

May 10, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in a special 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 823 9734 8544 and password 585527. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President E. Merritt called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
GUEST: Patrick O'Connell – EKI Consultant

TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS- The Board considers approval of Resolution 2022-5-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

M/S/U, Kisling, Demetriff - to adopt Resolution 2022-5-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-5-02
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 12 day of May, 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 12th day of May, 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 12th day of May, 2022, in Porterville, California.

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

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, Kisling– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on April 14, 2022.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Kisling, 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 – The Manager 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, M. Merritt, Noble – 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 – Nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reported on the current water supply. It is holding at 15% of Class 1 for now. There will be some URF water available, at a cost of \$188.00 per AF to the District, which should give the District an additional 5% supply. The release to the river is over half of FWA's total Class 1 contract this year due to the dry conditions in the north.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continues to forward the CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO, FWA. The Manager reported he learned about an accounting error with FWA's O&M billing last week. The discovery shows Districts with larger Class 1 supplies have paid more than their fair share, and districts with both Class 1 and Class 2 contracts were in a deficit and owed money. It is estimated that Saucelito owes \$80,000. We should know more by the end of May if that is the correct amount owed. The Manager reported DCTRA is cleaning up all the loose ends. ACWA has nothing to report. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported the GSA had mailed the ballot out for the 218 Election. The Manager stated if the election fails, FWA won't get the 200 Million from the ETGSA for the Canal project. Discussion ensued. The Manager noted that the revision to the GSP is due back to the State by July 2022.

2022 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. 2022-05-01**

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 November 8, 2022, 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 8th day of November 2022. 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 12/8/22 – 12/4/26

Director Division No. 5 12/8/22 – 12/4/26

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 Kisling, seconded by Director Demetriff, at a regular meeting on this 12th day of May, 2022, by the following vote :

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

/s/ Diane M. Ennis

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reviewed the newly drafted Groundwater Banking Policy with the Board. The Manager stated Porterville ID's Board asked for a growers meeting before adopting their policy. He then asked if Saucelito ID would want to hold a joint meeting to allow growers to ask questions and make comments on the policy before the Board approves its policy? The Board agreed to hold a joint meeting. Discussion ensued.

AGRICULTURAL ENERGY CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION – Included in the Board Packet is a request to renew membership in AECA. The Manager recommended that the District continue to support AECA. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Kisling, Noble – to support the Agricultural Energy Consumers Association by renewing our 2022 membership in the organization for \$262.00.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – The Manager reported there was no need for Closed Session.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

President E. Merritt adjourned the meeting at 2:46 pm.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary