

November 14, 2024

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Nick Keller – Engineer
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney

GUEST: Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Nick Gatti - Homer

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff– to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on October 10, 2024, with the addition of Reported Action Taken in Closed Session.

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 as presented.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. Andrew Hart spoke up and voiced his concern regarding the lawsuit with FWA. Discussion ensued.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL—The Board reviewed the District's financial status. 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, Treasurer, Collector's, and Secretary's reports, and Income and Balance Sheets. Discussion ensued.

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

OPERATIONS & WATER

Nick Keller reviewed the water schedule report with the Board. The water usage in October was 1353 acre-feet. Keller provided an overview of storage levels in Millerton. Discussion ensued. The board packet includes the Employee Safety Meeting report and the Monthly Field Staff Report for the Board's review.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO of FWA when available, and the AECA newsletter to the Board members. The Manager reported that Nick Keller continues to work on the pumping stations and has bi-weekly meetings to discuss the pumping plants' design. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA—The Manager reported that the ETGSA is progressing with the subsidence plan and doing its best. Discussion ensued.

2024-2025 WATER YEAR – WATER POLICY – There was nothing to report for this period. The Manager let the Board know that he hoped to have a draft by the next meeting, which will include well registration and well monitoring.

EIR Study for Groundwater Banking Policy Program -The Manager reported that he is meeting with P&P every two weeks throughout the process. The public hearing is set for December 19, 2024, Port Naz, 2005 W Olive Ave, Porterville, CA 93257. Discussion ensued.

CROSS VALLEY WATER – Nick Keller reported that Saucelito I.D has a 100 acre-foot sub-contract through Tulare County. The District has the opportunity to move this to a long term contract. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Board was to have Nick Keller secure a long long-term contract for this water.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:01 am

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), (4)] (one Case)

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.

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.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from a Closed Session at 10:30 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary