

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**of**  
**STONE CORRAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Stone Corral Irrigation District Board of Directors was convened on May 19, 2026, at 4:35 P.M. Chairman Director Arturo Ramirez and Directors Tom Runyon and David Roberts were present. Director John Werner called and stated he would be late. Director John Werner arrived at 5:15 P.M. Director Joe Leal was a non-attendee. Others present were: Manager Beto Rodriguez, Bookkeeper Michelle Parker, and Assistant Manager Consultant, Dale West. Visitors present: Law Offices of Peltzer Richardson & Koontz: represented by Mr. Koontz and Alex Peltzer. Also in attendance were Supervisors Jennifer Cervantez, Johnny, and engineer Carlos Gonzalez, acting on behalf of the Tulare County Public Works Department.

**Item 1) Additions or Deletions to Agenda:**

Chairman Art Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. No additions or deletions to the agenda. First motion carried by Director David Roberts, seconded by Director Tom Runyon. All in favor. Yes

**Item 2) Public Comment:**

Chairman Art Ramirez opened the floor for open comments. NONE.

**Item 3) Announcements:**

Chairman Art Ramirez opened the floor for announcements. NONE.

**Item 4a/4b) Consent Calendar:**

Items to approve & ratify April 2026 warrants, and approve April 2026 board minutes. First motion carried by Director David Roberts, seconded by Director Tom Runyon. All in favor. Yes

**Item 5) Financial Reports.**

Bookkeeper Michelle Parker presented the financial report items A-E. First motion carried by Director John Werner, seconded by Director Tom Runyon. All in favor. Yes

## Item 6) **Managers' Report.**

### Item 6a) **Water operation/Maintenance activities.**

Maintenance was performed at pumping stations SC1 Main through SC6A. All pumps were cleaned and greased, and oil was added to lubricate them. Filters and screens were cleaned, and the sub-pumps in the pit were checked for proper operation. Weeds were sprayed, debris was removed, and all areas around the stations were pressure-washed. At SC4-A, weeds were pulled, the station was pressure-washed, and the back section was cleaned. Filter replacement was completed at station SC6 Main. Meter maintenance: A-11 & A-4 had a new meter installed after the previous one stopped working. D-1 & B-24 meters replaced as a result of water flow not being read correctly. Valve Repairs: Continued with repairs as needed. Replaced the gaskets on the valves that were leaking. At A-45, an 8-inch valve was added to the outlet. Flood Control: We are still disposing of trash being dumped by outsiders. Air Vent Project: Air vents on all four main lines were replaced in April. Repairs to damaged air vents will continue in May. The air vent project remains ongoing. Maintenance on the line: C-Line was drained. Miscellaneous: A-45, an 8-inch valve was added to the outlet for adjustment during overflow. Projected Projects: The fencing still requires a small section of fence and a gate. Work on the old office is ongoing; windows and doors have been installed, and the structure has been painted inside and outside to match the current office. Illegal water spray hookups are being addressed. Two-inch water meters are being installed to track water usage for each landowner during spraying. Landowners will be notified of the proper hookup locations. We are continuing efforts to make SCID a safer and more secure facility. Additional poles and cabling are still being installed to restrict access to trespassers; the project is ongoing.

Item 6b) **Dan Vink SIX-33:** This memo outlines the three-phase sequence required to position the Stone Corral Irrigation District(SCID) to successfully complete for significant state and federal grant funding for construction of the North Pond Basin Improvement Project. The project, as currently envisioned, involves improvement of the basin site to be acquired from the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), expansion of existing groundwater recharge capabilities, and associated system improvements. **Appraisal Offices of Chapman & Patton:** Market value of a proposed fee acquisition of approximately six acres from the Bureau of Reclamation property identified as APN 036-120-013 (Tulare County), located north of Avenue 388 and southwest of the Friant-Kern Canal and northeast of Visalia, California. In addition to Dan Vink's reference, please refer to the agenda packet.

Item 6c) **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:** Manager Beto Rodriguez received an email from Johnny Amaral in regard to the DMC Capacity Correction Project. As has been reported several times over the last few months, the SLDMWA, which received \$235 million of OBBB funds for the work needed on the DMC, has been working to modify the scope of the work, and they intend to seek board approval at this month's meeting. Similar to what we have done at FWA, they have broken their project into several tasks. Earlier in the year, they awarded a contract to complete tasks 1 and 2, which included raising the canal liner between the Jones pumping plant and the DCI, along with other corrections in the upper DMC where the canal has "sagged". Since the announcement of the award of OBBB funds, their desired approach is to modify the scope of work, using only those non-reimbursable funds, to include some critical panel replacements, and to also address some critical bridge constraints in the upper and lower DMC. FWA staff( Liamas, Orvis, and Buck-MacLoed) and I have been in a series of, sometimes intense, conversations with SLDMWA to better understand what they're proposing, to understand how their proposal would benefit the Friant division, and to ensure that SLDMWA adheres to the "one project principle" that was agreed to during the amended MOU negotiations. The one project principle was established to ensure that all parties would benefit equitably from any non-reimbursable funds available for the project, among other reasons. The 2026 agreement between SCID and FWA provides for the completion of drain ditch and channel maintenance, as well as turnout desilting, at the following locations: Stone Corral ID and Orange Cove ID. Additionally, sand deflectors will be installed within the SCID District.

Item 6d) **East Kaweah GSA-** Gabe Gaeta, Water Resource Specialist, attended the East Kaweah GSA (EKGSA) Board of Directors meeting on April 27. The meeting focused on GSA administrative matters and broader SGMA implementation efforts within the Kaweah Subbasin. Update on **assessments and the County Tax Roll:** The board approved Resolution 2026-01, which certifies the legal process required to place EKGSA assessments on the Tulare County secured tax roll. This is a routine annual necessity to ensure the continuation of GSA revenues through property tax billing mechanisms. **Allocation Year 2025 Invoicing Recap:** The board approved an updated invoicing timeline, which extends the deadline by 45 days. Landowners now have until May 31<sup>st</sup> to reconcile their Water Dashboard accounts. Invoice payments will be due on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Cottonwood Creek and Waterways Cleanup status: Discussion focused on increasing landowner requests (20 stakeholders) for EKGSA to lead cleanup efforts along Cottonwood Creek. EKGSA currently does not have the capacity to lead these cleanup efforts. An additional point, major constraints include complex permitting requirements, unclear jurisdiction, and a lack of staffing capacity within EKGSA. No action was taken. The issue remains unresolved and likely requires multi-agency coordination and a potential future policy framework. **Proposition 218 Update:** Staff presented a two-part Proposition 218 funding strategy, including (1) near-

term cost recovery; Recoup GSP development costs and funds for both administrative and domestic well mitigation.(2) long-term: Authorize up to five future increases(potential maximum rate at \$38/acre). The board acknowledged landowner concerns regarding rate increases, while reaffirming the necessity of recovering costs. The board also requested improved communication practices and enhanced documentation for landowners.

**Finances:** The board opted to table consideration of financial approval pending the completion and review of an updated reconciliation. **Flying Dragon Project:** The project remains on track for completion. Grading is nearing completion, permits are anticipated to be issued in May, and channel work is scheduled to commence in July. **SGMA Updates:** The Kaweah Subbasin will continue to engage with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) status, although current interaction is less extensive than with the State Water Resources Control Board. GSP implementation is progressing, with modeling and monitoring programs advancing. No current groundwater quality compliance issues have been identified. The LandIQ Daily ET tool continues to provide near real-time (ET) data for growers. Adoption has been gradual but positive among early users. The board of directors is evaluating the list of proposed Advisory Committee members to fill vacancies. EKGSA staff are working to obtain a new code for the assessment; however, this task, which was included in the work plan, has not been completed over the past two months. Additional details will be provided at future meetings. The Board accepted the GSA's quarterly financial reports. EKGSA is on track to complete the Flying Dragon Project later this year, pending receipt of final permits.

Item 6e) **Water Report:** SCID Water Report for April 2026 – See attached

# STONE CORRAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## WATER REPORT

Board Meeting - May19, 2026

### Water Delivery Report - April 2026

Available Water and Allocation			
Rescheduled =	100%	-	-
Declared Class 1 =	100%	10,000	10,000
Transfer In (FID with 5% loss)	100%	1,900	1,900
Transfer In (EID)	100%	-	-
Transfer In (IID)	100%	-	-
URF (T1A)	100%	132	132
URF (T1B)	100%	-	-
SJRRP Recapture	100%	-	-
Other	100%	3,221	3,221
Other	100%	-	-
			15,253
Assessed Acres			6,652
Water Available per acre			2.29
Board Allocation			1.51
Recommendation			1.51

### 2026 Season (Re-cap)

Month	U.S.B.R.	Pumped	Sub Total	Deliv. Grower Meters	Quantity Variance
March	573	-	573	573	-
April	681	-	681	-	681
May	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>681</b>

Total Contract Water Available	15,253
Less USBR Metered to Date	(1,254)
Transfers Out	132
<b>Water Remaining</b>	<b>14,131</b>
Allocation Per Acre Remain	0.56

Transfers:	
Out TID- March 2026 URF	(132)
To Lindmore I.D.- Feb 26'	(2,000)
Other	-
Drought Pool	-
Net Transfer (Out)	(2,132)

Year to Date Variance Analysis	
Diff to date	(681)
System Charge	-
In Transit	-
Recharge	-
Operations	-
Net Op Variance	(681)
<b>OP Variance</b>	<b>-54.31%</b>

### RECHARGED WATER

Prior Period Totals	-
Pond 156	-
A line	-
B line	-
C line	-
D line	-
Pond North	-
Total To Date	-

Item 6f) **Flood Control:** Next meeting will be July 15<sup>th</sup>, the third Wednesday

Item 6g) **New Shop:** Manager Beto Rodriguez informed the Board of Directors that the new shop project remains under review by the Tulare County Fire Department. The Fire Department initially recommended installation of a \$6,000 water tank. Due to the cost, Manager Rodriguez advised that it would be more practical to install a fire hydrant across the street in front of the main office (SCID). The Tulare County Fire Department approved SCID's request to proceed with the fire hydrant alternative. Manager Beto Rodriguez advised the Board of Directors of the proposed change. The director made a motion. First motion, Director Tom Runyon. Second motion, John Werner. All in favor. Yes

Item 6h) **Tulare County Public Works:** Manager Beto Rodriguez introduced engineer Carlos Gonzalez and Supervisors Jennifer Cervantez and Johny of the Tulare County Public Works Department. Chairman Director Arturo Ramirez opened a conversation with Tulare County Public Works.

Manager Beto Rodriguez requested an update from Carlos Gonzalez of the Tulare County Public Works Department regarding the condition of the SCID concrete bridges at FWA. Carlos Gonzalez presented findings from a Caltrans report indicating that the SCID concrete bridges were determined to be in good to fair condition during the most recent dewatering inspection conducted in November, approximately three years ago. Carlos Gonzalez and Supervisor Johny of the Tulare County Public Works Department advised SCID that the concrete bridges are scheduled to be re-evaluated in November 2026 and inspected by Caltrans to further determine their condition. Manager Beto Rodriguez requested that Carlos Gonzalez, acting as the Tulare County Public Works representative, remain in regular communication with SCID throughout the summer in preparation for the canal shutdown. Carlos Gonzalez, representing the Tulare County Public Works Department, agreed to submit a petition on behalf of Manager Beto Rodriguez.

Item 6i) **Water Screen Quotes:** Manager Beto Rodriguez informed the Board of Directors that two quotations had been obtained, as requested, for the removal of screens and canal maintenance scheduled for November. The Board of Directors directed Manager Rodriguez to revise the quotes to provide an itemized breakdown of costs and to present both quotes in a comparable format for further review.

**Closed Session Start Time:** 4:57 pm

No Action

Alex Peltzer and Mr. Koontz

No action taken

**Closed Session:** 5:10 pm

**Back in Session: 5:13 pm**

Manager Beto Rodriguez advised the Board of Directors of the return of Assistant Manager Consultant William Dale West, who is scheduled to be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting. First motion carried by Director Tom Runyon, seconded by Director John Werner. All in favor. Yes

**Closed Session: 5:30 pm**

Under Section 5497 for closed session to consider employment and performance of employee as defined by the act in Section 54957. Job Performance Evaluation. First motion, Chairman Arturo Ramirez. Second motion, John Werner. All in Favor to approve Manager Beto Rodriguez for an 18-month increase of 120,000 per year. Yes, all in Favor.

**Session Closed: 5:58 pm**

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 6.00 pm. by Chairman Art Ramirez.

The next Board of Directors meeting was set for June 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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Heriberto Rodríguez,  
Secretary of the Board