

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245  
August 17, 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 T. Azevedo, S. Stanton, B. Newton and M. Newton. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary W. Areias, Paul Stiglich and D. Kahn.

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

AUDIENCE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE – Paul Stiglich, General Manager, South Fork Kings GSA – Mr. Stiglich informed the Board about the Prop 218 that failed. He is proposing a new budget of \$10.10 assessment with a five-year sunset. They will need to have their wells registered, have meters and a limited pumping of water and wants the Board’s opinion on how to get this passed on the November ballot.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - Secretary, W. Areias presented the current financial report for the Board’s consideration. A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton 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 July 31, 2023 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

VERSION 1 OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET – Manager Silva presented the Version 1 of the 2023–2024 budget and explained how we can possibly sell some water.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Areias informed the Board that the KRWA will be having their Annual Dinner on March 22, 2024.

MANAGER’S REPORT - Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 875,433 a/f total storage is 1,096,356 a/f. The natural flow is 2,648 c.f.s. SID storage is approximately 11,750 a/f. Stratford users have received 3,600 a/f of Stratford “A” water and no Stratford River water so far. Flood Release ended on July 24<sup>th</sup>. During the Flood Release approximately 1,000,000 a/f went down the North Fork and 260,000 a/f went down the South Fork. April thru July the run off at Pine Flat was 3,127,581 a/f which is 254.35% of normal. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest (68-69) was 3,140,500 a/f. The Lower River voted to have a coordinated run from July 24<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Nothing to report.

KRWA – RAISE OF PINE FLAT – The estimated cost to raise Pine Flat for 7 feet is \$350 million and 12 feet \$640 million.

ISLAND WEIR – The Island Weir has damage on the interior levee. This will be an additional maintenance cost.

LEMOORE RUBBLE DAM - The Rubble Weir has been washed away and there will be an addition cost to reconstruct it.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY - Dir. M. Newton reported on the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is that there is a meeting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: SIT AS A BOARD OF EQUILIZATION – A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to approve Resolution 23-01, Resolution to Sit as a Board of Equalization on September 21, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 11:25 a.m.

Closed session 11:30 a.m.

Open session 12:10 p.m., no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendee Areias  
Wendee Areias, Secretary