

August 10, 2023

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 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritson, Legal Counsel

GUEST:

Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources
Douglas Jackson – Land and Water
Andrew Hardt – Booth Ranches
Aaron Lewis - EKI Environment & Water Inc.

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 July 13, 2023.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment at this time. Having no one, the Board moved on to the reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL – The Board reviewed the financial status of the District. 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. The Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff – to accept the Financial Statements and directed that they be placed on file.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – The Manager stated that BasinSafe will be launched by February 2024. Discussion ensued.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reviewed the water schedule report from Nick Keller with the Board. Included in the Board packet is the Employee Safety Meeting and Monthly Field Staff Report for the Board review. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO of FWA, and the AECA newsletter to the Board members. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported that the State Water Quality Control Board is reviewing the Groundwater Sustainability Plans. Starting with the Tulare Lake Basin, next will be the Tule Basin. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reported that he will work with Thomas Harder and Company to get a banking policy for the next Board meeting. The Manager hopes to have the policy in place by next year. Discussion ensued.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - The Board set the date and time for the Board of Equalization to meet.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to set the Board of Equalization meeting for September 14, 2023, to start at 9:30 a.m. in the SID Board room.

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

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE FRIANT-KERN CANAL WATER QUALITY GUIDELINE – The Manager reviewed the Cooperative Agreement for the Friant-Kern Canal Water Quality Guidelines. The Board considered adopting a Resolution in support of the guidelines.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAUCELITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTING WATER INTO THE FRIANT-KERN CANAL

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals:

A. The United States Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation") constructed and owns the facilities of the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project ("CVP" or "Project"), including the Friant Dam and the Friant-Kern Canal ("Canal" or "FKC") which conveys water from Millerton Lake to municipalities and water agencies along the 152-mile length of the Canal that have water delivery contracts with Reclamation for Project water.

B. The Saucelito Irrigation District ("District") has entered into that certain *Contract Between the United States and the Saucelito Irrigation District Providing for Project Water Service from Friant Division and for Facilities Repayment* (Contract No. I75R-2604D) ("Repayment Contract").

C. In order to ensure the quality of water conveyed through the FKC, the Friant Water Authority ("FWA"), the District and other Contractors have cooperatively developed certain *Guidelines for Accepting Water into the Friant-Kern Canal* ("Guidelines") that define certain water quality thresholds and the required mitigation associated with the introduction of Non-Millerton water into the FKC, as well as establish methodologies, procedures and tools for forecasting, monitoring and managing water quality in the FKC.

SECTION 2. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement.

The Board of Directors approves the Cooperative Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and directs District staff to proceed with all necessary actions to execute and enter into the Cooperative Agreement with the participating Contractors and FWA in order to implement the Guidelines. The District does not waive or release any rights or obligations under its Repayment Contract as a result of the Cooperative Agreement, and expressly preserves its right to make any and all claims it may have now or in the future pursuant to the Repayment Contract. The District's approval of the Cooperative Agreement shall in no way be used as a basis to modify, revise, amend or interpret the District's Repayment Contract.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution will take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on August 10, 2023.

____\s\ Steven G. Kisling_____

Steven G. Kisling, President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

____\s\ Diane M. Ennis_____

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary of the Board

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Resolution No. 2023-001 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on August 10, 2023, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

____\s\ Diane M. Ennis_____

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:32 am.

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.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (3 Case)

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:55 a.m. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary