

June 9, 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 814 8104 4449 and password 479779. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Kisling called the meeting to order at 9:29 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: E. Merritt
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney
GUEST: Andrew Hart - Booth Ranches
Patrick O'Connell – EKI Consultant
Douglas Jackson – Land & Water

TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS- The Board considers approving Resolution 2022-6-02 for remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble - to adopt Resolution 2022-6-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-6-02 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 9 day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt

/s/ Steven G. Kisling
Steven G. Kisling, Vice 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 June 9, 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 this 9th day of June, 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, M. Merritt, Demetriff– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on May 10, 2022, and the Special Growers meeting on May 19, 2022.

AYE: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Demetriff, 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: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: E. Merritt

PUBLIC COMMENT – Vice President Kisling 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, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to accept the Financial Statements and directed that they be placed on file.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – Nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reported on the current water supply. It is holding at 15% of Class 1, plus the URF water will add an additional 5% to the growers' account. The plan is to open the Sacramento River for diversion and have three pumps operational by July 1 to move water into San Luis Reservoir for the Exchange Contractors.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continues forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO, FWA. The Manager reported that DCTRA is winding down. ACWA has nothing to report. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Eastern Tule GSA is holding a 218 election to generate funds to help with the rebuilding of the canal. The Manager reported there is a public outreach on June 16 at Veterans Hall in Porterville at 10:00 am and a public hearing on June 30, 2022, at Porterville Fair Grounds at 1:30 pm., and the ballot will be counted after the hearing. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager discussed the marked-up copy of the groundwater banking policy with the Board. Discussion ensued.

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTING WATER INTO FRIANT-KERN CANAL – Included in the Board Packet draft copy dated May 23, 2022. The Manager stated it was not ready for approval and asked the Board if they were willing to give this a thumb up. The Manager said he and Aubrey would continue to work on the issues. Discussion ensued.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE FRIANT-KERN CANAL WATER QUALITY

GUIDELINES – Included in the Board Packet draft copy dated May 23, 2022. The Manager stated it was not ready for approval. Discussion ensued. After reviewing items 8 and 9, the Board agreed to give the Manager a thumbs up to continue working on the items.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:45 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 11:00 am. There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary