

November 13, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in a 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-Remote location 2222 Ventura St., Fresno, CA
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney
Nick Keller - Engineer
GUEST:
Mike George – Sun Pacific
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Doug Jackson – Water and Land Solutions
Adam Mendoza – Full Circle Farming
David Evans – Full Circle Farming
Adam Yoera - EKI
Nick Gatti – Homer
Jake Johnson – Riverbend

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on October 9, 2025, with two corrections.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, E. Merritt, Demetriff – to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District, including ratifying two checks to ACWA for Insurance and Workers Compensation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling invited public comments. Parker Rous provided information about Tier 1 transitional pumping credits, explaining that these credits could be transferred but required to be pre-purchased before being moved or transferred to another parcel owned by the same party through 4-Creeks. Parker noted that this information would have influenced his vote at the Stakeholders’ meeting. The Manager stated that he would follow up with 4-Creeks for clarification and report back to Parker. 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, as well as Income and Balance Sheets. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt - 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 – Nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller reported October water usage at 801 acre-feet, well below the estimated 1,920 acre-feet, leaving 4,057 AF for the 2025 water year. An extra 120 AF of Poplar Ditch water was brought in for a grower from LTRID. Keller recommended recharging water now and plans to start the DCTRA on Monday and continue through mid-January. Employee Safety Meeting notes and Monthly Field Staff reports are included in the board packet. Discussion followed.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding the AECA newsletter to the Board members; FWA is holding an off-site meeting next week. President Kisling asked if someone could attend on behalf of SID Director Merritt, who agreed to attend.

EASTERN TULE GSA—The Manager reported that the ETGSA remains operational for now.

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

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) –

President Kisling called the GSA meeting to order.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION –

Except for the Status Report, there were no other items to report

STATUS REPORT –

STAKEHOLDERS REPORT - Stakeholders discussed transitional pumping credits and decided that only pre-purchased credits acquired before the cutoff date may be transferred to SIDGSA. The Manager stated that SID will allocate one acre-foot of recharge credit per acre to the growers' account.

The Stakeholders voted to adopt the policy listed below, which was option number two, as a recommendation to the Board.

Sustainable water allocation: Each grower receives one acre-foot of SID recharge water and one acre-foot of replacement supply, valid for three years total. A \$500 fee plus replenishment costs applies if the replacement supply is used. This supply is available only after other sources are depleted and must be used by 2028.

A discussion took place on how to replenish groundwater efficiently, noting that the District has an agreement with TBID to use the ponds north of the DCTRA ponds. Additionally, there is a 160-acre area owned by TBID known as the barrow pit. The Manager stated that the two districts would need to create an amended agreement. An ad hoc committee, consisting of two members from each district, will be formed to draft the agreement, negotiate terms for use of the pit, and report back to the Board. Kisling and Noble agreed to serve as SID's representatives on this ad hoc committee.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff - to adopt the recommendation from the stakeholders, Sustainable Water Allocation, and allow the few growers that had pre-purchased Tier 1.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WATER YEAR 2026 ALLOCATIONS – The Manager stated that it will come later.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE GSA MEETING

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

TRUCK – The staff continues to explore other options for a new vehicle purchase.

BUSINESS OFFICE – Nick Keller received a draft RFQ and will make modifications and get it out next week. Discussion ensued.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:08 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. *Porterville Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al.*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU314672.
- b. *Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al.*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 317284
- c. *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
- d. "Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU327112."

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Friant Water Authority v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency,
Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU306343.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - The Board returned from a Closed Session at 10:49 am.
President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary