

July 11, 2024

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
DIRECTORS ABSENT: E. Merritt & Noble
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritson – Attorney
Nick Keller – Engineer

GUEST: Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Robin Smith – Wonderful Citrus
Aaron Lewis - EIB

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 June 13, 2024.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, M Merritt, Demetriff - to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the district as presented.

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

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 district's financial status. 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, and January 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, Demetriff, M. Merritt
NAY: None
ABSENT: E. Merritt & Noble

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS— Nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER—Nick Keller reviewed the water schedule report with the Board. Keller stated that due to hydrologic conditions, upstream operations, Millerton Lake storage, extremely high temperatures, and other related factors, the USBR had reduced the Class 1 allocation from 100% to 90%, effective July 10. The Board reviewed a letter to the growers regarding how much water they have remaining in their account and requested payment of the remaining balance. The Board instructed the staff to send out an email on the allocation reduction and the prorated letters immediately. Included in the board packet are the Employee Safety Meeting and Monthly Field Staff Report for the Board's 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. Keller updated the Board on the pump stations. Keller continues to have bi-weekly meetings regarding the pumping plants' design. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA—Keller & Kisling updated the Board that two districts have requested to leave the ETGSA; however, it will take 180 days from the date of their request before they can leave the ETGSA. Discussion ensued.

2024-2025 WATER YEAR – WATER POLICY – There is nothing to report today.

EIR STUDY FOR GROUNDWATER BANKING POLICY PROGRAM—Keller reported that the Manager has signed the agreement with P&P to start the EIR study. The study will take one year to complete, and the Manager will meet with P&P throughout the process. Discussion ensued.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), (4)] (one Case)

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.

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 – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:05 am.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from a Closed Session at 10:19 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:19 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary