

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
November 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Charles Meyer. Other directors present were S. Stanton, T. Azevedo, B. Newton and M. Newton. Others present were Manager R. Silva and Secretary J. Baley.

A motion was made by Dir. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. Stanton and carried to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting as mailed.

The current financial report was presented by Treasurer J. Baley and included the following bills for payment:

LC & IC (Waterman, Power, Maint.)	\$ 2,211.62
U.S. Postal Service (P.O. Box Rent)	120.00
James G. Parker Ins. (Secretary Bond)	313.00
Kings County Tax Collector	544.98
Joanne Baley (Nov.)	554.10
LC & IC (Asmt. #594; due 12/10/19)	41,100.00

A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to pay the bills as presented. A motion was then made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. Azevedo and carried to transfer \$200,000 from Wells Fargo checking to the LAIF account.

Correspondence included a notice of Lemoore Canal & Irrigation Company's annual meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019; no action was taken. Also received was a notice from the Kings County Association of Governments that Kings County is seeking \$2,000,000 for new surface drainage facilities in Kettleman City. KRWA distributed a notice of proposed transfer of 1,340 a/f from Stratford ID to Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District.

Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 403,633 a/f; the natural flow is 301 c.f.s. Precipitation is 0.01". All water delivered to SID users this year was either flood release water or Stratford's Lemoore "A" water. Stratford's storage is about 72% of flood release maximum storage. Mr. Silva recently talked to Mark McKean of Crescent Canal & Irrigation Company, who indicated that Crescent might be interested in purchasing water, once actual storage numbers have been determined. Discussion, but no action was taken on the matter of selling water at this time.

Bill Newton reported that at its most recent meeting, Lemoore Canal's Board set the price of pool water at \$60 per a/f.

KRWA's Executive Committee voted 5-4 that the Alta & Corcoran ID transaction complied with the Imported Water Agreement.

James ID requested at KRWA's regular meeting that the Watermaster explain to the Upper River Units and Executive Committee how he is distributing water for channel losses for the 2018-19 season. James ID disagrees with using demand met numbers for the daily distribution.

The verdict in the Verboon matter should be made in January, 2020. The judge will hear arguments in December.

A request for a stay on the hearing on fully appropriated stream designation for the Kings River by KRWA and the upper river units was denied by the State Water Quality Control Board.

Pine Flat Dam's tainter gates project is scheduled to be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The middle slide gates are repaired, with 2 low level gates remaining to be repaired. Work is scheduled to be started in the spring on the landslide project.

KRWA adopted a new resolution to pay \$436,579.45 for Water Rights fees. The previous resolution approved payment of up to \$420,000.00.

Ms. Baley reported that the District's website is up and running ([stratfordirrigation.com](http://stratfordirrigation.com)), with finishing touches to be added. A motion was made by Dir. M. Newton, seconded by Dir. Azevedo and carried to authorize Charles Meyer to sign the Website Design Agreement with Cody Hubbard for \$850.00.

Tony Azevedo reported that there is a SFK GSA Technical Advisory meeting scheduled for today.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joanne Baley, Secretary