

July 29, 2026

The Stakeholders Committee of the Saucelito Irrigation District GSA met on this day in a regular session. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kisling called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

ATTENDANCE

STAKEHOLDERS MEMBERS Present:	James Jongsma Joan Whelan	Parker Rous Lukas Kisling
ZOOM:	Nick Gatti David Evans	Nader Malakan
STAKEHOLDERS MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mike George	
GSA DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Steven Kisling - Chair	
GSA DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Mark Merritt – Vice Chair	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Sean P. Geivet, General Manager via Zoom Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer Terren L. Brown – Assistant General Manager, GSA	
GUEST:	Doug Jackson – Water and Land Solutions, LLC Adam Mendoza – Full Circle Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches Mario Escobar – Sunview Seth Merritt – Merritt Farms Elijah Merritt – Merritt Farms	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chair Kisling opened the public comment by asking if anyone from the public wished to comment. With no public input, Chair Kisling stated that if there are no further comments, we will move on to minutes.

MINUTES – Chair Kisling asked whether everyone had read the minutes from the May 20, 2026, meeting and invited a motion to approve them.

M/S/U, L Kisling, P. Rous – to approve the minutes from the stakeholders meeting held on May 20, 2026.

AYE: L. Kisling, Jongsma, Evans, Whelan, Gatti, Rous, Malakan

NAY: None
ABSENT: George

POLICY ISSUES –

REPORT ON COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Chair Kisling reported that he attends Coordination Committee meetings every two weeks. The committee is making progress. Each GSA consultant has agreed to work on a section of the Tule Basin GAP. Two items are ready for State review, the drinking water well program and water quality program. On July 16, the State Water Board met with managers and board presidents from the Tule Basin. State Board staff said they had seen limited communication from the Tule Basin, which the Manager understood to mean that no written plans had been submitted. If the Tule Basin and Friant come together and agree on a plan to address subsidence, the State Board could support it. Chair Kisling reported that the State Water Board needs to see an acceptable subsidence mitigation plan by December. The FKC LS program is currently being modified to avoid a pumping moratorium. Discussion ensued.

Saucelito's top priority is to complete a land subsidence plan that all parties can agree on. The Chair said the State Board has not seen SID's GSP. The Board indicated it would mark the plan received but would not be reviewed because they are asking for a Tule Subbasin GSP. The Manager will ask DWR to create an FFP site so SID can submit its GSP, since SID is no longer under the ETGSA GSP.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW SECTIONS OF GSP FROM L & S - The Manager gave an update on the draft PMA for the GSP and said the group should focus on marking up the PMA section before the public comment period ends on August 22, 2026, so the PMA can be finalized. The group was asked to review the section and provide suggestions before the next meeting. Parker noted that the funding allocation for well mitigation listed SID at 30%. Chair Kisling said the amount should be closer to 5% or 10%. The Manager stated that the Recharge Policy will be revised. The Manager reported on Thomas Harder's new studies, including a groundwater-flow model and a southern land-subsidence study. Evans will provide well drilling logs for the group to review.

FALLOW LAND PROGRAM - The Manager stated that the Fallow Land Program is on hold for now.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING DATE – The next Stakeholder Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:26 AM.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary