

March 13, 2025

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 9:31 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney
Nick Keller – Engineer

GUEST: Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Nick Gatti – Homer
Julian Torres - Capinero
Lisa Hansen McEwen – SJV Water

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 February 3, 2025.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Noble, E. Merritt - to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. A. Hart requested to speak. He asked that SID have a conversation with FWA. Discussion ensued. President Kisling stated that if there are no further comments, we will move on to the monthly 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 Income Sheets. Discussion ensued.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS— No report was given.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller reported the water usage for February was 456 acre-feet, leaving 836 acre-feet for carryover, and reviewed the New Year's water schedule report with the Board. USBR has requested a schedule for 65%, 80%, and 100% class 1. Keller stated that as of February 1, the Class 1 allocation was 45% of Class 1, and he felt that there was at least 60% in the watershed and expects it to increase with the storms we have had in the past few weeks. The Manager recommended that the allocation be .8 of an acre-foot per acre for now. The Board agreed to announce the allocation of .8 of an acre-foot per acre. Discussion ensued. The board packet includes the Employee Safety Meeting report and the Monthly Field Staff Report for the Board's review.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding the AECA newsletter to the Board members; there is nothing to report for FWA.

EASTERN TULE GSA—The Manager stated there wasn't anything to report.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION: a) Status Report on formation, b) Discussion of GSA Meeting Time and Location, c) Discussion of Bylaws update to include GSA specifics, d) Discussion of Committee Formation, e) Discussion of Development of Rules and Regulations.

The Manager announced that the new SID GSA is filed and posted on the DWR website for the required 90-day review under SMGA. The Board agreed that GSA meetings could be held with regular SID Board meetings, with a separate agenda. New bylaws were recommended by the Manager, including rules and regulations based on current SID standards, plus a well-monitoring program. The Board decided that the SID Board members would also serve as the SID GSA committee. The Manager noted that the SID GSP will be significantly different from the ETGSA after the Water Budget report, expected by the next meeting. The Manager, Attorney, and Engineer will develop the Rules and Regulations for the SID GSA.

JPA FOR ETGSA – The Board reviewed the JPA for the ETGSA. Aubrey Mauritsen pointed out the reasons for the first amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement were due to several districts leaving the ETGSA and forming their own GSA. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff - to adopt the first amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement for the ETGSA. Discussion followed.

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

2025 BUDGET & WATER RATE - Keller reviewed the 2025 proposed Budget with the Board. The Budget projected that a 75% Class 1 water allocation would cost \$140.00 per acre-foot, reducing to \$120 if the allocation reaches 100%. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to email growers about the 2025/26 allocation of 0.8 acre-feet per acre, costing \$140.00 per acre-foot.

M/S/U, E. Merritt, Demetriff - to adopt the proposed 2025 Budget and to set the water cost at \$140.00 per acre-foot for a 75% allocation and to authorize the Manager to adjust the water cost if the class 1 allocation goes to 100% to reduce the water cost to \$120.00.

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

APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET
SAUCELITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

EXPENSES

		<u>FIXED</u>	<u>VARIABLE</u>
	Water Purchases (75% Class 1)	\$	
5200	Cost of Service		364,264
	Restoration Fund		214,946
	Friant Surcharge		112,875
	Trinity PUD		0
	Water Purchases (SJRRP Recapture)		0
5203	Water Purchases (Other)		200,000
	Capital Repayment		
	Ground Water Recharge		
5235	Power for Pumping		100,000
	<u>TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION</u>		
5315	Repair - Real Property	\$	5,125
5316	Repair - Distribution		12,790
5319	Repair - Motor Vehicles		20,750
5320	Repair - Equipment		500
			1,050

5325	Utilities	1,128	464
5328	Weed & Insect Control	800	
5330	Supplies - Maintenance	0	
5331	Supplies - Shop	500	
5332	Supplies - Yard	250	
5335	Oil & Grease - Pumping	1,025	142
5337	Gas & Oil - Vehicles	6,500	
5350	Engineering	0	
5355	Insurance	11,275	2,266
5365	Travel	50	
5398	Miscellaneous	0	
1550	Distribution System	0	
1570	Shop Equipment	0	
1650	Vehicles	30,000	
	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
6500	Directors Fees & Expenses	\$ 0	
6504	Salary Office	123,240	84,333
6507	OPEB Cost	41,000	221,891
6508	Contract Management	92,224	32,786
6509	Payroll Taxes	8,216	7,878
6510	Compensation Insurance	1,000	133
6511	Employee Retirement	8,000	11,213
6512	Medical - Employees	39,900	7,093
6513	Medical - Directors	77,900	
6514	Medical - Retirees	17,800	22,452
6515	Repair - Real Property	2,563	3,468
6520	Repair - Equipment	4,613	7,732
6540	Utilities	4,613	
6541	Phone	3,075	4,101
6544	Office Supplies	3,588	2,937
6546	Notary Public	0	
6550	Engineering	10,250	20,152
6551	Legal Fees - District	15,375	84,805
6552	Legal Fees - Other	1,025	2,485
6553	Legal Fees - NRDC	0	0
6554	Accounting Fees	10,763	252
6555	Insurance	1,538	1,288
6557	Investment Counseling	0	
2281	BBAV Loan Principal	324,970	27,791
6558	BBAV Loan Interest	116,334	
1403	Capital Acquisitions - DCTRA	0	0
6559	TPD Agreement	0	
6560	Taxes & Licenses	500	

6561	Employee Training	500	
6564	Convention & Seminar	1,500	
6565	Travel	3,500	
6570	Legal Advertising	1,000	
	COP Cost		0
6578	NRDC		0
6580	Dues & Subscriptions	102,500	

EXPENSES

		<u>FIXED</u>	<u>VARIABLE</u>
	<u>ADMINISTRATION (cont.)</u>		
	Public Relations	308	
6598	Bank Charges	154	
	Real Property	0	
	Office Equipment	0	
	CIP- Water Banking		21,370
	CIP- Water Billing		113,698
5201	Friant O&M	270,627	239,876
5206	Friant O&M (FKC Capacity Correction Project)		
5204	SLDMWA	290,160	321,886
	SLDMWA JPP Rewind		
	CDTRA- Board of Equilization - State Water Rights		
5210	Fee	38,080	39,173
5345	H ₂ O Conservation Plan	0	
5304	Labor	90,376	
6503	Temporary Employee		878
5305	Standby	3,300	
5309	Payroll Taxes	6,939	
5310	Compensation Insurance	6,000	
5311	Employee Retirement	5,600	
5312	Medical Insurance	25,000	
	TOTALS	\$ 1,832,984	2,287,418

REVENUES

	Current Assessments (1)	\$ 96,564	
1232	Current Assessment (2) Standby	192,830	
	Supplemental Assessment (3)	1,632,890	
4005	Water Sales (4)		
	Water Sales - Resale		
4020	Water Sales - Wheeling		6,200
4760	FWA Water Refund		
4060	Water Acct Penalties		8,000

	Interest, Penalties, etc.	2,500	12,500
4760	Insurance Refund		4,500
	<u>Non-Operating Revenue</u>		
	Totals	\$ 1,924,784	31,200

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:54 am

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 ITEMS- The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:32 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary