

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
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19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford, CA 93266  
September 17, 2020

The Board of Equalization meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Charles Meyer. There being no objections heard, the meeting was adjourned.

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, B. Newton, M. Newton and T. Azevedo. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary W. Areias, J. Wilson, D. Wilson, J. Orton, D. Orton, C. Andrews, S. Dufur and S. Jackson.

A motion was made by Dir. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. B. Newton and carried to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting.

Josh Orton showed a map regarding Standard Oil Company having pipelines going thru Lateral 23 in the early 1900's.

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

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| Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP           | \$ 800.00 |
| LC & IC (Waterman, Power, Office)    | 1,904.57  |
| Charles Meyers (Joanne Gift Cert)    | 165.00    |
| The Sentinel (Board of Equalization) | 234.70    |
| Wendee Areias (September)            | 554.10    |
| LC & IC (Asmt.# 599, due 10/10)      | 41,100.00 |

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 August 31, 2020 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

Joanne Baley, retired secretary, sent a thank you note to the Board.

Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 204,737 a/f; the natural flow is 179 c.f.s. SID storage is a total of approximately 8,000 – 8,250 a/f, but they will owe Lemoore Canal some water. Around 12,100 a/f of water has been delivered to Stratford users to date.

Manager Silva reported that the water was shut off at the dam on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. The water was guaranteed to September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Silva reported on Lemoore Canal's September meeting that drain down and pool water was set at \$75.00 a/f.

Mr. Silva reported the new water accounting system is ready for testing by KRWA.

A memorandum of guidelines will be sent out to all KRWA Units for review regarding the Imported Water Agreement.

Laguna is annexing 16,666 acres North and East of Laton. The land is not in KRSA. Kings River flood water will be delivered to this land when available.

Mr. Silva reported that over 200,000 acres have been burned by the Creek Fire. 10,000 to 20,000 acres are in the Kings River Watershed.

This winter there will be no flights to measure the cloud seeding. They will all be done by ground operations. They will use a different formula that seems to equal the flight applications. This will save about \$30,000.

Two flights by Airborne Snow Observatory have been funded for measuring the Kings River Water Shed snow pack for next year.

There was nothing new to report on SGMA

Sandridge Partners is proposing to pipeline Lateral 23 – A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to allow Sandridge Partners to have an engineer draw up plans on the pipeline after Steve Dufur's turnout on Lansing. A motion was also made by Dir. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. Stanton and carried to have Manager Silva or an engineer approve their engineers drawing before any work can be started.


If Lateral 22 is relocated, a new headgate and structure will be need at Lateral 23.

A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. Azevedo and carried to levy an assessment of \$30.00 per acre for the 2020-2021 year.

Mrs. Areias presented a proposal from M. Green & Co. to perform an audit of the District's books for the period ending 8/31/20 for \$6,900. Along with this proposal they did include that 2021 will be \$7,300 and 2022 will be \$7,700. After a discussion, a motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to have M. Green & Co. perform the audit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendee Areias, Secretary