

August 11, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in a special session. In accordance with the declared State of Emergency, including social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, SID staff will be participating in this meeting remotely. There will not be a physical location for this meeting. Members of the public may participate in the meeting in the following ways: By joining the Zoom Meeting ID 869 1905 5252 and password 464156. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Merritt called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
GUEST: Andrew Hart - Booth Ranches
Douglas Jackson – Land and Water
Patrick O’Connell – EKI Consultant

TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS- The Board considers approving Resolution 2022-8-02 for remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff - to adopt Resolution 2022-8-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-8-02 of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAUCELITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION RE CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC TELECONFERENCING LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, as modified by Assembly Bill 361, *Government Code* § 54953(e)(1) permits local agencies to dispense with the requirements for teleconference locations contained in *Government Code* § 54953(b)(3) under the conditions specified herein;

WHEREAS, the Board has reconsidered the state of emergency issued by the State of California in connection with COVID-19, and has found that the declared state of emergency remains in effect;

WHEREAS, local and state officials continue to recommend and, in some cases, require, social distancing measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board shall, consistent with *Government Code 54953(e)(1)*, continue to operate without physical, public meeting or teleconference locations.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Saucelito Irrigation District Board of Directors on this 11 day of August 2022, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

_____/s/ Eric R. Merritt
E. Merritt, President

ATTEST:

_____/s/ Diane M. Ennis_____
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary

Certificate of Secretary

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Saucelito Irrigation District, a special district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors thereof at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held on August 11, 2022, at which meeting a quorum of the said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remains in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Certificate on the 11th day of August 2022, in Porterville, California.

_____/s/ Diane M. Ennis_____
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, Kisling– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on July 14, 2022.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Kisling, Noble - 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 E. Merritt asked if anyone from the public wished to comment at this time. Having no one at this time, we will move on to the reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL – The Board reviewed the financial status of the District. Included in the review were the Suncrest accounts, Treasurer's, Collector's, Secretary's, and Local Agencies Investment Fund reports, Money Market Account Statement, Income Statement, and Balance Sheets.

M/S/U, Kisling, 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 – Water billing software is getting closer, and the plan is to launch it in October 2022. Following the board meeting, the Board looked at the Basin Safe for Saucelito ID. Discussion ensued.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reported on the current water supply and water schedule prepared by Nick Keller. The Manager discussed with the Board the additional prorated allocation, which came after the July 15 deadline for growers to let the District know if they wanted to keep their prorated allocation. Growers were required to pay for their initial remaining allocation by August 1, 2022. The Manager asked the Board on how the growers should pay for the addition .23 of an acre-foot increase. The Board agreed to allow growers to pay as the water was used until November; any growers with water balances remaining on the book will be required to pay for their remaining balance. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continues forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO, FWA. FWA continues to work on the new canal. DCTRA there is nothing to report. ACWA has nothing to report. The Manager continues to forward the AECA newsletter out to the Board members. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported on the Eastern Tule GSA. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager discussed the groundwater banking policy with the Board. Discussion ensued.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION –

M/S/U, Kisling, M. Merritt – to set the Board of Equalization meeting for September 8, 2022, to start at 9:30 am, in the SID Board room.

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

2021 EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND AUDIT- The Board reviewed the audit completed by Cuttone & Mastro Certified Public Accountants.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Noble – To accept the 2021 Employees' Money Purchase Pension Plan Financial Statement and directed them to be placed on file.

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

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:23 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.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:25 am.
There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President E. Merritt adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary