

April 10, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in a regular session. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kisling called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritsen - Attorney
Nick Keller – Engineer

GUEST: Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Mike George – Sun Pacific
Matt Kidder – Barcellos Farms
Tom Barcellos – Barcellos Farms
Matt Leider – Setton
Lucas Kisling – Kisling Farms
Nick Gatti – Homer
Parker Ros – Sunview Vineyard
Julian Torres – Capinero
Adam Yoerg - EKI
Lisa Hansen McEwen – SJV Water

AGENDA – The Manager reported that the agenda is in order and has been posted as required.

MINUTES

M/S/U, E. Merritt, Noble – to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on March 13, 2025, with one change.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff - to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: Noble

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. With no public input, President Kisling stated that if there are no further comments, we will move on to the monthly reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL—The Board reviewed the District's financial status. Included in the review were the Citizens Business Bank accounts check register from the prior month, Local Agencies Investment Fund reports, Money Market Account Statement, Treasurer, Collector's, and Secretary's reports, Income and Balance Sheets. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Demetriff, E. Merritt - to accept the financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS— No report was given.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller reported the water usage for March was 82 acre-feet, and reviewed the water schedule report with the Board. USBR has announced the increase of Class 1 allocation to 100%, there could be a possibility of some Class 2 and URF water. Keller recommendation was to increase the allocation to 1.15 of an acre-foot per acre and a decrease of the water cost from \$140.00 to \$ 120.00 per acre-foot. Discussion ensued. The board packet includes the Employee Safety Meeting report and the Monthly Field Staff Report for the Board's review.

M/S/U, Noble, M. Merritt - to approve the recommendation to increase the water allocation to 1.15 of an acre-foot per acre and decrease the water rate to \$120.00 per acre foot.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding the AECA newsletter to the Board members; there is nothing to report for FWA.

EASTERN TULE GSA—The Manager stated there wasn't anything to report.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION: a) Status Report on formation, b) Discussion of GSA Meeting Time and Location, c) Discussion of Bylaws update to include GSA specifics, d) Discussion of Committee Formation, e) Discussion of Development of Rules and Regulations.

The Manager reported no updates on the formation of the GSA, except that the district will become its own GSA on May 28, 2025. The Board discussed the GSA meeting time

and location; they agreed to hold the SID GSA meeting at the office on the second Thursday of each month following the regular Saucelito ID meeting, at approximately 10:30 am. The Manager informed the Board that the Water Budget has been completed and would be sent out for review. He also read aloud to the Board the water budget conclusion submitted by Luhdorff & Scalmanini. The Manager suggested that Luhdorff & Scalmanini write the GSP for the SID GSA, which could be completed by early summer. No updates were reported on the Bylaws this month. The Board discussed the possible formation of a stakeholders committee using the significant input from the public attending today's meeting. The Board also discussed the rules and regulations for the GSA; the Manager mentioned that the Attorney is working on them, including the SID well monitoring program. Discussion ensued.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:34 am

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), (4)] (one Case)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Friant Water Authority v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU306343.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] the City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:27 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:27 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary