

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
June 20, 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, B. Osborne and D. Kahn.

A motion was made by Dir. Newton seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and carried to approve the minutes of the May 16, 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. B. Newton, 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 May 31, 2024 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE – Kings County Farm Bureau – SGMA Defense Fund – Manager Silva reported that Stratford ID has received an email asking for a donation to try to get the Tulare Lake Subbasins out of probation.

MANAGERS REPORT - Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 961,220 a/f, total storage is 1,203,275 a/f. The natural flow is 2,935 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 12,000 a/f. The second Flood Release started on May 29th and ended on June 6th. Manager Silva tried to keep SID from going Top of Schedule by ordering 50 c.f.s. at the Lemoore Canal head gate (Point of Diversion) and orders at the No. 1 and No. 2 Pools.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Nothing new to report.

KRWA – Mr. Silva reported Pine Flat storage peaked at 992,145 a/f. Natural Flow peaked at 12,851 c.f.s. on May 18th. Total for both Flood Releases was 288,000 a/f. No water was lost to the ocean.

WATER RIGHTS FEES – Mr. Silva reported that Water Right Fees may go up 5-6%.

JAMES ID – Nothing new to report.

RAISING OF PINE FLAT DAM – Manager Silva reported that KRWA is requesting funding of \$500,000 for the study of raising Pine Flat Dam. They will know on June 28th if they receive the funding.

KINGS RIVER WATER COALITY COALITION – Nothing new to report.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Director M. Newton reported that there is a meeting tonight and next week they will have a growers meeting. They should have a decision on a new manager tonight.

OLD BUSINESS – POSSIBLE WATER SALE – Manager Silva reported the possiblilty of selling additional SID water while remaining around 7,000 a/f in storage at the end of this current water season. A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and unanimously passed to give Manager Silva discretion on the amount of water to sell and to charge \$90 a/f at the buyers headgate for water users that can take water through Lemoore Canal or Stratford ID's system and \$75 a/f at the dam for any transfer to a Kings River Water Association unit.

NEW BUSINESS - KINGS COUNTY ELECTIONS – Mrs. Areias received the packet from Kings County's Election Dept. Open registration starts on July 15th.

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

Closed session 11:10 a.m.

Open session 12:05 p.m., no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendee Areias, Secretary