

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 September 15TH at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Art Ramirez.

Chairman Arturo Ramirez. Directors present were Director Tom Runyon, Director Joe Leal, Director David Roberts, and Chairman Arturo Ramirez. Director John Werner was absent. Others present included Manager Heriberto Rodriguez, Consultant William Dale West virtual, Bookkeeper Michelle Parker, and landowner Craig Hornung.

Item 1) Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

Chairman Arturo Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. No additions or deletions to the agenda. First motion carried by Director David Roberts, seconded by Director Joe Leal. All in favor. Yes

Item 2) Public Comment:

NONE.

Item 3) Announcements:

NONE.

Item 4a/4b) Consent Calendar:

Items to approve & ratify August 2026 & September 2026 warrants, and approve August 2026 board minutes. Approved by Director Tom Runyn, seconded by Director David Roberts. Motion carried.

Item 5) Financial Reports.

Bookkeeper Michelle Parker presented the financial report items A-D for August 2026 & September 2026. First motion carried by Director Joe Leal, seconded by Director David Roberts. 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.

SC1 Main: The wooden drain covers were replaced with metal covers. SC2 Main: The sub-pumps in the pit were checked for proper operation. SC3 Main: The sea gasket on Pump No. 1 was replaced due to a leak. The work was completed successfully. Flood Control: The ditch located north of SC2A Station was cleaned and restored. The air vent north of SC2A Station was replaced from 08/04/26 through 08/07/26. The air vent near C-18 was found to be leaking and was replaced. The work was completed from 08/25/26 through 08/26/26. B-Line: Main line leak North of SC2A pump station. Leak started 8/04/256 and ended 8/07/26

Item 6b) **Dan Vink SIX-33:** Continuance of the North Pond.

Item 6c) **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:** A letter for landowners regarding El Niño conditions and the anticipated dewatering schedule.- See attached

Item 6c) FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:

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Dear SCID Landowners:

This letter is to provide landowners with important information discussed during a meeting held on September 4, 2026, between SCID Manager Heriberto Rodríguez and representatives of the Friant Water Authority.

The primary topics included the current El Niño outlook and the anticipated dewatering schedule, including the potential impacts of 2026–2027 El Niño conditions on Upper San Joaquin River runoff and Millerton Lake storage. **El Niño and Millerton Lake Conditions**

Based on the information presented during the meeting, the following conditions were discussed:

- Current forecasts indicate that the RONI index is expected to peak during the fall and early winter.
- There is a 69% probability that the 2026–2027 El Niño event could exceed the strongest El Niño event recorded since 1950.
- The current El Niño event is considered strong and has the potential to reach record-breaking strength.
- The probability of above-normal precipitation during the upcoming winter has increased.
- Given the potential for a very strong El Niño, projections indicate a high frequency of Millerton Lake storage exceeding 350.5 TAF by the end of February when compared with historical years.
- Millerton Lake flood-space management actions and potential changes to water allocations were also discussed.
- Continued planning for elevated wet-year conditions is recommended, as forecasts and projections remain subject to change.

These conditions may significantly affect Millerton Lake storage, flood-space management, water operations, and water allocations during the upcoming winter and spring seasons. Additionally, due to the potential effects of the 2026–2027 El Niño and the anticipated Friant Canal shutdown for scheduled dewatering, SCID strongly encourages all landowners to review their remaining irrigation needs and utilize available canal water from now through approximately the third week of October. This year, SCID would strongly prefer to minimize the amount of carryover water held by the District. Landowners who elect to carry over their remaining allocation have the right to do so. However, Landowners choosing to carry over water should understand that SCID will not be responsible for any water that may be lost. In addition, the Landowner shall be responsible for paying all of the carry-over water no later than October 31, 2026. If payment is not received by that date, the carry-over water shall

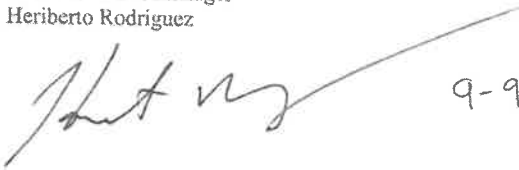
Item 6c) FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:

not be granted. SCID's goal is to protect landowners' water and avoid unnecessary loss. For this reason, SCID would like to consider storing carryover water for landowners in a sister district or another suitable location, as determined by SCID, should a spill occur.

As part of the next phase of SCID's preparations for the upcoming rainy season, the District has begun cleaning up and improving drainage ditches throughout the SCID area. These efforts are intended to promote proper water flow and help reduce potential flooding within the District. SCID encourages all landowners to notify the District of any areas where they have previously experienced drainage issues, standing water, inadequate water flow, or flooding during significant rain events. Landowners' input is important to SCID. Identifying and reporting these concerns in advance will allow the District to evaluate potential problem areas and complete necessary improvements before significant rainfall occurs, rather than attempting to address these issues during an active flood event. SCID will continue to monitor updated forecasts, water conditions, and information provided by the Friant Water Authority. As additional information becomes available regarding El Niño, Millerton Lake storage, canal operations, and flood-control measures. SCID will keep landowners informed.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.
Sincerely,

SCID Staff and Manager
Heriberto Rodriguez



9-9-26

Item 6d) East Kaweah GSA: Updated – see attached

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Memorandum

To: Stone Corral Irrigation District – Attn: Beto Rodriguez
From: Gabe Gaeta – Water Resource Specialist
Date: August 31, 2026
Re: East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Notes – August 28

We attended the East Kaweah GSA (EKGSA) Technical Advisory Committee meeting on August 28. The TAC convened to continue its discussion on whether EKGSA should expand its existing water-transfer rules to allow additional groundwater or native-yield credits to be transferred into East Kaweah from elsewhere in the Kaweah Subbasin. Discussion centered on addressing concerns raised at the last TAC meeting regarding the difference between transferring an accounting credit and physically moving water into the area where it will ultimately be pumped.

Item 4 – Water Transfers into EKGSA

- Physical water supply remains the core concern. Staff emphasized that only about 60,000 to 65,000 AF of EKGSA's annual supply is comprised of native inflows. The remainder of the GSA's water balance is supported largely by imported surface-water deliveries, conveyance losses, and irrigation return flows. Staff expressed concern that importing additional "paper" credits could increase pumping without increasing the physical quantity of water entering the GSA.
- The TAC distinguished between physically delivered surface water and native groundwater allocations. Certain CVP supplies cannot simply be transferred between locations without satisfying federal banking and conveyance requirements. The more immediate policy question therefore centers on whether native-yield credits generated elsewhere in the Subbasin should be allowed to move into East Kaweah despite the underlying native water not necessarily occurring there physically.
- Several TAC members argued that EKGSA's existing 2.5 AF/acre extraction cap should ultimately control groundwater impacts, rather than the accounting source or the "color" of the water credit. This would not increase the volume of pumping but would offer additional flexibility in how the pumping cap is enforced. If groundwater conditions deteriorate, EKGSA could respond by reducing allowable extraction rather than prohibiting transfers outright. TAC members noted that EKGSA is the only entity within the Kaweah Subbasin that enforces a pumping cap limit.
- TAC members generally agreed that future extraction limits may need to vary by management zone based on groundwater-level trends and proximity to sustainability thresholds. Groundwater recovery is uneven across EKGSA, with particular concern regarding northern portions of the GSA where water levels have shown limited recovery despite recent wetter years.
- One concept discussed was establishing an annual cap on the total quantity of credits that could be transferred into EKGSA. If transfer requests exceeded that amount, available capacity could

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potentially be prorated among applicants. This approach would provide growers with additional flexibility while limiting EKGSA's overall exposure to increased pumping.

- The discussion appeared to move toward the position that groundwater impacts should ultimately be managed through extraction limits and groundwater-level performance rather than through the categorical prohibition of transferred credits. However, staff remained concerned about authorizing additional pumping without physical inflow.
- No policy was adopted, and the issue remains subject to further technical, legal, and policy evaluation.

Item 6e) Water Report:

STONE CORRAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT WATER REPORT Board Meeting - 2026

Water Delivery Report - March 2026

Available Water and Allocation			
Reallocated A	100%	3,221	3,221
Declared Class 1	100%	10,000	10,000
Transfer in (P-ID with 5% loss)	100%	1,900	1,900
Transfer in (BID)	100%	-	-
Transfer in (BID)	100%	-	-
URF (TIA)	100%	132	132
URF (TIA)	100%	-	-
URF (TIA)	100%	-	-
Other	100%	-	-
			15,253
Assessed Acres		6,552	
Water Available per acre		2.33	
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15,253
0.38
14,847.94
2.25

2026 Season (to-date)	U.S.D.B.	Estimated	Sub Total	Deliv. Grower	Quantity
March	873	-	873	956	17
April	651	-	651	716	136
May	1,450	-	1,450	1,039	191
June	1,918	-	1,918	1,978	362
July	2,412	-	2,412	2,315	97
August	2,742	-	2,742	2,305	37
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9,315	-	9,315	9,189	206

Fill in the USDR from the Sam Report
Fill in the Deliv. Grower Meters from the Work Order Audit Sum.

Total Contract Water Available
Total USDR Meters to Date
Transfers Out
Water Shortage
Allocation Per Acre Remain
Transfers:
Out TID - March 2026 URF
To Linderoth LD - Feb 25
Other
Drought Pool
Net Transfer (Out)

Year to Date Variance Analysis	
Diff to date	(206)
System Charge	-
In Transit	140
Recharge	15
Operations	-
Net Op Variance	(51)
OP Variance	-0.58%

Different every month depending on what water is in transit
Automatically updates from Call #60

RECHARGED WATER	
Pond 156	-
A line	-
B line	15
C line	-
D line	-
Pond North	2

Remember to move the prior month year total to here
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Item 6f)

The election papers were completed and signed by Chairman Arturo Ramirez and Director Joe Leal. The completed documents were submitted to the Tulare County Elections Department as appointed directors.

Item 6g) **Land IQ:** Manager Heriberto Rodriguez provided informational materials to the directors regarding this matter.

Item 6h) The Biennial Report had been reviewed and signed by Chairman Arturo Ramirez and was subsequently submitted to Tulare County.

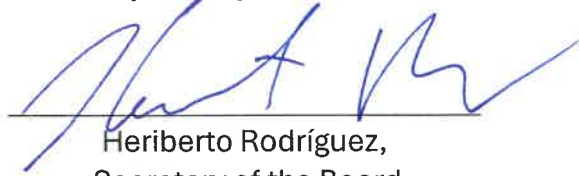
Closed Session: None

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 P.M.

by Chairman Art Ramirez

The next Board of Directors meeting was set for October 20TH, 2026 @4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Heriberto Rodríguez', is written over a horizontal line.

Heriberto Rodríguez,
Secretary of the Board