

June 11, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in 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 & Noble  
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None  
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager  
Nick Keller, Engineer/Assistant General Manager  
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney  
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer  
Terren Brown – SID GSA Assistant General Manager

#### **GUEST:**

Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches  
Mike George – Sun Pacific  
Adam Mendoza – Full Circle

#### **ZOOM**

Brenna Galloway – Ruddell, Bixler, Mauritson, Evans, Fox & Buss  
Douglas Jackson - WCS  
Nick Gatti – Homer  
Adam Yoera – EKI  
Michael Miller -

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

### **MINUTES**

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff – to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on May 14, 2026, with one small correction.

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

### **BILLS AND VOUCHERS**

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

AYE: Kisling, Demetriff & Noble  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: E. Merritt & M. 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 and the Income and Balance Sheets. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff, - to accept the financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** – No report given.

**OPERATIONS & WATER** – Nick Keller reported that May water usage totaled 2,708 acre-feet. SID received a Tier 2 block of URF water totaling 1,202 acre-feet, along with Poplar Ditch water. Keller recommended increasing the allocation from 1.2 to 1.3 acre-feet per acre, with no change in price.

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble, - to accept Keller's recommendation to increase the water allocation from 1.2 to 1.3 acre-feet per acre.

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

N. Keller discussed the importance of making water purchase agreements on behalf of the District to bring additional water into the District during dry years, with the understanding that water would be returned in wet years. Keller outlined how the various agreements would work. Following a discussion, the Board agreed to authorize Keller to make water purchases and enter into water agreements on behalf of the District.

**STATUS OF AUTHORITIES** - The Manager continued forwarding the AECA newsletter to the Board members; Johnny Amaral has been doing a good job getting the CEO reports out for FWA which the Manager has been forwarding.

**EASTERN TULE GSA** – The Manager has nothing to report.

**2026 DIRECTOR ELECTIONS** – The Manager asked the Board to consider adopting the following Resolution.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

Saucelito Irrigation District

Resolution Ordering Even-Year Board of Directors)  
Election; Consolidation of Elections; and)  
Specifications of the Election Order )

**RESOLUTION**  
**NO. 2026-05-01**

WHEREAS, California Elections Code requires a general district election be held in each District to choose a successor for each elective officer whose term will expire on the first Friday in December following the election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, other elections may be held in whole or in part of the territory of the District, and it is to the advantage of the district to consolidate pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10520 requires each District involved in a general election to reimburse the county for the actual costs incurred by the county elections official in conducting the election for that District; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 13307(3c) requires that before the nominating period opens, the governing body must determine whether a charge shall be levied against each candidate submitting a candidate's statement to be sent to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 12112 requires the elections official of the principal county to publish a notice of the election once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that an election be held within the territory included in this District on the 3rd day of November 2026, for the purpose of electing members to the board of directors of said district in accordance with the following specifications :

**SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER**

1. The Election shall be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 2026. The purpose of the election is to choose members of the Board of directors for the **following seats** (list offices and terms):

Director Division No. 4 12/6/26 – 12/1/30  
Director Division No. 5 12/6/26 – 12/1/30

2. This governing Board hereby requests and consents to the consolidation of this election with other elections which may be held in whole or in part of the territory of the District, as provided in Elections Code 10400.
3. The District will reimburse the county for the actual cost incurred by the county elections official in conducting the general district election upon receipt of a bill stating the amount due as determined by the election's official.
4. The District has determined that the Candidate will pay for the Candidate's Statement. **(District or Candidate)**  
The Candidate's Statement will be limited to 200 words.
5. The District directs that the County Registrar of Voters of the principal county publish the notice of election in the **following newspaper**, which is a newspaper of general circulation that is regularly circulated in the territory: Porterville Recorder

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED upon motion of Director Noble, seconded by Director Demetriff, at a regular meeting on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, by the following vote :

AYES: Kisling, Demetriff & Noble

NAYS: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt, M. Merritt

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

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

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY –**

President Kisling called the GSA meeting to order.

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION:**

**STATUS REPORT OF GSA -**

**POINT OF CONTACT RESOLUTION –**

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble, - to accept the Point of Contact Resolution as presented.

AYE: Kisling, Demetriff & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt & M. Merritt

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAUCELITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTING DON TUCKER AS THE  
TULE SUBBASIN PLAN MANAGER AND DESIGNATED POINT OF CONTACT**

**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2014, the California Legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). SGMA became effective on January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Saucelito Irrigation District is a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SID GSA") in the Tule Subbasin 5-22.13 as defined by California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §351(z), the Plan Manager is defined as "an employee or authorized representative of an Agency, or Agencies, appointed through a coordination agreement or other agreement, who has been delegated management authority for submitting the Plan and serving as the point of contact between the Agency and the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §357.4(b) a Coordination Agreement must describe a point of contact with the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, all Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreements approved by the Tule Subbasin GSAs to date have identified pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §357.4(b) and §351(z) the Plan Manager or point of contact as David De Groot, Principal Engineer, 4Creeks, Inc., 324 S. Sante Fe, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93292, (559) 802-3052, davidd@4-creeks.com; and

**WHEREAS**, due to internal staffing structures within 4Creeks, Inc., the Tule Subbasin GSAs, pursuant to §351(z), wish to update the Plan Manager or point of contact to Don Tucker, Principal Water Consultant, 324 S. Sante Fe, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93292, (559) 802-3052, don.tucker@4-creeks.com; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan Manager or point of contact shall serve to communicate with the State Board members and staff and/or the Department. At the Tule Subbasin's discretion, the Plan Manager or point of contact shall invite policy representatives, such as Directors or landowners, to join various meetings with the State Board and/or the Department. However, in no circumstance shall anyone other than the Plan Manager or point of contact serve to initiate, schedule, direct, or organize meetings and communications with the State Water Board and/or the Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Board of Directors of the SID GSA does hereby find, resolve, declare, and order as follows:

1. The above recitals are deemed true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Don Tucker of 4Creeks Inc. is appointed Plan Manager or point of contact for the Tule Subbasin.

3. That the Groundwater Sustainability Agency General Manager or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was passed and adopted by the SID GSA Board of Directors on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Kisling, Demetriff & Noble

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt & M. Merritt

\_\_\_/s/ Steven G. Kisling\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven G. Kisling, President

ATTEST:  
Sean P Geivet, GSA Manager

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

#### **Certificate of Secretary**

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Saucelito Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a groundwater sustainability agency organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said Agency at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held at the Saucelito Irrigation District Office, 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California on the 20th day of March, 2026, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, at the Saucelito Irrigation District Office, 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California 93257.

\_\_\_/S/ Diane M. Ennis\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary  
Saucelito Irrigation District

**POINT OF CONTACT AGREEMENT** – Nothing to report.

**SUBBASIN COST SHARE AGREEMENT** – The Manager reviewed with the Board the cost share agreement for a single GSP, the cost with and without DEID.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff, - to accept the MOU Subbasin Cost Share Agreement for a single GSP cost.

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

**COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT** – The meeting was postponed.

**TULE SUBBASIN INTERIM COST SHARING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** -

**LUHDORF & SCALMANINI REPORTS** - The Manager reported that the GSP is in the final stages; we are waiting for the final PMA.

**STAKEHOLDERS REPORT** – The next Stakeholders' meeting was scheduled to be held on June 17, 2026. The Board opted to postpone the next Stakeholders' meeting due to lack of discussion items. T. Brown reviewed proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding growers who chosen well extraction. If a well meter is not working, ET will be used for the months the well is not functioning. The Manager stated that the District needs to work on outlining the penalties within the Rules and Regulations.

**GSA BUDGET REVENUE** – Nick Keller reported he does have the Budget and could have it for the next Stakeholders meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE GSA MEETING**

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

**CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:55 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. *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

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** - The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:18 am.

President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:21 am.

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Diane M. Ennis, Secretary