

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
March 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 and J. Orton. Dir. M. Newton was absent. Others present were Manager B. Osborne, Secretary W. Areias and Johnny Gailey.

A motion was made by Dir. S. Stanton seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and carried to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026.

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 February 28, 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 687,196 a/f, total storage is 809,954 a/f. The natural flow is 5,859 c.f.s. Stratford's storage is approximately 10,750 a/f. Precipitation is 104% of normal. Snow pack is 58% of normal to date.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – Manager Osborne explained a possible allocation for this year. Tabled to next meeting.

KRWA:

GENERAL COUNCIL – Mr. Osborne reported that Stephany Morris is replacing Joe Hughs as General Council effective April 1, 2026. Stephany has a history as a water lawyer in the Sacramento area.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Manager Osborne reported that The Legislative Committee has issued a list of recommendations and KRWA's position on several recent bills.

FISH – Mr. Osborne reported that approximately 80,000 fish have been released in the Kings River this season to date.

PINE FLAT DAM RAISING – Manager Osborne reported the KRWA is pushing to begin the dam raising feasibility study by 2028.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – Mr. J. Gailey reported that there is a meeting tonight to discuss well mitigation and they are still working on the subsidence plan. All “C” zone wells will need to be metered asap. Pumping under 20 a/f will not have to report pumping. They are trying to put a GSP together that align with all GSA’s.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER SALES – Manager Osborne reported that Stratford ID has sold Sandridge Partners LP 1,000 a/f of water at \$120 a/f. This will be put into the Empire ID account.

NEW BUSINESS:

ALLOCATION – Tabled to next month’s meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Wendee Areias
Wendee Areias, Secretary