

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
July 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. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary W. Areias, B. Osborne, D. Kahn.

A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton seconded by Dir. S. Stanton and carried to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024.

AUDIENCE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE – SGMA Manager, Johnny Gailey – Mr. Gailey introduced himself as the new manager of the South Fork Kings GSA and answered any questions the Board had regarding SGMA.

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 June 30, 2024 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE – N/A

MANAGERS REPORT - Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 722,130 a/f, total storage is 941,946 a/f. The natural flow is 1,280 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 10,250 a/f. Sold a total of 1,533 a/f of water for a total of \$111,685. 1,200 a/f is to be transferred at the dam and 333 a/f is to be delivered in Lemoore Canal.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Manager Silva reported that Lemoore Canal will only run thru September

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WATER RIGHTS FEES – Nothing new to report.

JAMES ID – Nothing new to report.

RAISING OF PINE FLAT DAM – Mr. Silva reported that the raising of Pine Flat dam has been denied funding by the government.

KINGS RIVER WATER COALITY COALITION – Nothing new to report.

TRANSFERS – Manager Silva reported that Stratford ID made a 700 a/f transfer to TLBWSD. Laguna ID made a 315 a/f transfer Upper San Jose and 1,435 was transferred to Empire West Side Irrigation District. (This was the 1,750 a/f of water that John Heinlen ID. Backstopped for Laguna ID.) Stinson ID transferred 4,000 a/f to Empire Westside ID.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY –It was reported that the Kings County Farm Bureau has won a restraining order against the SWRCB, pending a hearing scheduled for August 20th, concerning the designation of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Sub-Basin as probationary under SGMA. Dir. M. Newton reported that there is a South Fork Kings meeting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS – POSSIBLE WATER SALE – Manager Silva reported that he has been contacted by other water districts if SID will be selling water after the water season.

NEW BUSINESS – CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Attorney David Kahn updated the conflict of interest. A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to accept Resolution 2024-02 (Conflict of Interest).

SFKGSA BOARD – Dir. T. Azevedo reported that they need to come up with a criteria before someone can apply for a Board member seat.

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

Closed session 11:07 a.m.

Open session 11:20 a.m., no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendee Areias, Secretary