

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
February 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Charles Meyer. Other Directors present were S. Stanton, B. Newton, T. Azevedo 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 January 16, 2020 meeting as mailed.

Treasurer J. Baley presented the current financial report, which included the following bills for payment:

LC & IC (Waterman, Power, Maint.)	\$1,635.35
Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP	84.00
M. Green & Company, LLP	6,600.00
KRWA (Island Weir Repair)	48.05
Thomson-Reuters-West	74.00
Joanne Baley (Feb.)	554.10

A motion was made by Dir. Stanton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to pay the bills as listed.

Copies of a Budget Update report for the period ending 1/31/2020 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

Correspondence included a copy of a letter sent to Charlotte Gallock, South Fork Kings GSA regarding support for the SFKGSAs outreach and aquifer storage recovery feasibility study. Also presented was a proposed engagement letter from Kahn, Soares & Conway to assist SID in defending the litigation known as James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association, et. al. A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to retain Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP to represent Stratford ID in the James ID matter.

Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 502,658 a/f; natural flow is 590 c.f.s. Precipitation is 6.11", which is 49.7% of normal. Stratford's storage is approximately 8,850 a/f, plus 1,300 a/f Lemoore Canal owes to SID. Projections from DWR 50% exceedance is for 58% of normal runoff; 10% exceedance is for a 73% of normal; and 90% exceedance is for 40% of normal. Based on those numbers, SID might have a 1.25 a/f per acre allocation for this season. Stratford should be able to match Lemoore's allocation.

We have sloped most of the Stratford laterals, including the Stratford Main, for which Stratford will pay 24%. Lemoore Canal hired another ditch tender – Remy Stevens, who will eventually be running Division 3.

Lemoore's next meeting is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss a possible allocation and water run dates.

KRWA Report – Mr. Silva reported on the following KRWA matters:

An update on the Airborne Snow Observatories matter indicates that the snow surveys will be reimbursed, although Mr. Silva doesn't know how many flights will be done.

The matter of raising Pine Flat Dam is being considered. Projected costs indicate that raising the dam 7 feet would hold an additional 89,300 a/f and would cost \$345.5 million. Costs for building Rodgers Crossing are projected to be \$1.75 billion for a 500 foot dam (375,000 a/f); and \$2.7 billion for a 640 foot dam (708,000 a/f). 2040 projected water values are between \$272 and \$1,174 per acre foot, based on the water year runoff.

The South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Plan has been approved and submitted to the State.

Ms. Baley presented a proposed agreement from Summers Engineering for the preparation of a new Stratford Irrigation District map. After discussion, a motion was made by Dir. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. B. Newton and carried to authorize Charles Meyer to talk to Roger Reynolds about the fee before signing the agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joanne Baley, Secretary