

November 9, 2023

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  
Aubrey Mauritsen – Attorney  
Nick Keller – Engineer

GUEST: Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources  
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches  
Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions  
Aaron Lewis - EKI Environment & Water Inc.

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

### **MINUTES**

M/S/U, Demetriff, E. Merritt– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on October 12, 2023, with one correction.

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 and to authorize the transfer of funds, as necessary.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment at this time. Having no one, the Board moved 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, Treasurer, Collector's, and Secretary's reports. The Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Demetriff, E. Merritt – to accept the financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** – Treasurer Ennis will have an investment policy for the Board to review at next month's meeting.

**OPERATIONS & WATER** – Nick Keller reviewed the water schedule report with the Board and pointed out this was the first time in history that the District had used all its Class 2 water supply. Keller has spoken to LTRID regarding the flood damage and O&M along Deer Creek, where it washed out the banks of the ponds. LTRID stated they only have enough resources to complete the O&M needed in their District. With the Deer Creek ponds unavailable, if required, the District will have access to the Terra Bella ponds and possibly the Borrow Pit beginning in February through an agreement between SID and TBID. Keller reported that the contractors were only to have the C-East line down for the week of October 16-23; however, the District didn't regain access to the East line until after November 3. The Board reviewed the Well Measurement Report from October 2023. The board packet included the employee safety meeting and monthly field staff report for the Board's review. Discussion ensued.

**STATUS OF AUTHORITIES** – The Manager continued forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO of FWA, and the AECA newsletter to the Board members. Discussion ensued.

**EASTERN TULE GSA** – Nothing to report.

**BANKING POLICY** – The Manager stated Thomas Harder & Company should have something for the Manager by tomorrow, November 10, 2023. A special meeting may be required. Discussion ensued.

**2024 BUDGET** – The Treasurer reported reviewing the Water Code and reached out to Keller to establish if there is a set date for the Board to review and adopt the budget. The budget was typically reviewed in September for the coming year; this practice was based on the budget to determine the assessment rate for the coming year. The 218 Election held in 2015 established a fixed budget and raised the assessment rate, creating a need for the water rate to cover expenses. The district water rate is typically set in February before the new water year of March 1. Discussion ensued.

**CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:16 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] (3 Case)

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. v. Saucelito Irrigation District Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU301700

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS-** The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:00 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

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Diane M. Ennis, Secretary