

October 13, 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 883 1036 7640 and password 047252. 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 & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: M. Merritt
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 2022-10-02 for remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble - to adopt Resolution 2022-10-02 remote teleconference meetings under AB 361.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-10-02
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 13 day of October 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 October 13, 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 October 13, 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, Kisling, Demetriff– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on September 8, 2022.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Noble, Kisling- 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 & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: M. Merritt

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, Treasurer’s, Collector’s, and Secretary’s reports. The Treasurer said that the Income Statement and Balance Sheets would be included in next month’s agenda.

M/S/U, Kisling, Demetriff – to accept the Financial Statements and directed that they be placed on file.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – No report was given.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reported on the current water supply and schedule prepared by Nick Keller. The Manager continues to stress the importance for growers to use their surface water first before turning on pumps. 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. FWA continues to work on the new canal and the water supply, and the annual retreat for FWA’s is scheduled for November in Paso Robles. ACWA bus tour being held today will make a stop in Porterville, the Manager reported he was speaking on the water banking project in the ETGSA. The Manager continues to forward the AECA newsletter to the Board members. DCTRA is finally through. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported on the Eastern Tule GSA. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reported the groundwater banking policy is getting closer to being ready for the Board review and approval. Discussion ensued.

2023 BUDGET – The Board reviewed the 2023 draft budget. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Kisling, Noble – to approve the 2023 budget as presented to the Board.

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

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET
SAUCELITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

EXPENSES

	<u>FIXED</u>	<u>VARIABLE</u>
Water Purchases (30% Class 1)	\$	\$
5200 Cost of Service		499,921
Restoration Fund		72,434
Friant Surcharge		45,150
Trinity PUD		484
5204 Water Purchases (SJRRP Recapture)		353,628
5203 Water Purchases (Other)		38,390
Capital Repayment		74,340
Ground Water Recharge		
5235 Power for Pumping		86,402
<u>TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION</u>		
5315 Repair - Real Property	\$	5,125
5316 Repair - Distribution		30,750
5319 Repair - Motor Vehicles		2,050
5320 Repair - Equipment		2,050
5325 Utilities		1,128
5328 Weed & Insect Control		1,230
5330 Supplies - Maintenance		513
5331 Supplies - Shop		2,050
5332 Supplies - Yard		513
5335 Oil & Grease - Pumping		1,025
5337 Gas & Oil - Vehicles		6,500
5350 Engineering		3,588
5355 Insurance		11,275
5365 Travel		103
5398 Miscellaneous		513
1702 Distribution System		20,000
1701 Shop Equipment		7,500
1650 Vehicles		30,000
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
6500 Directors Fees & Expenses	\$	1,000
6504 Salary Office		123,240
6507 OPEB Cost		41,000
6508 Contract Management		92,224
6509 Payroll Taxes		8,216
6510 Compensation Insurance		1,000
6511 Employee Retirement		8,000
6512 Medical - Employees		39,900
6513 Medical - Directors		77,900
6514 Medical - Retirees		17,800
6515 Repair - Real Property		2,563
6520 Repair - Equipment		4,613
6540 Utilities		4,613
6541 Phone		3,075
6544 Office Supplies		3,588

6546	Notary Public	615	
6550	Engineering	10,250	13,600
6551	Legal Fees - District	15,375	17,600
6552	Legal Fees - Other	1,025	58,975
6553	Legal Fees - NRDC	0	
6554	Accounting Fees	10,763	6,237
6555	Insurance	1,538	
6557	Investment Counseling	3,588	412
2281	BBAV Loan Principal	354,000	
6558	BBAV Loan Interest	115,000	
1403	Capital Acquisitions - DCTRA		
6559	TPD Agreement	3,300	
6560	Taxes & Licenses	500	1,000
6561	Employee Training	2,000	
6564	Convention & Seminar	1,500	
6565	Travel	3,500	
6570	Legal Advertising	1,000	
2281	COP Cost		5,000
6578	NRDC		
6580	Dues & Subscriptions	102,500	17,500
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
		<u>FIXED</u>	<u>VARIABLE</u>
	<u>ADMINISTRATION (cont.)</u>		
	Public Relations	308	
6598	Bank Charges	154	
1703	Real Property	7,500	
1700	Office Equipment	10,000	10,000
5201	Friant O&M	270,627	219,373
5206	Friant O&M (FKC Capacity Correction Project)		
5204	SLDMWA	290,160	309,840
	SLDMWA JPP Rewind		
5210	CDTRA- Board of Equilization - State Water Rights Fee	38,080	29,500
5345	H ₂ O Conservation Plan	2,000	
5304	Labor	90,376	4,624
6503	Temporary Employee		4,000
5305	Standby	3,300	
5309	Payroll Taxes	6,939	11
5310	Compensation Insurance	6,000	
5311	Employee Retirement	5,600	
5312	Medical Insurance	39,330	6,404
	TOTALS	\$ 1,951,473	0 \$ 2,047,070
<u>REVENUES</u>			
4710	Current Assessments (1)	\$ 96,564	\$
4733	Current Assessment (2) Standby	192,830	
4710	Supplemental Assessment (3)	1,633,054	
4005	Water Sales (4)		2,031,870
4010	Water Sales - Resale		
4020	Water Sales - Wheeling		6,200
	Standby		
4760	FWA Water Refund		
4060	Water Acct Penalties		2,000

	Interest, Penalties, etc.		2,500		2,500
4760	Insurance Refund				4,500
4760	Non-Operating Revenue				
		Totals	\$ 1,924,948	0 \$	2,047,070
	2023				
	(1) 19,312.72 acres @ \$5.00/acre				
	(2) 19,283.03 acres @ \$10.00/acre				
	(3) 19,312.72 acres @ \$84.55/acre				

President Merritt moved to adjourn the regular meeting that will resume immediately following the Board of Equalization meeting.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION –

CALL TO ORDER

President Merritt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Upon motion by Director Kisling, seconded by Director Demetriff, the following Resolution was passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10-01

APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT FOR 2022-23

WHEREAS, Diane M. Ennis, Assessor for the District, has filed the Assessment Book for the assessment year 2022-23, showing an assessed valuation of \$19,306,330.00, and

WHEREAS, no person has requested, in person or in writing, equalization of the assessed valuation of property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the assessments for the assessment year 2022-23 heretofore prepared and filed with the Secretary by the Assessor are approved.

Add a line regarding assessment rate.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Saucelito Irrigation District, an irrigation 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 of said District at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held at the office of the said District at Porterville, California on October 13, 2022, at which meeting a quorum of 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 hereto set my hand and the Seal of the Saucelito Irrigation District this 13th day of October 2022.

 \s\ Diane M. Ennis
Secretary to the Board of Directors

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

President Merritt adjourned the meeting of the Board of Equalization at 10:08 am and resumed with the regular Board meeting.

LSJR RECAPTURE: 2022 REPAYMENT AGREEMENT – The Manager reviewed the agreement with the Board. Discussion ensued

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble – to have the Manager sign on behalf of the District the Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows in Lower San Joaquin River.

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

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.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:13 am. There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President E. Merritt adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary