

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
May 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President C. Meyer. Other Directors present were S. Stanton T. Azevedo and M. Newton. Dir. B. Newton was absent. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary W. Areias, David Kahn and Craig Andrew.

A motion was made by Dir. M. Newton seconded by Dir. S. Stanton and carried to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting.

AUDIENCE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE – PAUL STIGLICH, GENERAL MANAGER, SOUTH FORK KINGS GSA – (10:05 to 10:40 a.m.) Mr. Stiglich explained the 2023 Emergency Recharge Policy. Flood or Canal water can be put on fallow or crop land, as long as the land has not been fertilized in 30 days, for an 85% well water credit for recharging. He is proposing a Prop 218 to raise the GSA Assessment from \$9.80 to \$20.00 per acre starting next year.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - Secretary, W. Areias presented the current financial report for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Dir. T. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. S. Stanton and carried to approve payment of the bills as listed and make any transfers needed.

BUDGET UPDATE - Copies of a Budget Update report for the period ending April 30, 2023 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE – N/A

MANAGER'S REPORT - Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 343,529 a/f; total storage is 464,589 a/f. The natural flow is 18,645 cfs. SID storage is a total of approximately 4,000 a/f. Snow Pillows are 447% of normal to date. South Fork is running 1,740 cfs and the North Fork is running 4,520 cfs of flood water. DWR is expecting inflows above 30,000 cfs, which could break all-time records during May.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Nothing new to report.

KRWA – Mr. Silva reported that a unit 4 power plant has been approved. The new accounting program is shadowing the existing program.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY - Dir. M. Newton reported that there is a meeting tonight scheduled for the Agency.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report.

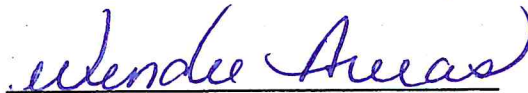
NEW BUSINESS: Dir. T Azevedo sits on the Board for Excelsior/Kings River RCD and would like a letter supporting a grant program for them. The Board agreed to sign the letter in support of the grant writing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 11:03 a.m.

Closed session 11:06 a.m.

Open session 11:45 a.m., no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendee Areias
Wendee Areias, Secretary