

September 14, 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 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer

GUEST: Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources
Douglas Jackson – Land and Water
Christina Lucero - EKI Environment & Water Inc.

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. 2023-9-01

APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT FOR 2023-24

WHEREAS, Diane M. Ennis, Assessor for the District, has filed the Assessment Book for the assessment year 2023-24, 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 2023-24 heretofore prepared and filed with the Secretary by the Assessor are approved.

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – There was nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reviewed the water schedule report from Nick Keller with the Board. Included in the board packet are the employee safety meeting and monthly field staff report for the board's review. The Manager reported that the District has more water than the District can distribute within the District prior to the end of the water year in February. The Manager informed the Board that LTRID was in need of extra water and had made an agreement to sell them 3000 acre-feet of water from this year's allocation. 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 – The Manager reported that the State Water Quality Control Board is reviewing the Groundwater Sustainability Plans. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reported he had a meeting with Thomas Harder and Company, and the plan is to have a report by September 30, which will allow time to review the policy. The Water Banking Policy is unique to SID and PID in that it allows growers to sign up to be bankers within the Districts. Discussion ensued.

2024 BUDGET – The Manager stated that the 2024 Budget would be reviewed at the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – The Manager reported there was nothing for the closed session.

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)

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary