

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
March 21, 2024

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

A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024.

AUDIENCE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

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 February 29, 2024 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 772,527 a/f, total storage is 866,912 a/f. The natural flow is 1,950 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 13,150 a/f. Started the water at the dam on February 26th. Water got to the Lemoore Canal weir on February 29th and all initial delivery orders were met by March 3rd.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Manager Silva reported that Lemoore Canal increased the allocation .20 a share for a total of 1.70 per share and allocated .30 of B" water per share at \$39.00. Lemoore hired an additional waterman that will start on April 1st.

KRWA – ASO PROGRAM – Mr. Silva reported that the ASO program has funding of \$5 million for 2025.

RAISING OF PINE FLAT DAM – Manager Silva reported that there has been money earmarked for 2025 for the raising of Pine Flat dam.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Manager Silva is no longer on the KRWA Executive Committee. Scott Sills, Upper San Jose, will be his replacement. There was a vote for Vice-Chairman between Mark Unruh and John Mendes. John Mendes won to be Vice-Chairman.

KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION – Mr. Silva reported that the KRWQC will increase their fees by \$1.42/acre to \$1.51/acre.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Director M. Newton reported that Prop 218 ballots passed for charging \$9.80 per acre. There is a Special meeting on April 10th at 2:30 p.m. General Manager Paul Stiglich has been let go. KRCD has stepped in while they are looking for a new General Manager.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: ALLOCATION – Manager Silva did not recommend making an additional allocation at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:55 a.m.

Closed session 11:00 a.m.

Open session 11:30 a.m., no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendee Areias, Secretary