

March 10, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in regular 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 815 0800 5821 and password 980531. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President E. Merritt called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Keller, Engineer & Aubrey Mauritsen Attorney
Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
GUEST: Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Patrick O'Connell, EKI Consulting for AEWS

TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS- The Board considers approval of Resolution 2022-3-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

M/S/U, Kisling, Demetriff - to adopt Resolution 2022-3-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-3-02 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 10 day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

_____/s/ Eric R. Merritt_____
Eric R. Merritt, 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 the 10 day of March, 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 10 day of March, 2022, in Porterville, California.

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

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on February 10, 2022.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Kisling, M. 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 – The President 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, Kisling, Demetriff – 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 – No report given.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller gave a detailed water report to the Board that included SID's usage of 1917-acre feet in February, leaving the District with 1317 for carryover, with 125 AF in emergency water at \$500.00 per AF. The Homer project requested transfer-in water to be banked in their project for an amount of 128 acre-feet. Included in the Board Packet is the Water Schedule. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – Nick Keller reported on the DCTRA wind down, and the Attorney and the Manager are working on the SID and TBID agreement. FWA is working on the canal By-Pass installation on S3 or C-Plant from March 11 to 18, 2022. The Manager continues to forward the CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO, FWA. ACWA has nothing to report. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – Nick Keller reported on the progress of the ETGSA 218 election. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – Nick Keller and the Manager reviewed with the Board the proposal from Provost & Pritchard for the Groundwater Banking Policy initial Study. The Board should see the results of the study by the end of spring. The cost incurred by the District will be passed onto future Water Bankers as an admin fee as part of the applications process. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff – to accept the Manager’s recommendation and the Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group proposal for the District’s initial Groundwater Banking Study.

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

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned into closed session at 10:21 am.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (1 Case)

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 - EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *Friant Water Authority v. FLS Enterprises, LLC et al.*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU287713.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *Friant Water Authority v. Kyte & County Line Farms, LLC et al.* Tulare County Superior Court Case Number VCU288546

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:36 am. The Board reported out of the closed session that it unanimously approved an MOU with The United States of America Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and a Settlement Agreement with FWA related to the above-entitled condemnation actions (Case No.s VCU287713 and VCU288546), subject to Legal Counsel and General Manager final review and approval. The MOU and Settlement Agreement are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff – to accept and sign the MOU with The United States of America Department of the interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and Saucelito Irrigation District.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President E. Merritt adjourned the meeting at 10:43 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary

