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# FACT SHEET

## Board of Directors' Per Diem Public Hearing Announcement

### Considering Increase in Per Diem

On March 15, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Irrigation District will consider an increase in their per diem payment from the current \$180 to \$200.

### Per Diem Defined

The per diem is a fee paid to each member of the Board for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or its committees, as well for attendance at District authorized meetings, conferences, and activities. The maximum number of days allowable per month is ten; therefore currently a Board member cannot receive more than \$1800 in per diem payments per month.

### Annual Review

The District's Administrative Code requires the Board to annually review the level of per diem compensation. Water Code Sections 20200 through 20207 allow irrigation districts to increase compensation received by Directors for sitting on the Board or acting under its orders. Increases in compensation require the scheduling and noticing of a Public Hearing to consider such an action by resolution.

### Amount Allowable

The Board is permitted, by the Water Code, a maximum increase of 5% per calendar year. The current \$180 per diem was adopted by Resolution No. 03-05 on March 20, 2003. The maximum allowable increase the Board could consider at its March 17, 2007 meeting would be \$36 (20% X \$180), which would increase Board member compensation to \$216 per day.

### Public Hearing

At the March 15, 2007 Public Hearing the Public is invited to comment on the proposed increase in per diem. Upon conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Board may consider action to increase the per diem compensation to \$200.00 per day.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA FE IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO BE  
RECEIVED BY DIRECTORS FOR SITTING ON THE  
BOARD OR ACTING UNDER ITS ORDERS AND  
REVISING ARTICLE 5.11 (a) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

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**WHEREAS**, Sections 20200 through 20207 of the Water Code allow irrigation districts to increase the compensation received by Directors for sitting on the Board or acting under its orders; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 20202 provides that the amount of compensation may be increased by an amount not to exceed five percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing to consider an increase in the compensation of Directors of the Governing Board was duly noticed and held in accordance with Water Code Sections 20200 through 20207 on the date hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board last set compensation in 2003 (Resolution 03-05) at \$180.00 per day; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to encourage qualified persons to become Directors and to assure that Directors are compensated comparably to other water district Directors, it is in the interests of the District to increase the compensation of District Directors;

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Irrigation District as follows:

**SECTION 1:**

That Directors of Santa Fe Irrigation District shall be compensated as follows:

- a. That each Director shall receive compensation in the amount of \$200 per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board and of committees established by the Board.
- b. That each Director shall receive compensation in the amount of \$200 for each day's service rendered as a director by request of the Board. Services for which

compensation shall be paid without further direction of the Board are set forth in Article 5 – Section 5.11(e) (f) - *Director Compensation* of the District’s Administrative Code.

c. That in no event shall a director receive compensation for more than a total of ten days in any calendar month.

**SECTION 2:**

That except for compensation paid for attendance at meetings of the Board and of committees established by the Board and as set forth in Article 5 – Section 5.11(e) (f) - *Director Compensation* of the District’s Administrative Code, no compensation shall be paid by the District to a Director until the Director has complied with Article 5 – Section 5.11(g) which states “*Any director attending an activity not listed in the **Authorized Meetings, Conferences, and Events** must receive the Board President’s prior approval if compensation will be requested*”.

**SECTION 3:**

That pursuant to Section 20204 of the Water Code, this Resolution shall become effective sixty days from the date of its adoption, unless the voters of the District petition for a referendum on the Resolution.

**SECTION 4:**

That the District’s Administrative Code Article 5 - Section 5.11 will be revised to reflect changes in per diem, in accordance with the Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Irrigation District at a regular meeting held this 15th day of March 2007 by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**

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Robert Irvin, Board President

**ATTEST:**

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Michael J. Bardin, Secretary/Treasurer