

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 November 11, 2025, at 4:24 P.M. Directors Arturo Ramirez, Tom Runyon, and Joe Leal were present. At 4:31, John Werner came into the meeting. Director David Roberts called, stating he would be absent. Others present: Manager Beto Rodriguez, Bookkeeper Michelle Parker, and Consultant Dale West.

Item 1) Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

Chairman Art Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:24 pm. No additions or deletions to the agenda. Director Tom Runyon moved with a second from Joe Leal to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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. Art Ramirez then read the letter sent to SCID from Seville Citrus about our progress and the work we have been doing over the past year.

Item 7) Closed Session: Chairman Art Ramirez announced a closed session at 4:26 pm.

- I. Open Session: 5:22 pm, with the following action taken. The Board of Directors authorized Director John Werner to continue participating on SCID's behalf in FWA in the Case Number 88-cv-1658-LKK-GGH.
- II. Directors authorized Director John Werner to continue participating on behalf of SCID in the Case Number 16-1276L.
- III. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957) Title: General Manager (Manager's 1-year performance evaluation):** Based on Manager Beto Rodriguez exceptional performance, the Board of Directors approved a salary increase of \$10k/year as specified in his

hiring agreement, bringing his salary to \$110k/year effective as of December 1st,2025.

Item 4a/4b) Consent Calendar:

Items to approve & ratify October 2025 warrants and approve October 2025 board minutes. Approved by Director John Werner and seconded by Tom Runyon.

Item 5) Financial Reports.

Bookkeeper Michelle Parker presented the financial report items A- D. Motion approved by John Werner and seconded by Joe Leal. On line-Item E: The New Assessment rate was approved by Director John Werner and seconded by Director Tom Runyon. Also, on line-item E, the Valley Petroleum Services were approved by Joe Leal and seconded by Tom Runyon. Chairman Art Ramirez requested that Manager Beto Rodriguez continue with the new shop, 40 by 80 advised Manager Beto Rodriguez was advised to get a sight plan and continue with the project. In agreement with the Directors and Bookkeeper, the Directors would like to change board meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month. Manager Beto Rodriguez will look into the water code book first to see if dates can be changed.

As per the Director's request, we have to look into different health insurance companies, comparing pricing and health benefits.

Item 6) Managers' Report.

Item 6a) Water operation/Maintenance activities.

Maintenance on the pumping stations: Cleaned and greased all pumps and cleaned the screens. Also, added oil to the container to lube the pumps. Cleaned filters. Checked sub pumps in pit for proper operation. On SC4, we cleaned the screen and filters to allow the water pressure to wash out the sludge. Maintained each pumping station, debris, and weed cleaning around each station has been maintained. Meter maintenance: Meter B-31 was pulled out to check why it was not working, only to find out for the second time that there was a tree branch stuck in the propeller, as for the reason the water meter was not working properly. Valve Repairs: Continued with repairs as needed. Replacement of gaskets on valves that are leaking. C-21, D-35, and D-32 had their seals replaced on each valve. Flood Control: Roundup is being sprayed on all ditches and canals in our District, and will continue this next month as needed. The Ditch by Beresford Ranch, redone from north to south of road 384 with the backhoe. Started to level out the west side of the canal on road 172 with the backhoe, and will continue this month. Finished leveling out the north side of the canal from road 376 all the way to road 384. Cleaned up drains and

gutters from Ave 384 west to east, as well as drains and gutters from road 172 from south to north to road 384. Trash that was dumped by trespassers is being picked up and disposed of. Air Vent Project: We replaced air vents on all four main lines this October. We will continue fixing air vents that are damaged this November, and air vent projects are scheduled to continue. Maintenance on the line: Continued to drain the C-line near C-7 for sludge. SCID will continue with small repairs as needed. In October, we used 484 A.F., leaving us a balance of 3,581 A.F. for the year. We also have 2,000 A.F. in Carry-over water for the District's benefit. Projected Projects: The fencing around the office has been replaced with a covered fence. Will continue with the old fence repairs and cleaning up so the watermasters can paint. Spray water hook-ups at valve sites will be removed as time permits. Landowners will be notified of the proper location of hookups. To make SCID more secure, we have been installing poles and cabling to lock off any trespassers; all other projects will continue in November.

Item 6b) **Dan Vink SIX-33:** On October 22nd, Dan went to a JDA Implementation Workshop. On October 10th and October 27th, they attended the EKGSA meeting and left with summary notes.

Item 6c) **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:** Manager Beto Rodriguez will send a courteous letter to FWA as a reminder of the sludge removal at the Friant Canal. They had a problem with their server. As soon as FWA resolves the accounting issues with their server, we will get the Provisional for October's payout.

Item 6d) **East Kaweah GSA:** They had a meeting on October 10 centered on the SGMA implementation efforts within the Kaweah Subbasin, EKGSA's 2026 draft budget, the Proposition 218 election, and a Land-IQ update. State Board to DWR Transition: Managers met privately with State Water Board staff. There is still no announced date for the Board's final determination; stakeholders are increasingly uneasy—GSAs to prepare a carefully worded letter elevating stakeholder concerns while preserving the positive staff relationship. Kaweah GSAs requested by State staff to reconcile wording inconsistencies among the GSP, Mitigation Program, and the Subbasin Coordination Agreement. Commitment to incorporate changes in the next GSP iteration. 2026 Budget and Proposition 218 Election: Tight revenue under "native-only" conditions; administrative costs modestly reduced (e.g., Mailings). Placeholder of ~\$250,00 for well mitigation; management actions dependent on funding and need. Current land-based assessment at \$7.35/acre after prior components rolled off. Illustrative additive need of ~\$19/acre to fund well mitigation

(~\$1.125M average over 5 years), multiple-GSP cost recovery (~\$366k), and a GSP- update reserve (~\$75k/yr). The Board may seek authority for up to five future “\$2/acre” incremental adjustments, applied only if budgets justify (not automatic). Outreach to landowners planned prior to mid-2026; target adoption by July 2026 for FY2027. Land IQ and Evapotranspiration: Land IQ staff introduced and discussed a new daily ET tracking platform designed for growers to improve in-season water management and planning accuracy. The tool generates daily ET data and precipitation measurements. The daily view helps track short-term irrigation needs, while the cumulative view (for tree crops) shows year-to-date ET versus historical averages and forecasted totals. Data helps growers adjust irrigation and stay under allocation targets before it’s too late in the season. The Board support exists for pilot implementation across the Kaweah-area districts. They had a meeting on October 28 centered on the GSA’s administrative items, particularly financial elements, and the SGMA status within the Kaweah Subbasin. Financials: The Board accepted the FY2024 audited financial statements. An external auditor issued a clean and unmodified opinion. The Board approved the GSA’s payments, which are primarily tied to GSP approval work, basin coordination, modeling, and LandIQ work. The Board shared financial reports related to revenue and expenditure, area of spending, grant accounting, reimbursement, etc. The Board set the date for the special hearing for the adoption of the 2026 budget. This will take place on Friday, December 5. GSP Implementation: The State Board has set a hearing for December 2, 2025, to recommend sending the Kaweah Subbasin back to the purview of DWR. The DWR has indicated that the process could take up to 18 months. The GSAs will continue to work on updating and implementing the plan in the meantime. Other Administrative Items: AB 293 was recently signed by the Governor. The bill requires, by January 1, 2026, each GSA to list Board members and provide a link to the FPCC website where the statements of economic interests filed by the Board members can be viewed. EKGSA staff will begin updating the website. Shared Resources Agreement with LID and LSID – It was recommended to extend the agreement for another two to three years. The Board will await an addendum. Flying Dragon (MLRP) – EKGSA is continuing to work on permitting requirements for bringing water into planned basins. 18 of the 60 acres will be dedicated to conservation space and will be managed by the Sequoia Riverlands Trust. ET Analysis – total ET in 2025 is lower than in previous years. Likely attributed to a relatively mild summer, less irrigated ground, and newer crops. The Groundwater Accounting Framework- Updated to GAF and related modeling is underway. This is designed to update GSP elements, like MTs and Mos, and serve as the basis for the future groundwater allocations. LandIQ Daily Tool – Staff described the real-time, parcel-level ET feature. The tool will cost around \$55,000. It appears to be quite useful to landowners. No action was taken.

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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 December 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Heriberto Rodriguez,
Secretary of the Board