

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
January 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. President C. Meyer. Directors present were S. Stanton, T. Azevedo and J. Orton. Dir. Mike Newton was absent. Others present were Manager B. Osborne and Secretary W. Areias.

A motion was made by Dir. S Stanton seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and carried to approve the minutes of the November 20, 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. J. Orton 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 December 31, 2025 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE – N/A

MANAGERS REPORT - Manager Osborne reported that Pine Flat storage is 459,580 a/f, total storage is 578,760 a/f. The natural flow is 1,501 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 9,700 a/f. Precipitation is 142% of normal. Snow pack is 42% of normal.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Nothing new to report.

KRWA:

PINE FLAT DAM PROJECT – Congressman Vince Fong has held several press releases since his visit to the dam in November. Mr. Fong has been pushing to expedite the government feasibility study and has created more discussion from the public officials.

HR3857 – This has been passed by the house and sent to the senate. The bill reauthorizes the use of and modification of the snow water supply forecasting program of the Bureau of Reclamation through 2031 with the use of new forecasting technology.

JUDAS NUTRIA – The Nutria that had been released at the Sportsman's Club has turned up dead but two others were trapped in the location. The other tagged Nutria released in Pool #1 has been consistently traveling between Empire Weir #1 and Clarks Fork. It is believed that it has not encountered any other Nutria.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Dir. T. Azevedo reported that there is a meeting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER SALES – Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROP 218 – Tabled.

SGMA Letter – Mr. Osborne reported that Lemoore Canal’s Attorney is writing a letter to SGMA saying that they would like to keep their loss credits and distribute them to their shareholder.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wendee Areias, Secretary