

January 12, 2023

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 813 3260 8908 and password 552279. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kisling called the meeting to order at 8:37 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 Nick Keller - Engineer
GUEST:	Nick Galli – Renewable Resources Douglas Jackson – Land and Water Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches

TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS- The Board considered approving Resolution 2023-1-02 for remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

M/S/U, Noble, E. Merritt - to adopt Resolution 2023-1-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-1-02 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 12th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

/s/ Steven G. Kisling
Steven G. Kisling, 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 January 12, 2023, 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 January 12, 2023, in Porterville, California.

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

AGENDA – The Secretary 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 December 8, 2022.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Demetriff, E. 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, Collector's and Secretary's reports, along with the Income Statements and Balance Sheets. The Treasurer's report will be included with next month's reports.

M/S/U, Noble, E. Merritt – 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 – Nothing to report at this time.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller reported on the increase to Class 1 water supply of 5% along with the current weather conditions and how they will impact the water deliveries starting February 1 through the 28th. He also reviewed with the Board the water schedule. Also included in the packet are the Field Staff Report and Monthly Employee Safety Report. Nick Keller reported the canal would be ready to start delivery on 2/1/2023 along with all the available water supplies (Uncontrolled season, 215 Water, RWA Water, and the balance of Class 1) that need to be run in February 2023. In order to run as much water as possible, it is recommended; we reduce the cost of water to encourage growers to recharge as much as possible. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Demetriff, E. Merritt – to accept the recommendation to reduce the price of water to \$150.00 through February 28, 2023.

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

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO, FWA. The Manager continued to forward the AECA newsletter to the Board members. DCTRA is in its final wind down. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported that the ETGSA is working on collection and liens. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY - The Manager reviewed with the Board some of the District's challenges with the Banking Policy. The Manager recommended the District invest in a study by Thomas Harder and Company with a cost of \$ 88,000.00 that will be split in half between Saucelito I.D.

and Porterville I.D. The study will be completed within three months from the start date. The Manager stated we need to set up a committee before setting the Banking Policy.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to authorize the Manager to hire Thomas Harder and Company to conduct a Water Banking study.

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

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 9:33 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 9:48 am.
There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 9:51 am

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary