

November 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 828 5696 8502 and password 944390. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Merritt called the meeting to order at 9:35 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
GUEST: Nick Galli – Renewable Resources
Douglas Jackson – Land and Water
Patrick O'Connell – EKI Consultant

TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS- The Board considered approving Resolution 2022-11-02 for remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble - to adopt Resolution 2022-11-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-11-02 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 10 day of November 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

_____/s/ Eric R. Merritt_____
E. 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 November 10, 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 November 10, 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, Noble– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on September 8, 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. Except for Marcom Group check which is on hold for now.

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – President E. Merritt asked if anyone from the public wished to comment at this time. Having no one, the Board moves 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, Collector's, and Secretary's reports along with the July and August Income Statement and Balance Sheets.

M/S/U, Kisling, 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 – The District received a request from a grower to release his remaining water balance back to the district. Discussion ensued. The board denied the request.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reported on the current water supply and schedule prepared by Nick Keller and a list of growers that still have water to use in February 2023. FWA plans to dewater the canal from November to February 1 to allow for the construction and bypass connection. Also included in the packet are the field staff report and monthly employee safety report. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continues forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO, FWA. The FWA continues to work on the new canal and the water supply. The annual retreat for FWA's is scheduled for November in Paso Robles. The Manager continues to forward the AECA newsletter to the Board members. DCTRA is close to termination. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported on the Eastern Tule GSA. There is a scheduled meeting this afternoon to review the Rules & Regs that need to be modified. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reported the groundwater banking policy is getting closer to being ready for the Board's review and approval. The attorney has prepared an update version of the policy and the Manager will push it out to the Board following the meeting. Discussion ensued.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT – The Manager reviewed with the Board how the funding from the aging infrastructure account works, and the benefit of sending a letter of support. Discussion ensued

M/S/U, Kisling, Demetriff – to send a letter of support to CVP.

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

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:08 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] (1 Case)

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:12 am.
There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to adjourned the meeting at 10:13 am

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

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary