

MID Board Report

Modesto Irrigation District (MID) Board Meeting of Tues., Dec. 22, 2009

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Next MID Board meetings: Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 9 and 23.

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Staff Reports

Water Report – Walt Ward, Assistant General Manager of Water Operations reported that:

- **Rainfall** to date is right around average. We had a wet October, but it is too early to judge the rainfall year. With no rain forecasted in the coming week, staff will continue with various irrigation maintenance activities.
- **Snow sensor data** shows the North region at 6 inches and the Central and South regions at 7 inches.
- **Don Pedro** is at 776 feet, approximately 45 feet higher than this time last year.
- **Fish counts** – approximately 260 returning Chinook salmon have been counted at the Tuolumne River fish weir.

Don Pedro Board of Control Report – Director Cecil Hensley reported that:

- Revenue to date is at \$2 million and expenses are at \$1.9 million.
- Campground reservations through November are at 7,220 compared to 7,102 last year. An option for the public to make reservations online will be available starting April 2010.
- Wireless Internet service is now up and running for visitors.

McHenry Solar Farm Workshop

Resource Planning & Development Manager Greg Salyer led a discussion on the McHenry Solar Farm – a 160-acre, 25 MW solar farm to be developed by SunPower on the corner of McHenry Avenue and Patterson Road. A proposed purchase power agreement with SunPower will yield approximately 2 percent renewable energy for MID in 2011 and in combination with current wind contracts, will bring MID's renewable energy to 21 percent. This increase in renewable energy would also aid in achieving greenhouse gas reduction mandates. The Board is scheduled to vote on the McHenry Solar Farm project at the January 12 Board meeting.

Approved by unanimous vote

Resolutions approving and/or authorizing:

- MID's 2010 operations & maintenance and capital budgets and table of organization.
- San Joaquin River Agreement one-year extension between San Joaquin River Group Authority, of which MID is a member agency, and various parties. This includes the Vernalis Adaptive Management Program (VAMP) in which the group collects data to better define the relationship between inflows, export pumping and fish migration.
- Central Valley Project Corporation Membership Agreement – As a participant, MID can achieve cost savings and efficiencies in displacement transactions. This membership is in conjunction with participation in the Western Area Power Administration Displacement Program.
- High Winds amended contract – extends the existing contract with Iberdrola Renewables at 25 MW to the year 2015 and expands it to 50 MW from 2015 through 2028.
- Shiloh Wind amended contract – amendment necessary to accommodate California Independent System Operator tariff changes.
- Obtaining a Builder's Risk insurance policy (course of construction) for the Woodland 3 reciprocating engines project.