

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 March 17, 2026, at 4:25 P.M. Directors Arturo Ramirez, David Roberts, Tom Runyon, John Werner, and Joe Leal were present. Others present are: Manager Beto Rodriguez, Bookkeeper Michelle Parker, Landowner Craig Horning, and Via Teams Consultant Dale West.

Item 1) Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

Chairman Art Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:25 pm. No additions or deletions to the agenda. Director Tom Runyon moved, seconded by Director David Roberts, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. All in favor.

Item 2) Public Comment:

Chairman Art Ramirez opened the floor for open comments. Landowner Craig Hornung had concerns with the water transfers to other Districts. This will be on the next agenda.

Item 3) Announcements:

Chairman Art Ramirez opened the floor for announcements. NONE.

Item 4a/4b) Consent Calendar:

Items to approve & ratify February 2026 warrants, and approve February 2026 board minutes. Directors David Roberts and John Werner abstained from the vote, as they were not at the last Board Meeting. Approved by Director Joe Leal, seconded by Director Tom Runyon. Motion carried.

Item 5) Financial Reports.

Bookkeeper Michelle Parker presented the financial report items A-D. Action taken by Director David Roberts, seconded by John Werner. All in favor. Motion carried.

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: There were no meters replaced in February. Valve Repairs: Continued with repairs as needed. Replaced the gaskets on the valves that were leaking. Flood Control: We are still disposing of the trash that is being dumped by outsiders. Air Vent Project: We have replaced air vents on all four main lines this February; we will continue fixing air vents that are damaged this March. The air vent project continues. Maintenance on the line: the main line on Line-B broke but has been repaired. Miscellaneous: Continue with small repairs as needed. In February, we ran 17A.F., which leaves us a balance of 3,221 A.F. Still have the 2,000 A.F. of carryover water. Projected Projects: Fencing still needs a small section of fence and a gate. The old office has moved, and repairs have started. Illegal water spray hookups are being worked on. 2-inch water meters are being installed to be able to report how much water each landowner uses when they spray. Landowners will be notified of the proper location of the hookups. We are continuing to make SCID a safer and more secure place. Still adding poles and cabling to lock off any trespassers or unwanted guests, continuing the project as time permits. SCID went to inspect the FWA canal, and we have determined that, due to the roads needing work, the sides of the canals are washed down. SCID actually wanted the Maintenance Supervisor, John Robinson, of FWA, to attend this meeting, but due to technical issues, he was not able to attend. Manager Beto and the Board of Directors discussed, and all agreed to have him at the next meeting.

Item 6b) **Dan Vink SIX-33:** Monthly Activity Detail report: Dan Vink went to a few different meetings during February. The first meeting he went to was the Con with SCID re USBOR and re Property Transfer. The second meeting he attended was the Internal Con with PM re USBOR and re Property Transfer. The last meeting he went to was the Con with PM and NEPA team re USBOR and re Property Transfer. Elizabeth J. Hochhalter attended a meeting regarding internal con re USBOR property transfer. Mtg with NEPA rep. Board report prep. She then got the total for the month. Water resource specialist, Gabriel Gaeta, went and received an update to the SCID Stormwater System Mapping.

Item 6c) **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:** On March 17, 2026, Johnny Amaral emailed Manager Beto Rodriguez advising him that the Trump Administration, through the Department of the Interior, announced almost \$900 million in funding awards for major water projects, many of which are FWA priorities, and close to home. This announcement was made after much input and discussion across the West, and with our water partners at the federal level. Some of the projects selected for funding are as follows:

- @ 200 million for the Friant-Kern Canal for our continued efforts to restore capacity loss due to decades of subsidence.
- \$250 million for the Delta-Mendota Canal Capacity Correction Project
- \$50 million for the San Luis Canal to address the capacity issues caused by subsidence
- \$40 million for continued planning needs for the eventual raise of Shasta Dam.

On Thursday, March 12th, Johnny Amaral spent three hours in the Governor's office participating in a meeting that included members and staff from SWRCB, representatives of the Governor's office and DWR, as well as a handful of public water agency GMs from the CVP and the SWP. He planned on providing an update in closed session at the EC and the Board meeting on the status of these deliberations. The purpose of the meeting was to continue to work through the list of concerns that the PWAs have raised with the current draft. There are still several concerns that have been raised by various agencies that they believe have not been addressed yet. But the state has indicated that their goal is to work through them. He doesn't want to speculate as to whether that effort will be successful or not, but Johnny will be back in Sacramento the day before the board meeting for a follow-up meeting on this topic with the same group. The state team has issued a 'pencils down' date of April 10. Much more information will follow. Next week, Johnny will be leading a delegation of FWA representatives in DC, as we continue to press forward on our priorities. Those include funding for infrastructure needs within the division, the implementation of the President's EO 14181, whose stated goal is to bring more certainty and reliability back to the CVP and SWP operations, and keeping momentum on implementation of the SJRRP. Johnny will be joined by FWA advocates, John Bezdek and Austin Ewell, as well as AEWS Director Scott Spitzer. They have a busy three days scheduled already, starting Tuesday afternoon and ending Friday morning. Johnny will have more to report on the progress made in DC at the March meeting. FWA updated their board meeting venue, and all meetings will now be held at the Hilton Garden Inn at 8715 W. Hillsdale Ave in Visalia.

Item 6d) **East Kaweah GSA:** Gabe Gaeta, Water Resource Specialist, attended

the EKGSA technical advisory committee meeting on March 16. The meeting centered on SGMA implementation updates within the Kaweah Subbasin and miscellaneous GSA administrative items. The Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Implementation: Staff reported the subbasin remains in the implementation phase of the GSA. An updated implementation schedule has been prepared, but the largest remaining placeholder is the predictive groundwater model. The historic model has been updated through the 2025/early 2026 period. Predictive modeling will follow and is expected to support future attribution analyses, including how groundwater extraction in one area may affect the neighboring areas. The staff said EKGSA's near-term allocation work should not be delayed by the remaining predictive model scope.

Subsidence and Bulletin 118: Consultant John Ellis presented a high-level overview of DWR's finalized Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) and Bulletin 118 Appendix 1, explaining that the BMP provides the technical foundation while Bulletin 118 supplies worked examples from across the Central Valley. A central concept was 'critical head,' the groundwater level threshold below which permanent subsidence can occur. Ellis emphasized that historic low groundwater levels should not automatically be treated as the same as critical head. He also discussed residual compaction, noting that subsidence may continue even after groundwater levels stabilize or begin to recover because compacting clay layers respond slowly over time. The presentation highlighted the importance of pairing groundwater level data with InSAR, GPS, extensometers, and other monitoring tools to better understand subsidence trends across the basin. The committee members noted the need to simplify and communicate these technical concepts to landowners and the public if they are later used to support management decisions.

WY 2025 Annual Monitoring Report: The staff said the annual monitoring report is being finalized for an April 1 target. Existing modules from prior reporting cycles are helping accelerate completion, while new water quality and monitoring network components are also being incorporated.

Flying Dragon Project: The staff reviewed site grading, drainage, and streambed design updates intended to address nearby landowner concerns about overflow and vegetation. Permitting and jurisdictional issues are still being coordinated, but the project appears to be moving toward approval.

Prop 218 Update: The staff provided a preliminary update on the funding proposal and indicated that additional work is still needed on the rate structure, outreach materials, and timing for ballots, hearings, and related board actions.

Potable Water Fill Station: The committee discussed partnering with Greater Kaweah GSA on a permanent potable water fill station near Farmersville to support domestic well outage response. East Kaweah expressed general support, with cost-sharing and implementation details still to be worked out.

Manager Beto Rodriguez distributed a printed overview of LandIQ services to the Board of Directors for their review at their convenience.

Item 6e) **Water Report:** Manager Beto Rodriguez explained to the Directors how much water is still available and can be used as freeze water, and how it can still be carried over in 2000 A.F. Manager Beto Rodriguez then presented to the Board of Directors that the forecasts remained relatively stable, with slight increases due to our improving upcoming precipitation event. We still have about a 90% Class 1 allocation at the 90% exceedance and 97% Class 1 at the 75% exceedance, and our current 100% Class 1 allocation remains unchanged.

Item 6f) **Flood Control:** Manager Beto Rodriguez reviewed the notes from the Meeting held on January 21 at the Tulare County Supervisors' Office. Manager Beto Rodriguez advised the Board of Directors that the next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of April 2026.

Item 6g) **New Shop:** Manager Beto Rodriguez advised the Board of Directors that the new shop is still under review with the fire department and will update them when he has more information to share. Chairman Director Art Ramirez advised Manager Beto Rodriguez to get a compaction and souls report when that time comes.

Item 6h) **700 Forms:** Manager Beto Rodriguez requested an update from the Board of Directors regarding the completion of their Form 700s in order to collect them. As most directors have not yet finalized their forms, submission is anticipated by the next board meeting or at their earliest convenience.

Closed Session- opened at 5:10 pm. Closed at 5:15 pm
No action taken

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm. by Chairman Art Ramirez.

The next Board of Directors meeting was set for April 21, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Heriberto Rodríguez,
Secretary of the Board