

December 11, 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 9:30 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt, Noble 9:32 E. Merritt arrived

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney
Nick Keller – Engineer
Terren Brown – Assistant GSA Manager

GUEST:

Mike George – Sun Pacific
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Adam Mendoza – Full Circle Farming
David Evans – Full Circle Farming
Michael – Unknown Guest
Adam Yoera - EKI
Nick Gatti – Homer
Parker Rous – Sunview Vineyards

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble – to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on November 13, 2025, with two corrections.

AYE: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Noble – to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District.

AYE: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt

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. 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 – Nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller reported November water usage at 851 acre-feet, below the estimated 1,000 acre-feet, leaving 3,206 AF of Class 1 for the 2025 water year. In the next couple of weeks, USBR may make a Class 2 allocation of 5%, equaling 1640 AF. The current water level in the reservoir exceeds the flood diagram, resulting in a Class 2 allocation. Keller stated that, depending on when this water needs to run, Class 2 may take priority over Class 1 water in the recharge basin. Any water exceeding the allocated recharge amount will be distributed among all parties. Growers are to be reminded that they should prioritize using surface water during the season before switching to pump water for irrigation. Employee Safety Meeting notes and Monthly Field Staff reports are included in the board packet. Discussion followed.

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STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding the AECA newsletter to the Board members; It was announced that FWA is looking for a new CEO after Jason Philips' resignation. President Kisling asked if there was any word on SID new pump stations. Keller responded with nothing at this time.

EASTERN TULE GSA—The Manager reported that the ETGSA winding down operation.

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

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) –

President Kisling called the GSA meeting to order.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION –

Except for the Status Report, there were no other items to report

STATUS REPORT –

STAKEHOLDERS REPORT – The Manager shared that he and Nick Keller had a discussion with L & S last night about the SID GSP. L & S mentioned they will not have anything ready for SID Stakeholders to review until sometime after Christmas, as they are currently working on all three districts at once. Because of this, they decided to cancel the December 17 Stakeholder meeting due to lack of updates from L & S, and agreed to send out a notice informing stakeholders of the cancellation.

The Manager has spoken to Land IQ about ET reporting; it is recommended that the ET be reported in Basinsafe monthly so growers can have the information they need to farm efficiently.

WELL MONITORING PROGRAM – A meeting with Techno Flo Systems was held to review the various meters used on growers' wells. SID invited PID staff for training, focusing mainly on standardizing meter decimal resets and discussing which of the five Seametrics flow settings to use. Marisol Zuniga was asked to present the findings. Handouts were provided to the Board outlining the training content and the resulting findings. The group discussed establishing a policy covering notification requirements for meter changes or replacements, penalties for non-compliance, and addressing the calibration requirement. The USBR implements a three-year calibration schedule, while the SID policy requires meter calibration every five years. Additional related subjects are also under consideration. Geivet, Keller, and Mauritsen were tasked with preparing the policy for Board approval.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WATER YEAR 2026 ALLOCATIONS – The district may use the 4-Creeks and Thomas Harder models to determine the 2026 ET allocation, as well as precipitation and NSY, with no transitional pumping credit, while awaiting the L & S GSP.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE GSA MEETING

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

TRUCK – The Board reviewed four different truck options and prices. Discussion ensued. The Manager made his recommendation to go with the Toyota Tocomo 4x4.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt - to accept the Manager's recommendation and authorize up to \$45,000 to spend on a new district truck.

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

BUSINESS OFFICE – The Manager stated that he had received the RFQ from SID on the new office. He asked if he dropped the ball by not forwarding the RFQ to Keller. The Secretary clarified that the RFQ had been sent to Keller, who will revise the draft RFP and issue the updated RFQ for bids. Discussion followed.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 11:09 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. *Porterville Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al.*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU314672.
- b. *Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al.*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 317284
- c. *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
- d. “Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU327112.”
- e. *NRDC v. Rogers*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-CV-1658-JAM-GGH.

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.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:44 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary