

May 20, 2026

The Stakeholders Committee of the Saucelito Irrigation District GSA met on this day in a regular session. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kisling called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

ATTENDANCE

STAKEHOLDERS MEMBERS
Present:

James Jongsma
Joan Whelan

Parker Rous
Lukas Kisling

ZOOM:

Nick Gatti
David Evans

Nader Malakan

STAKEHOLDERS MEMBERS
ABSENT:

Mike George

GSA DIRECTORS PRESENT:
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Steven Kisling - Chair

Mark Merritt – Vice Chair

Sean P. Geivet, General Manager

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer

Terren L. Brown – Assistant General Manager, GSA

GUEST:

Doug Jackson – Water and Land Solutions, LLC

Adam Mendoza – Full Circle

Mike Knight – Porterville ID

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chair Kisling opened the public comment by asking if anyone from the public wished to comment. With no public input, Chair Kisling stated that if there are no further comments, we will move on to minutes.

MINUTES – Chair Kisling asked whether everyone had read the minutes from the first meeting and invited a motion to approve them.

M/S/U, Jongsma, L Kisling – to approve the minutes from the stakeholders meeting held on April 20, 2026.

AYE: Kisling, Jongsma, Evans, Whelan, Gatti, Rous, Malakan
NAY: None
ABSENT: George

POLICY ISSUES –

REPORT ON COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Chair Kisling reported that he has been attending Coordination Committee meetings every two weeks. The committee's primary goal is to develop a single GSP for the subbasin. The consultants are preparing a cost estimate for a GSP, with each GSA paying based on acreage. Kisling noted that the committee also wants to develop Best Management Practices (BMP) to help raise groundwater levels, although that process will take time. The Manager stated that the State Board had written some BMPs. The domestic well program was also discussed, mitigation procedures and who will be agency responsible for the corrective actions. Self Help will assist with restoring domestic wells as needed. SID has 87 domestic wells, 23 of which serve homeowners only. Tule East continues to address domestic well mitigation within its jurisdiction.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW SECTIONS OF GSP FROM L & S – The Manager gave an update on the draft PMA for the GSP, which includes Basinsafe, well monitoring, well registration, a fallow program, and management actions. Other notable items include three monitoring wells within the district: one deep-nested well on the southern border and two dual-nested wells on the western boundary. These wells need to be funded within the next three years, with a total estimated cost of \$1.3MM. The District also has one multi-nested well, which was installed by Harder. Chair Kisling asked when the PMAs are expected to be available.

FALLOW LAND PROGRAM - The Manager stated that the district is developing a fallow program and has reviewed the Kaweah & Kings Land Fallow Program and the Westland's retirement program for potential direction.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - Terren Brown reviewed the proposed and recommended changes to the Rules and Regulations with the Committee. On page 5, it was suggested that growers, especially those using the well extraction method, notify the District office when operating their wells to help ensure accurate meter readings and water-use records. The Committee stated concern that well usage changes several times throughout the day and night, making the notification process impractical, and requested that it be removed.

NEXT MEETING DATE – The next Stakeholder Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:14 AM.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary