

May 14, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in 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
Nick Keller, Engineer/Assistant General Manager
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Terren Brown – SID GSA Assistant General Manager

GUEST:

Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Mike George – Sun Pacific
Adam Mendoza – Full Circle

ZOOM

Douglas Jackson - WCS
Nick Gatti – Homer
Adam Yoera – EKI
Parker Rous - Sunview

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 April 9, 2026, with one small 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. Discussion followed.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling invited public comments. President Kisling then indicated that, as there were no further comments, the meeting would proceed to the monthly reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL—The Board reviewed the District's financial status. Included in the review were the Citizens Business Bank account check register from the prior month, Local Agencies Investment Fund reports, Money Market Account Statement, Treasurer's, Collector's, and Secretary's reports, the Income and Balance Sheets will be ready for next month meeting. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff, - 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 given.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller reported that April water usage totaled 1,327 acre-feet. The USBR confirmed last Friday that the Class 1 allocation will remain at 100%. The recent heat has depleted the remaining snowpack. Mammoth Pool has been spilling into the North Fork for approximately one month, with the water flowing into the Millerton. Millerton is currently about 28,000 acre-feet from full. The two storms I April, along with the final storm in May, helped improve water supplies. Based on current usage, available supplies, and the improved outlook, Keller recommends increasing the allocation from 0.90 to 1.20 acre-feet per acre, with no change in price. Poplar Ditch's share allocation for this year is 55 acre-feet per share.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Noble, - to accept Keller's recommendation to increase the water allocation from .9 to 1.2 acre-feet per acre.

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

The Canal will be dewatered for biannual maintenance from November 1, 2026, through February 1, 2027. During that period, some pump station work will also be completed. Employee Safety Meeting records and Monthly Field Staff reports were included in the board packet. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES - Keller reported on the FWA mandatory pre-bid meeting. Approximately 30 contractors met in Lindsay for about one and a half hours before touring the Tea Pot Dome Pump Station site, followed by visits to all four SID pump station sites. The bid deadline has been extended. FWA is expected to award the contract at its next Board meeting will be held in May. Stantec will need to order supplies in advance of the dewatering period. Electrical work is expected to take up to one year to complete. Keller noted that all components of the new pump station will be new. The plan is to complete the Title Transfer once the pump

stations are finished. The Manager continues to forward the AECA newsletter to the Board members. Johnny Amaral has also been doing a good job distributing the CEO reports for FWA, which the Manager has been forwarding to the Board. The FWA annual meeting is scheduled for next week on May 21, 2026. It was also noted that Phase 2A of the Middle Reach Project is funded in part through the Big Beautiful Bill.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager has nothing to report.

President Kisling moved to adjourn the adjourned meeting, which will resume immediately following the GSA meeting.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY –

President Kisling called the GSA meeting to order.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION:

STATUS REPORT OF GSA - It was reported that 51% of the Growers chose ET reporting, and 49% of the growers chose Pump extraction.

STAKEHOLDERS REPORT – The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2026.

LUHDORF & SCALMANINI REPORTS - The Manager reported that the GSP is in the final stages of completion. Geivet and Keller spent four hours meeting with L & S to review the details of the project. A draft GSP is expected next week. Keller stated that the GSP is approximately 95% complete and noted that adjustments have been made to allow for the possibility of integrating into a basin-wide GSP. It is anticipated that a draft GSP will be available by the next Board meeting, followed by issuance of the required 90-day notice. The Manager is also looking into a land fallowing program and mapping where district surface water is being used.

The management action requirements, including three monitoring wells, must be incorporated into the management plan. Further discussion followed.

PUMP IN WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE CANAL - The District has eliminated all transition pumping. This item will be addressed in the L & S GSP

GSA BUDGET REVENUE – Nick Keller reported he is working on a water rate study.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE GSA MEETING

President Kisling adjourned the meeting of the GSA and reconvened it as the regular Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:28 am.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), (3)] (one Case)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1))

- a. *Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Haaland et al.*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:25-CV-00112-EPG

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:08 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:09 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary