

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
February 19, 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, M. Newton and J. Orton. Others present were Manager B. Osborne and Secretary W. Areias.

A motion was made by Dir. T. Azevedo seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026.

AUDIENCE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE – M. GREEN & CO.- Marla Borges, CPA with M. Green & Co. presented the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2025. After, review and questions, a motion was made by Dir. T. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to approve the financial statements as presented.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - Secretary, W. Areias presented the current financial report for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Dir. M. Newton, seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo 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 January 31, 2026 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 553,000 a/f, total storage is 660,000 a/f. The natural flow is 2,946 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 9,800 a/f. Precipitation is 126% of normal. Snow pack is 94% of normal.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Dir. Azevedo reported that Lemoore Canal Board is looking into selling 5,000 a/f of water.

KRWA:

GOLDEN MUSSEL – Manager Osborne reported the Golden Mussel DNA has been detected in the Friant-Kern canal below Millerton and below Pine Flat, results have not been released yet. Pressure washing will not remove the Golden Mussel. Tests have been scheduled to determine how far north they exist. The Kings River is believed to be uncontaminated and is considered to be in a low-risk category. The Golden Mussel is prevalent in the California Aqueduct and is known to be in the Mendota pool.

ASO FLIGHTS – Manager Osborne reported that the State has cut the ASO Flight Program funding by \$2 million. This will result in the reduction of flights from four per season to just two. DWR schedules flights with influence from KRWA. The flight for March has been postponed till April.

NUTRIA – Mr. Osborne reported that 15 Nutria have been trapped so far at the Lemoore Sportsman’s Club.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Dir. M. Newton reported that the state has sent out a flyer for a May 1st deadline for reporting pumping for the 2024-2025 year. Charges will be \$300 per well and \$20 a foot that will be billed. The GSA is trying to get an exclusion of fees for disadvantaged areas. Johnny Gailey will have workshops at West Hills College to help with the reporting and registration of wells. Growers Advisory meeting on February 16th and SGMA meeting is on February 19th

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER SALES – A motion was made by Dir. T. Azevedo seconded by Dir. M. Newton and unanimously passed to sell 1,000 a/f of water at \$150 a/f. Managers discretion.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROP 218 – The Board agreed to not do a Prop 218 at this time.

KINGS RIVER WATERSHED COALITION AUTHORITY - A motion was made by Dir. T. Azevedo seconded by Dir. S. Stanton and unanimously passed to have Dir. M. Newton as the Representative and Manager Osborne as the Alternate for the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Wendee Areias, Secretary