

May 19, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District and Porterville Irrigation District requested to hold a special Growers meeting, to review and be allowed Growers to comment on the Draft Groundwater Banking Policy at the Porterville Veterans Memorial Building, 1900 W. Olive Street, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The Manager kicked off the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff & M. Merritt – Borba, McCowan
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jeff Noble – Gisler, Chambers & Witzel
SID, quorum present. PID no quorum present.
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, General Manager
Nick Keller, Engineer
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
GUEST: 62 growers in attendance

AGENDA – The agenda was posted. Growers were given an agenda and the Draft Groundwater Banking Policy upon arrival.

DRAFT GROUNDWATER BANKING POLICY - The Manager reviewed with the group how the Draft Groundwater Banking Policy is different than the original policy that required anyone wanting to be a Banker to do all their own environmental work prior to becoming a Banker.

The change to the policy will be that each Districts will coordinate and cover the initial cost of establishing a Groundwater Bank within the District to allow growers to be Water Bankers. Growers will have to apply to become a Banker and will be charged a fee associated with the application. The fee charged will be used to-reimburse the District for the any costs incurred by the District to establish the Banker(s) within each district. The cost will be shared between all the growers that want to become Bankers.

Definitions on page 5 item 8 under Monitoring and Operational Constraint Committee. The seat for a landowner within the District; must be someone that is not a Banker.

The Manager outlined when banked water would be available to Bankers, which is after all irrigation and recharge needs are met, then banked water would be available. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT – The Manager allowed public comment and question throughout the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary