

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
October 17, 2024

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – The Board of Equalization meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Vice President S. Stanton. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Vice President S. Stanton. Directors present were T. Azevedo, M. Newton, and B. Newton. President C. Meyer was absent. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary W. Areias, B. Osborne, D. Kahn, C. Andrew and J. Vidovich.

A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and carried to approve the minutes of the September 19, 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. 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 September 30, 2024 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – John Vidovich announced that he would like to be on the Lemoore Canal board and would like Stratford ID to vote their shares for him and M. Newton at Lemoore Canal's annual meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – N/A

MANAGERS REPORT - Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 398,124 a/f, total storage is 514,726 a/f. The natural flow is 186 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 8,250 – 8,750 a/f. 11,645 a/f of Lemoore "A" water and 1,875 a/f of Stratford River water was delivered to users. There was a total of 20 days of Flood Release (May 4th – May 16th) and (May 29th – June 6th). Stratford sold 504 a/f of its river water that was ran through Lemoore Canal's main headgate. 1,200 a/f was sold via transfers at Pine Flat (500 a/f to Liberty and 700 a/f to Empire No. 2). Total water sales for 2024 was \$127,048.00, \$74.56 per a/f.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Dir. B. Newton reported that Lemoore Canal has set its annual meeting for December 5th at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center in Lemoore.

KRWA:

WATER RIGHTS FEES – Nothing new to report.

PINE FLAT 0 & M – Nothing new to report.

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JAMES ID – Nothing new to report.

RAISING OF PINE FLAT DAM – Nothing new to report.

KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION – Manager Silva reported that the KRWQC has 3,400 members and 735,000 acres. 110 members are in violations with the Regulations Board (No IMP).

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Director M. Newton reported that they have approved the well registration policy. The meeting tonight has been cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS – WATER SALES – Manager Silva reported that Stratford ID could sell around 1,000 – 1,500 a/f to leave around 7,000 in storage for next year. A motion was made by Dir. T. Azevedo, seconded by M. Newton to make Manager Silva the negotiator for the water sale. Tabled to next meeting when the finals in storage have been received.

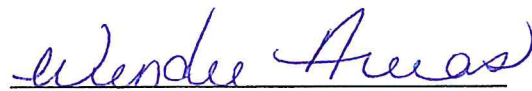
NEW BUSINESS – Attorney D. Kahn reported the Stratford ID won the SEQA and Eminent Domain cases.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:35 a.m.

Closed session 10:40 a.m.

Open session 11:00 a.m., no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendee Areias, Secretary