

MID Board Report

Modesto Irrigation District (MID) Board Meeting of Tues., Nov. 18, 2008

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The next MID Board meetings will be Dec. 9 and 16.

*There will be **no Board meeting on Nov. 25 due to holidays.***

The MID Board Report is a summary of highlights of meetings of the MID Board of Directors and not a complete or official record of proceedings. Official records of proceedings of the MID Board of Directors are contained in the Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors. For information about the Minutes, please contact the Office of the Board Secretary, 1231 Eleventh Street, Modesto, telephone 209 526-7360, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, excluding holidays, or email Board@mid.org.

Water Report

Walt Ward, Assistant General Manager for Water Operations, reported that we have received approximately 1.5 inches of rain to date this season, with October rainfall better than average. The Hetch Hetchy system is taking water into storage and is currently at 76 percent capacity. Don Pedro is at 50 percent capacity and is 23 feet lower than this time last year.

Don Pedro Board of Control Report

Director Cecil Hensley reported a new deck was installed at the Visitor's Center and various road work projects have been completed. Also, the Don Pedro Marina 2009 boat slip rate was increased to \$400 per month.

MID Solar Program Update

Bob Hondeville, Energy Services Supervisor, presented an overview of the MID solar program. Discussion included the status of MID's current program, requiring customer-owned systems, compliance with state regulations and possible program augmentations. Farm Credit Leasing presented its solar leasing program for consideration for MID to allow customers to receive the same solar program incentives for leased systems. A workshop to further discuss the MID solar program and requirements is to be scheduled for a future Board meeting.

Bay-Delta Issues Presentation

General Counsel Tim O'Laughlin shared "The Delta Tipping Point" presentation questioning whether the Delta has reached or is past a tipping point in regards to native species such as salmon. The presentation was a preview to what will be shown to the State Water Resources Control Board. It highlighted habitat destruction, non-native species and predation as the main contributors to the salmon population decline. In addition, it included the sport and commercial fishing industries and channeling of water to also have negative impacts on salmon.

Approved by majority vote

By majority, the Board approved a 2009 rate package, including:

- A residential rate increase in three steps: Seven percent on Jan. 1, 2009, 6.5 percent* on June 1, 2009 and 5.4 percent* on Sept. 1, 2009. *Subject to change plus/minus 0.5 percent.
- No change in the current two-tier rate structure (500 kWh and below, above 500 kWh).
- Increases in commercial, industrial and other rates ranging from 10 to 17 percent depending on rate class.

The vote taken today follows a series of electric resource and budget workshops that began the public discussions of electric rates and a public hearing held on Nov. 4.

Approved by unanimous vote

Resolutions approving and authorizing the General Manager to:

- Take all necessary actions, including execution of agreements with Delta Dental, to secure cost effective dental benefits for District employees in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Execute the Reliability Standards Performance Agreement between Sacramento Municipal Utility District as Balancing Authority/Transmission Operator and MID.
- Execute Amendment No. 1 of the Phase 2 Agreement for the Lodi Energy Center.
- Execute the necessary documents to enter into Interconnection and Power Purchase Agreements between Fiscalini Power, LLC and MID for up to 0.7 MWs of CEC Certified Renewable Energy.