

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 December 9, 2025, at 4:41 P.M. Directors Arturo Ramirez, Tom Runyon, and David Roberts were present. At 5:00 pm, John Werner came to the meeting. Director Joe Leal was absent. Others are present: Manager Beto Rodriguez, Bookkeeper Michelle Parker, and Via Teams Consultant Dale West and Alex Peltzer.

Item 1) Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

Chairman Art Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm. No additions or deletions to the agenda. Director Tom Runyon moved with a second from David Roberts 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. Craig Hornung advised the Directors and Manager Beto Rodriguez that at the North Flood Ditch, the grates in the ground are not protected. He then suggested either building or purchasing a cover grate that can be used by personnel to clean up.

Item 4a/4b) Consent Calendar:

Items to approve & ratify November 2025 warrants and approve November 2025 board minutes. Approved by Director John Werner and seconded by Tom Runyon. Director David Roberts abstained from voting since he was not at the last meeting.

Item 5) Financial Reports.

Bookkeeper Michelle Parker presented the financial report items A- D. Action taken by David Roberts, seconded by Tom Runyon.

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, add 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: A-35 water meter was repaired due to faded numbers not being visible. Valve Repairs: Continued with repairs as needed. Replacement of gaskets on leaking valves. A-35 replaced seals on the valve. On the A-45 valve, it was replaced with a used working valve. Flood Control: The trash dumped by outsiders is being picked up and is being disposed of. Air Vent Project: We have replaced air vents on all four main lines this November; we will continue fixing air vents that are damaged this December. The air vent project continues. As no water demands are needed, the main lines being closed off for repairs. Maintenance on the line: A-line's main line leak on the corner of Piedra Ave and Road 176 has been repaired. Water line pressure gauges are being plugged, and at least 2 or 3 pressure gauges are being replaced, to determine the water PSI in the line. Continue with draining the C line near C-7. Miscellaneous: Continue with small repairs as needed. In November, we ran 152A.F., which leaves us a balance of 3,429 A.F. Projected Projects: Fencing still needs a small section of fence and gate. Continue with old office repairs and cleaning up so we can paint. Spray water use, illegal hookups 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 cables to lock off any trespassers; the project continues. William West recommended that SCID asks other Districts to check to see if they have sand or sludge in any of their stations from the canal, and to import ports to see what the issue is for the SCID SC4 station. SC4 Station: Chairman Art Ramirez recommended that Manager Beto check in with FWA to ask if they could help pay for the sand and sludge clean-up at SC4 Station. Due to the sand and sludge not being removed in the proper year, SCID had a meeting with FWA to see if, during the shutdown (Jan-Feb) could clean up. Due to circumstances, FWA can't shut down the canal, and due to the job requested by SCID. Now SCID is requesting FWA to help economically pay for the pumping or to come out with a solution for this issue.

Item 6b) **Dan Vink SIX-33:** The Board of Directors and Manager Beto Rodriguez discussed the continuance of Six-33 Solutions. Board of Directors would like to hold back for now and cancel the verbal agreement with Dan Vink as far as the help with EKGSA or any other type of help from Six-33 Solutions. Only keep Dan

Vink continuing the project of the Up North reservoir purchased by the BOR and add the gates on road 156.

Item 6c) **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:** Lindsay, CA- FWA appreciates the Bureau of Reclamation's work to finalize today's Record of Decision updating the long-term operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP). This action reflects careful and considerable effort by Reclamation and the federal agencies to incorporate the most current science while improving the flexibility needed to manage a highly complex water system. A common refrain in recent years by elected officials at the state and federal levels, from both political parties, has been an expression of frustration with how broken, over-regulated, and unreliable the once mighty water projects in California have become. These operational updates should be a welcome first step. "Reclamation and its partners at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries have devoted substantial time and expertise to completing this Record of Decision," said Jason Phillips, Chief Executive Officer of the Friant Water Authority. "We appreciate their commitment to a process that allows the CVP to better respond to real-time conditions while maintaining protections for listed species." The operational refinements included in today's decision provided a clearer foundation for the work ahead. With the Record of Decision now complete, federal and state agencies can continue the more important task of implementing the directions set forth in Executive Order 14181, advancing science-based, real-time operations that improve water supply reliability for communities, agriculture, and the environment throughout California. "Some special interest groups are using, yet again, the same old tricks, falsely characterizing this decision as something it is not", added Phillips. "Alternative 5 is a modest but necessary step, grounded in the same science developed over the past several years. This kind of rhetoric is untrue and unhelpful. They should save the hyperbole for something else." Friant Water Authority looks forward to collaborating with Reclamation and our fellow water users as the updated operational framework is put into practice. Continued partnership, transparent governance, and ongoing scientific investment will be essential to ensure that the CVP can meet the needs of the next decade.

Item 6d) **East Kaweah GSA:** They are now out of probation and are back in control of DWR.

Item 6e) **Budget**—Finalize budget for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year for fixed expenditures only. Action taken by Director John Werner and seconded by Tom Runyon. All in favor, yes. By February 28th, 2026, we should have the allocation amount from the Bureau to determine the cost of water for the year.

Item 6f) **New shop**- Manager Beto Rodriguez presented to the Board of Directors, as requested by Art Ramirez, the site plan of the new shop. Manager Beto advised the Directors to act and move forward on the New Shop for a cost of \$250,000. Action taken by Director Tom Runyon and seconded by Director John Werner. All in favor, yes.

Item 6g) **Valley Pacific**: Need to build two 4x7 concrete slabs to set the Fuel Tanks on. Plus, remove the old shack left at the SCID property. The Shack is located at the main entrance gate, on the left-hand side, where the 2 concrete slabs will be located for the gas and diesel tanks.

Item 6h) The move of the Board Meeting Dates from the 2nd Tuesday to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. As per section **21378, Change of meeting dates**. The Board, however, may, by resolution entered upon its minutes fix any day of the month for its regular monthly meeting, or if more than one regular meeting is to be held each month, it may fix the days for such regular meetings. When more than one regular meeting is held each month, the meeting day in January is used for the purposes of this division. The change shall not be effective until the resolution proposing it has been published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county. Approval was taken by Director David Roberts and seconded by Director John Werner.

Item 6i) William West performed the District Facilities Evaluation. Day 1: Part of day 1, Manager Beto Rodriguez drove him and myself around the district to show me several locations of work that had been performed such as; meters repaired/replaced, leaking or broken valves repaired/replaced, shut-off valve locations were uncovered and identified above ground for easy access for repairs since the manager being hired. I, myself, was extremely impressed with the amount of work, maintenance and changes that were accomplished in 1 year. Flood Control Systems: District Consultant Retired Manager William West performed a district wide evaluation on the district's facilities consisting of its flood control ditches, 40-acre temporary holding basin and the 22 – 36" manhole inlets. Finding: location: North & South section on Ave. 376 west of Road 160 is a side drain that has some obstructions that should be removed and an air vent pipe that has dirt around it should level the pipe to prevent erosion. The flood control ditch north section on Ave. 376 had obstruction in the ditch and a 32- inch inlet cover on the back is missing and needs to be replaced to prevent someone from falling into the inlet. On the side of road 156 at the 40-acre basin has ongoing trash being accumulated and it should be removed. Some ongoing trash and wood obstruction are inside the ditch and should be removed to prevent clogging in the culverts under road 156. 40-acre basin: No issue looks good! A small section on the west side of road 156 in Cottonwood Creek has enormous amount of weekly growth that prevents water from flowing

freely. Alta I.D. is allowing water from Sontag ditch to flow into the flood ditch located south of State Hwy 201/Ave. 384. Upper North Ditch running East to West has no issues! Looks good. Day 2: Pumping Station and Main Turnouts: SC1-57.9- No issues-pumps and foundation, Water Screens and surrounding area- No issues.SC2a-No issues- pumps and foundation and surrounding area clean. SC2- No issues- pumps, foundation, pump well pit is dry and clean, sump pump in operation. SC1-59.33- Foundation, pumps, and surrounding area no issues, Water Screen- no issues. SC3-Pumps, foundation, and surrounding area-no issue-clean. SC4a- Pumps, foundation-no issues, Pit has minor weed buildup outside the drainages. SC4-60.9- Pumps, foundation, and water screen-large pump needs bearings replaced and shaft work- no other issues found; Foundation is clean. Water Screen motor should be altered to match the other three water screens. Day 3: Pumping Station and Main Turnouts Continued: SC5- pumps, foundation, and surrounding area clean-no issues. SC6- Pumps, foundations, and surrounding area- no issues, clean. Small weir pit has a small amount of water. Sump pump in operation. Individual Landowner Turnouts: I drove to several individual turnouts to inspect any leaks, non-operational meters, or valves. The only issues that were noticed were some turnouts still needed to be painted to match the other turnouts and a couple of the turnouts still had spray water connections above the meter and needed to be relocated to measure water being used. Only uniform issues were noticed. Only one turnout was incorrectly listed and would need to be listed correctly ASAP! To prevent inaccurate information sent to landowner. Day 4,5, and 6: FWA Annual Offsite Meetings held at the Mariam Station in Exeter: Attended by Manager Beto Rodriguez, FWA representative Director John Werner for Stone Corral I.D. and myself. During the annual meetings, there were around 11 Closed Session meetings to talk about the several Settlement Negotiation Solutions the Directors thought it would be appropriate to discuss. There were also dinner meetings assigned by table to continue discussions on several scenarios and solutions. Day 7: District Employee's: I questioned the employees about their working duties and if they had any issues regarding management, irrigators, or any other issue they may have or had. All employees are satisfied with how management assigns duties and knows how to perform and is treated with respect. Conclusion: I believe that in 1 year Manager Beto Rodriguez has performed exceptionally well as Manager of Stone Corral I.D. I do not have any operational concerns, issues, or any negative remarks with management. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for allowing me the opportunity to evaluate the district operations and facilities since the hiring of its new manager. And I would also be willing to stay involved with the district for consultation or any other performance requested by the Board or the Manager. Date: December 7, 2025.

Closed Session- In at 4:45pm – Out at 4:53pm. No Action Taken.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was adjourned at
6:49 pm. by Chairman Art Ramirez.

The next Board of Directors meeting was set for January 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Heriberto Rodriquez,
Secretary of the Board