

March 14, 2024

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 9:30 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: Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Aaron Lewis - EKI Environment & Water Inc.

AGENDA – The Manager reported that 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 February 8, 2024, with one correction.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, M Merritt, Noble - 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: None

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 9:41 am.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from a Closed Session at 9:59 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment at this time. Having no one, the Board moved on to the reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL – The Board reviewed the financial status of the District. 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. The Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed. 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 – The Manager reported that a meeting of the SID Old Deer Creek MOCP committee has been scheduled for March 21, 2024, the time is 1:00 pm. Attendance can be either in-person or Zoom. A report from the Capinero Creek MOCP has been sent to the committee members to review prior to the MOCP meeting. The report outlines the completed study and asks for approval to move forward with phase 3 of the project.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager stated the USBR gave two draft models during Fridays meeting, one reports shows a 90% exceedance with a 65% Class 1 and the other shows a 75% exceedance with an 80% Class 1. With the current allocation at 60% Class 1 and carryover water we have allocated .85 of an acre-feet per acre. Nick Keller stated the district will have URF water to add to that allocation. He gave a revised estimate of 1.1 of an acre-foot per acre which includes the current supply, URF water and the normal allocation of ditch water. The Manager reported the C – East line is down and unable to deliver water to the grower on that line as of Tuesday March 12, 2024. Included in the board packet are the Employee Safety Meeting and Monthly Field Staff Report for the Board's review. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO of FWA, and the AECA newsletter to the Board members. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported the ETGSA is working on the management plan and land subsidence area. The Manager is working on a program inside SID that moves water around and asked John Harder and Company to look for another water agency that may have a similar program. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reported the EIR could cost \$ 180,000.00 and would take over a year to complete and will bring the item back to the Board for their approval when he has a better estimate of the cost. The cost would be passed on to the new applicants that want to become a banker. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – The Manager reviewed with the Board the First Amended and Restated Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Noble, M. Merritt – To have the Manager sign the amendment on behalf of the district.

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

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 – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (3 Case)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. v. Saucelito Irrigation District Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU301700

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary