

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
August 21, 2025

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 M. Newton, S. Stanton, T. Azevedo and Josh Orton. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary W. Areias, Assistant Manager B. Osborne and J. Gailey.

A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2025.

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 July 31, 2025 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

VERSION 1 OF THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to approve the 2025-2026 budget with corrections.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE – N/A

MANAGERS REPORT - Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 259,773 a/f, total storage is 447,709 a/f. The natural flow is 347 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 5,600 a/f. Lemoore Canal may have to pay back 1,000 a/f to Stratford ID for water ran during the coordinated run. Stratford's "B" water sales to date are 865 a/f for \$38,492.50. This will need to be paid back to Lemoore Canal. Pine Flat Dam storage is estimated to be at 215,000 – 230,000 a/f at the end of the water season.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Manager Silva reported that Summers Engineer initial estimate for repairing Lemoore Canals weir will be between \$1.5 million to \$2 million dollars. A better estimate of cost by Summers Engineer will be performed when the water is off.

KRWA:

STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD – Assistant Manager Osborne reported that the State Water Control Board recommended raising the minimum levels of the upper storage to the bottom of the boat ramp. It will affect flood release action by 50,000 a/f sooner than current guidelines. Several reasons for the recommendation were given, mostly recreational and water quality concerns.

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT – Mr. Osborne reported that Raisin City Water District has annexed neighboring areas to the North West essentially doubling their service to approximately 170,000 acres for reasons concerning SGMA.

WEATHER MODIFICATION CONTRACT - Assistant Manager Osborne reported that the contract is up for weather modifications mid next year. A new contract will need to be negotiated.

STATE WATER RIGHTS FEES – Mr. Osborne reported that a meeting will be held in mid-September to discuss a 5-6% increase over no increase. The Watermaster will be suggesting a 0% increase.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Johnny Gailey reported that the JPA Amendment to add two representatives and two alternate seats, with three-year terms, to the Board has passed. There is a Board meeting tonight and a Growers Advisory meeting on Tuesday the 26th. Only 28% of wells have been registered.

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS – KRWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE LOWER RIVER BOARD OF DIRECTORS/KINGS RIVER WATERSHED COALITION AUTHORITY - A motion was made by M. Newton seconded by S. Stanton and unanimously passed to appoint B. Osborne as the Representative and R. Silva as the Alternate for the KRWA Board of Directors, Lower River Board of Directors and Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendee Areias, Secretary