

September 11, 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  
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None  
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager  
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer  
Aubrey Mauritson - Attorney

### **GUEST:**

Mike George – Sun Pacific  
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches  
Doug Jackson – Water and Land Solutions  
Jake Johnson – Deer Creek  
Andrew Brasington – Deer Creek  
Adam Mendoza – Full Circle Farming  
Adam Yoerg - EKI  
Nick Gatti - Homer  
John Ocana – Homer

**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 August 14, 2025, and the special SID GSA meeting held on August 25, 2025.

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

### **BILLS AND VOUCHERS**

M/S/U, E. Merritt, Noble – to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District, except for the 4-Creeks bill, which will remain pending until a meeting is held to review the charges with Victor and Don.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – President Kisling then asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. Jake from Deer Creek had a question regarding the land subsidence zone, specifically the distance from the canal, whether it is 1 mile or 3 miles. Discussion ensued. President Kisling stated that, if there are no further comments, we will 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**— No report given.

**OPERATIONS & WATER** – The Manager reported August water usage at 3,842 acre-feet, and an additional 222 acre-feet of URF water. The board packet includes the Employee Safety Meeting and the Monthly Field Staff reports. Discussion followed.

**STATUS OF AUTHORITIES** – The Manager continued forwarding the AECA newsletter to the Board members; FWA continues to work on the settlement issues.

**EASTERN TULE GSA**—The Manager reported that the ETGSA remains operational. The area currently designated as the white area has entered into a Joint Powers Agreement and is working to establish its own GSA to represent lands not presently covered by other GSAs. The City of Porterville is also establishing its own GSA.

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 -**

The Manager reported that Luhdorr & Scalmanini are dividing their efforts between GSP development and Tech memos, with a draft GSP section expected for stakeholder review in the coming months and a complete draft by December. Lobbyists will meet with the State Water Board in early October to discuss lifting the probation status. The SIDGSA water year begins October 1, 2025, with ETGSA credits transferring to SIDGSA accounts. The future of Tier 1 transitional pumping remains uncertain and requires further discussion by the Stakeholders committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF THE GSA MEETING**

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

**TRUCK** – The Board reviewed additional information on the new vehicle purchase and asked staff to look into other options for next month's meeting.

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

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION –**

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

Upon motion by Director M. Merritt, seconded by Director Noble, the following Resolution was passed and adopted:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9-01**

#### **APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT FOR 2025-26**

WHEREAS, Diane M. Ennis, Assessor for the District, has filed the Assessment Book for the assessment year 2025-26, showing an assessed valuation of \$19,390,850.00 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 2025-26 heretofore prepared and filed with the Secretary by the Assessor are approved.

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

Ayes: Kisling, E. Merritt, 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 September 11, 2025, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

\s\ Diane M. Ennis

Secretary to the Board of Directors

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

President Kisling adjourned the meeting of the Board of Equalization at 9:32 am and resumed with the regular Board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:40 am

#### **EMPLOYEE MATTERS -**

#### **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

#### **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 11:14 am.  
President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:17 am.

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Diane M. Ennis, Secretary