

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
April 18, 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. T. Azevedo seconded by Dir. B. Newton and carried to approve the minutes of the March 21, 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. M. Newton, seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo 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 March 31, 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 843,822 a/f, total storage is 946,627 a/f. The natural flow is 3,819 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 13,175 a/f. Precipitation is 83.7% of normal. There is a possible chance of a short flood release. Stratford has a chance of going top of schedule. Lemoore Canal may not have storage space to prevent this from happening.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Manager Silva reported that Lemoore Canal has put up "C" water at \$50 a/f in 100 a/f increments. A new waterman has started named David Colin for Division 3 when Ralph Gregg retires.

KRWA – JAMES ID – Mr. Silva reported that the Settlement Agreement has been fully signed.

RAISING OF PINE FLAT DAM – Manager Silva reported that they are still looking into raising Pine Flat dam 12 feet. KRCD is requesting \$500,000 funding for EIR study from the Federal Government.

POWER PLANT – Manager Silva reported that the small power plant in Pine Flat needs to start in two years and completed in four years.

COORDINATED RUN – A zoom meeting is scheduled for May 1st to talk about when the coordinated run will start.


SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Director M. Newton reported that the 5 GSA’s are on probation. The company MLJ will be responsible for the registration of wells. Under 3 acres do not have to register. A Grower Advisory committee is holding a meeting on April 25th. The Next meeting for the South Fork Kings GSA is May 16th. President C. Meyer reported to the Board that he has sent a letter to be read in Sacramento with land owner Doug Freitas.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: ALLOCATION – Manager Silva informed the Board that Stratford Irrigation may need to sell water to not go top of schedule. I motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and unanimously passed to give Manager Silva the discretion to sell water at a minimum of \$65 a/f at the dam to not go top of schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendee Areias
Wendee Areias, Secretary