

March 9, 2023

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:	E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	Sean P. Geivet, Manager Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer Nick Keller – Engineer Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney
GUEST:	Nick Galli – Renewable Resources Clifton Lollar – Renewable Resources Douglas Jackson – Land and Water Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches Patrick O'Connell - EKI Consultant

AGENDA – The Secretary 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 February 8, 2023.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff - 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 – 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's, Collector's, and Secretary's reports, along with the Income Statements and Balance Sheets.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – 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 – Nick Keller deferred to Diane Ennis to recap the problem the District is having with growers' water orders. Growers have been ordering one amount of water but running a different amount, as well as turning the water up or down without notifying the office. When Field Staff is doing routine inspections, it has been discovered that meters are running or turned off without a water order by a grower. As a result, we are delivering a significant amount less than what is ordered. In one example shared by Ennis, one grower had ordered 86-acre feet more than what was delivered. This is causing a problem with the water ordered thru FWA. Discussion ensued. The Manager stated in a year like this we need growers to run as much water as possible. As per the rules and regulations sent out with the water application allowing for the penalty, the manager said any grower found changing flows without notifying the office will be charged \$100.00 per violation, which will be strongly enforced. The Board agreed to have an email reminder sent to the growers reminding them of the rules, and that spray water needs to be ordered. With the subsidence an issue along with canal capacity, the District does not want to order more water than we are delivering nor use more than we order. The canal has already experienced an overtopping on Road 36 and north of Road 192 on the east side.

Keller reported that following the Board meeting, he will be taking a ride with Jose to look at the underground meter B-2.5S-1.01 located at the old gin and consider making it an above-ground meter.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller gave a detailed water report and announced uncontrolled flood releases and Section 215 water have resumed as of March 9, and not to anticipate Uncontrolled Season to end until June or July, given the record high snowpack. The USBR announced 100% Class 1 and 70% Class 2. While the District ran a lot of recharge water in February, we are unable to report the final totals. FWA's report sent to SID showed no usage on the C and D laterals between February 1 through February 9. We are waiting for the revised report from FWA. Keller also stated that he had a meeting with Stantec and Limas over an issue dealing with the DCTRA recharge inflow into the ponds. On February 1, it was discovered that a meter for the DCTRA was never installed, and the flows would have to be calculated. Keller reviewed the volume of inflow possible from Feb/Mar 2022 deliveries with the Board. The ponds should take 42 cfs; this amount would be shared between Tea Pot Dome Water District and Saucelito ID. On Friday, March 3, we were notified that the flow into DCTRA ponds was only 18 cfs. Nick had a meeting with the USBR staff to discuss the bypass that was installed incorrectly. Nick estimated that the District would lose 1,900 AF from March to July if not corrected. To correct the problem it should take two days, not a week. Keller stated the snow levels are more significant than in 1969 and 1983. We will see the Success Dam fill by Sunday night. With a new storm arriving tonight through the weekend; we are expecting 7" to 10" of rain up to the 8,000 elevations; this will melt the lower level snowpack, and cause a large

amount of runoff to go over the spillway. Millerton should be full by the end of next week. 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. Keller stated that he had nothing to report at this time on the FWA and ACWA. DCTRA is waiting for the final audit, and it should be finished by June 2023. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – Keller reported that the ETGSA has mailed out a postcard showing the timeline for transitional pumping to expire. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY - Keller reported Thomas Harder and Company continue to work on the study for the Banking Policy.

OLD DEER CREEK WATER BANK – Keller introduced Clifton Lollar from the Old Deer Creek Water Bank project – Capinero. Clifton Lollar stated they are ready to move forward, following the recharge water that was run in October and November of 2022 that allowed them to gather the needed data to present to the MOCP committee to review the findings report for Phase I before the project can move forward to Phase II. The Manager stated that Alan Changala would serve as a Landowner that is not a Banker, on the committee. The other four people are as follows: Jeff Noble - SID Director, Kel Mitchell – Banker, Bill Mok – FWA, and Jonah J Trevino – Tulare County. The balance of the Board will act as the SID Director if Jeff Noble is not available.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to have Diane Ennis work with Kel Mitchel and set up an MOCP Committee meeting for the week of Mach 20th, 2023, here at the SID Office.

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

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:21 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.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (3 Case)

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:12 am

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary