

September 10, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in regular session. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kisling called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff & M. Merritt

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Noble

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sean Geivet, Manager
Nick Keller, Engineer/Assistant General Manager
Aubrey Mauritsen - Attorney
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Terren Brown – SID GSA Assistant General Manager

GUEST:

Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Mike George – Sun Pacific
Adam Medoza – Full Circle Farming

ZOOM

David Evans - Full Circle Farming
Nick Gatti - Homer
Jose Huizar - Moro
Parker Rous – Sunview
Paul Evans -
Mike Miller –

AGENDA - The Manager reported that the agenda was in order and had been posted as required.

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt - to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on August 13, 2026, and the special meeting on August 25, 2025, as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Noble

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

The Board reviewed the outstanding bills against the District, including three Bureau of Reclamation invoices associated with Contract No. 335111, an additional charge of approximately \$20,706, a \$199 reimbursement for PID water returned to PID, and state lobbying services. Staff responded to questions from the Board. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff - to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District, as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Noble

PUBLIC COMMENT - President Kisling invited public comments from those present in the Boardroom and on Zoom. No public comments were received. President Kisling said the meeting would proceed to the monthly reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL - The Board reviewed the District's financial status, including the prior month's check register, Treasurer's Report, Secretary's Report, Collector's Report, Rate Stabilization Fund Statement, Local Agency Investment Fund statement, and income statements for two months. Discussion ensued.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Noble

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Staff reported that the new internet equipment was on site and scheduled for installation on September 15. The District was also working with the telephone service provider to change the telephone system. Existing telephone numbers and District email addresses will be retained. Discussion followed.

OPERATIONS & WATER - Operations staff reported on two system leaks. A significant lateral leak was discovered by Steve Kisling and reported to Jose Banda the B-4.0N lateral was shut off. A USA 811 ticket was placed, and excavation and repairs were scheduled for the following Monday September 14, 2026. A separate leak near Brady Weissberger's residence on the B- 2.0S lateral had been repaired with a band and was resolved. Discussion ensued.

Nick Keller reported that August surface water deliveries totaled just under 3,800 acre-feet, below the amount scheduled. Deliveries included the remaining additional water purchased, completion of the Mole Ditch exchange with Lower Tule, and 100 acre-feet for Booth. Approximately 8,033 acre-feet remained for September and October. September deliveries were trending at approximately 3,500 acre-feet, leaving about 4,500 acre-feet for October. Approximately 29% of the District's annual water supply remained. Growers that released their prorated allocation of approximately 800 to 820 acre-feet had been turned back by the September 1 deadline. The Board discussed an emergency pool for growers who had exhausted their allocations. The Board generally favored pricing the water at the current surface water rate plus \$25 per acre-foot. If requests exceed the available supply, the water will be prorated among eligible requestors. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continues forwarding the AECA newsletter and FWA's CEO reports from Johnny Amaral to the Board members. Keller gave an update on the District's new pump station, the contractor had mobilized and the pump station project was proceeding on schedule. Staff continued to coordinate with Southern California Edison. Work expected after November includes construction of pads and distribution pipelines in the old canal prism, followed by pump station structures. Culverts at the base of the canal plugs will maintain flow continuity where needed. Discussion followed.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board convened as the Board of Equalization. Staff reported a total assessed valuation of \$18,004,444, based on the value of \$1,000 per acre. There were no changes from the prior year's valuation and no requests for reassessment.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff - to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09-01 establishing the 2026-2027 assessment at \$5.00 per acre, plus an additional assessment of \$84.50 per acre, as designated by landowners in 2015.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Noble

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09-01

APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT FOR 2026-27

WHEREAS, Diane M. Ennis, Assessor for the District, has filed the Assessment Book for assessment year 2026-27 showing an assessed valuation of \$ 18,417,440.00, 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 2026-27 heretofore prepared and filed with the Secretary by the Assessor are approved.

Original assessment rate of \$5.00 and an additional rate of \$ 84.56 passed by the Owner in 2015.

Ayes: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demitriff & M. Merritt

Noes: None

Absent: Noble

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 the 10th day of September 2026, 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 10th day of September 2026.

/s/ Diane M. Ennis

Secretary to the Board of Director

Saucelito Irrigation District

President Kisling adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

President Kisling called the GSA meeting to order.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION

DRAFT GSP - The Manager reported that the Stakeholder Committee had reviewed the Saucelito Irrigation District draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan prepared by Luhdorff & Scalmanini and recommended approval. The draft is consistent with the District's updated rules and regulations and will serve as the District's stand-alone plan while work continues on a single subbasin-wide GSP. The plan may be amended as conditions and basin coordination develop. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Demetriff, E. Merritt - to approve and adopt the Saucelito Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Plan as prepared by Luhdorff & Scalmanini.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Noble

RESOLUTION 2026-09-002

of the

SAUCELITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

WHEREAS, the Saucelito Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“**SIDGSA**”) is a California groundwater sustainability agency formed to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, *Water Code* § 10720 et seq. (“**SGMA**”) in a portion of the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Tule Subbasin;

WHEREAS, SIDGSA has developed a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“**GSP**”), and has completed a process of public engagement, public comment, and a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of SGMA at *Water Code* Section 10728.4;

WHEREAS, SIDGSA agrees to be bound by the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement;

WHEREAS, after considering the comments provided by the public and various interested parties, the Board of Directors desires to adopt the GSP and confirm its approval of the Coordination Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the SIDGSA Board of Directors adopts the 2026 GSP, attached hereto and incorporated by reference and directs staff to submit the same to the State Water Board. SIDGSA Board of Directors expressly affirms that it agrees to be bound by the 2024 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the SIDGSA Board of Directors on this 10th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff & M. Merritt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Noble

/s/ Steven G. Kisling

Steven G. Kisling, President

ATTEST:

/s/ Diane M. Ennis

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary

Certificate of Secretary

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Saucelito Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a groundwater sustainability agency 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 Agency at a meeting thereof duly and specially held in Porterville, California on the 10th day of September, 2026, 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 this 10th day of September, 2026, at Porterville, California.

/s/ Diane M. Ennis

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary

SID GSA

The Manager will coordinate to ensure that the SIDGSA adopted GSP is properly posted to DWR website and recognized.

GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION DATA AND METERING POLICY - The Stakeholder Committee recommended that the District use meter-based measurements for groundwater extraction reporting beginning with the 2027 water year on October 1, 2026. The Stakeholders Committee noted that ET-based estimates sometimes exceeded meter readings and caused potential over-reporting and confusion. District staff reads all groundwater meters twice each month. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Demetriff - to adopt a policy effective October 1, 2026, requiring groundwater well extraction method within the District to be monitored and reported.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Noble

LUHDORFF & SCALMANINI – The Manager discussed the recommendation from L & S that we need better groundwater level and subsidence monitoring in the western portion of the District. The consultant recommended two additional multi-level monitoring wells with shallow, intermediate, and deep monitoring intervals. The wells may qualify as Representative Monitoring Sites in the future. Luhdorff & Scalmanini will provide candidate APNs and locations and coordinate with staff on siting, design, and funding. Construction is expected to require approximately six to eight months. Staff has been working with Mary from L & S on request for data on well total depths, screen depths information, she will be sending a plot map that has been compiled from muti data source. Staff will continue contacting growers, Tulare County, and pump companies for screen depths, total well depths, aquifer intervals, and completion reports. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORT

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE - The September Stakeholder Committee meeting will be cancelled because key GSA budget information remains uncertain. Staff will notify stakeholders.

LANDOWNER AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING - The combined meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will provide updates on the adopted GSP, pumping allocations and metering policy. Staff will confirm a local venue with sufficient seating and audiovisual capacity, arrange Zoom access, and coordinate with the Tule Subbasin Managers to avoid a conflict with their afternoon meeting.

SUBBASIN POLICY COMMITTEE - Recent discussions addressed the drinking water plan and agency contributions to the related fund. Workgroups continued to address Friant-Kern Canal subsidence, mitigation strategies, technical modeling, data gaps. A Subbasin Managers' meeting was scheduled for the following Monday. Discussion ensued.

GROUNDWATER PUMPING SUMMARY - Staff was compiling total groundwater pumping for the 2026 water year. After final September meter readings and resolution of a grower's reporting discrepancy, staff expected to complete the District-wide report by the end of September for presentation at the October Landowner and Stakeholder meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE GSA MEETING

President Kisling adjourned the GSA meeting and reconvened the regular Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION - The Board adjourned to closed session at 10:06 a.m. to address the matters listed on the posted agenda.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - The Board returned from closed session at 11:48 a.m. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary