study for the 2016-2026 transfer of water from Madera Irrigation District and Chowchilla Water District to the Red Top area. The Board may be asked to adopt Resolution No. 16-05 to adopt the proposed EA/IS and issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, or may continue the hearing to a later date.

7. On-Farm Water Conservation Program

One or more conservation projects that have previously received preliminary approval from the Water Conservation Policy Committee will be described and the Board will be asked to approve incentive grants and/or loans for the projects, and to authorize the execution of the loan documents.

8. East Ditch Reservoir Project

Sealed bids were opened on April 21 for the East Ditch Reservoir Project. Based on the review and recommendations by staff and the consulting engineer, the Board will be asked to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, McElvany, Inc. of Los Banos, and to authorize execution of the contract.

9. License Agreements for PG&E Canal Crossings

PG&E has submitted two requests to cross CCID canals with overhead electrical power lines. The requests meet District engineering standards and the proposed license agreements are in line with District legal and insurance requirements. The Board will be asked to approve the following two requests, and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the license agreements:

- a. A crossing of the Parsons Ditch north of Merrill Avenue southeast of the City of Dos Palos, to serve a new well for Jeff Mancebo.
- b. A crossing of the Colony Branch No. 2 Canal just west of Highway 33 to serve a commercial development for Narendra Bisundayal on the outskirts of the City of Dos Palos.

10. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

The Board will be asked to approve the summer schedule of Regular Board meetings, with only one meeting per month from May through October, starting at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

- a. Wednesday, May 25, 2016
- b. Wednesday, June 22, 2016
- c. Wednesday, July 27, 2016
- d. Wednesday, August 24, 2016
- e. Wednesday, September 28, 2016
- f. Wednesday, October 26, 2016

11. Water Awareness Month

After staff describes the various activities that have been planned, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 16-06 to declare May as Water Awareness Month.

12. 2016 CCID Water Awareness Scholarship Program

The Board will receive the report and recommendation from the Scholarship Committee, and will be asked to name the winners of 2016 Water Awareness Scholarships.

13. Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

Pending the recommendation of the Equipment Review Committee, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 16-07 to declare certain vehicles and equipment to be surplus to the District's needs, and to authorize their sale at applicable minimum prices.

14. Proposed 2016 Non-Critical Year Water Rates and Budget

Staff will present proposed revisions to the 2016 CCID Water Rates and Budget, based on a Non-Critical Year water supply in 2016, and will go over the revisions being proposed. The Board may either approve the water rate schedule and budget proposals as presented, or may take the proposals under advisement for consideration at the next Board meeting. Specifically, the presentation will include these items:

- a. Proposed 2016 water rates, based on a Non-Critical Year (100%) supply
- b. Proposed 2016 General District budget
- c. Anticipated revenues and expenditures for the CCID Water Conservation Projects Fund in 2016, along with a ten-year cash flow projection for the Fund, from 2016 through 2025

15. Revision to Employee Handbook

Staff will present a proposed revision to the Employee Handbook, to incorporate State-mandated provisions for sick leave. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 16-08 to authorize the amendment of the Employee Handbook.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.
- c. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- d. (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 Merced Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).
- 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.
- k. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Landowner dispute over drainage easement in the Dos Palos area.

19. Adjournment