

April 9, 2026

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Kisling called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 Mauritson - Attorney  
Terren Brown – Assistant GSA Manager

GUEST:

Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches  
Mike George – Sun Pacific

ZOOM

Douglas Jackson - WCS  
Nick Gatti – Homer  
Adam Yoera – EKI

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

### **MINUTES**

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on March 12, 2026, with one small correction.

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. Discussion followed.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – President Kisling invited public comments. President Kisling then indicated that, as there were no further comments, the meeting would proceed to the monthly reports.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merrit - to ratify two checks paid in January and 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 given.

**OPERATIONS & WATER** – The Manager gave the updated water report and stated that the USBR is waiting until after this storm to make any adjustments to the water allocation. There is a chance of more URF water. Keller's recommendation is to hold the current allocation of .9 per acre-foot for now. Employee Safety Meeting records and Monthly Field Staff reports were included in the board packet. Discussion ensued.

**STATUS OF AUTHORITIES** – The Manager continued forwarding the AECA newsletter to the Board members; Johnny Amaral has been doing a good job getting the CEO reports out for FWA which the Manager has been forwarding.

**EASTERN TULE GSA** – The Manager reported that ETGSA has held its final meeting. TBID will continue making payments to 4-Creek through April. The Attorney is finalizing the liens this week and will be transferring them to FWA. Once the final dissolution letter for the ETGSA is issued, the board members will be required to file Form 700 Leaving Office.

President Kisling moved to adjourn the adjourned meeting, which will resume immediately following the GSA meeting.

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY** –  
President Kisling called the GSA meeting to order.

## **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION:**

**STATUS REPORT OF GSA** - The Manager reported that the L&S sections were sent to the stakeholders for review in advance of their meeting next week. President Kisling provided an update on the Coordination Committee meeting, noting that most districts are in agreement regarding the Well Mitigation Program and the concept of the of the Tule Basin operating un a sing GSP. Additional information is expected as discussions continue. The State Board is

scheduled to meet during the week of April 20 to review the GSAs' requests for exemptions. Further discussion followed.

**STAKEHOLDERS REPORT** – The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2026.

**LUHDORF & SCALMANINI REPORTS** - The Manager reported that the most recent sections of the L&S reports were included in the Board packets for Board review. He added that the final Project Management Action (PMA) is expected by the end of next week. President Kisling asked whether the section showing more than 30K of 2023 well extractions had been corrected, noting that the District delivered more than 70K AF of surface water that year. President Kisling asked how this could be possible in a wet year to pump this much water when growers didn't run their wells.

**GSA BUDGET REVENUE** – The Stakeholders' Committee has proposed a \$20.00 per-acre fee to generate revenue for GSA expenses. The Manager indicated that Nick Keller will conduct a water-rate study, which will require a 45-day public hearing process prior to issuing any invoices.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE GSA MEETING**

President Kisling adjourned the meeting of the GSA and reconvened it as the regular Board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:46 am.

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

[Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), (3)] (one Case)

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1))

- a. *Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Haaland et al.*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:25-CV-00112-EPG

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** - The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:04 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

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Diane M. Ennis, Secretary