

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 August 18TH 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 arrived at 4:44 PM. Others present included Manager Heriberto Rodriguez, Consultant William Dale West virtual, landowner Craig Hornin, John Yohanas, and SCID attorney Ken Richardson.

Closed Session Start Time: 4:30 pm

During Closed Session, Ken Richardson of Peltzer Richardson & Koontz, LC, as SCID's legal counsel

Session Closed: 4:58 pm

Back in Session: 5:00 pm

Item 1) Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

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

Item 2) Public Comment:

NONE.

Item 3) Announcements:

NONE.

Item 4a/4b) Consent Calendar:

Manager Heriberto Rodriguez advised the directors that, in accordance with the agreement reached at the previous Board meeting held on July 21, the consent calendar and the financial report for July will be presented for consideration at

the September Board meeting.

Items approved: July 21, 2026 board minutes. First motion carried by Director Tom Runyon, seconded by Director David Roberts. All in favor. Yes

Item 5) **Financial Reports.**

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. SC1 Main: A butterfly valve was installed on Pump No. 1 to regulate water flow by Kaweah Pump. SC2 -A: The seals on Pump No. 2 were replaced due to a water leak. SC3 Main: The timer responsible for controlling the screen's on-and-off operation was replaced by Kaweah Pump due to a malfunction of the existing timer. SC4: Power cables on the control panel for Pump No. 3 were replaced by Kaweah Pump. The pump was tested following the repair and is operating normally. No valve repairs were completed during the reporting period for this month. Flood Control: Weed control activities are scheduled for next month. Air Vent Project: No air vent replacement this month. The air vent project remains ongoing. Meter Maintenance on: A second water meter was installed on Line A-24 due to the existing meter malfunctioning. Replacement of the original meter was deferred until the dewatering period began. The dewatering period commenced and was completed on July 21, 2026. Maintenance on line A-5 Pomegranate Block, Main line leak, 5 rows heading east. Leak started 7/10/2026 and ended the same day. A-Line: Main line leak east of A-5, affecting 10 rows of the pomegranate block. Leak started 7/23/2026 and ended 7/25/2026. C-Line: Drained during July 2026.

Item 6b) **Dan Vink SIX-33:** The Directors instructed Manager Heriberto Rodriguez not to accept the appraised amount indicated in the appraisal, and instead to present an offer of \$_____ for consideration.

Item 6c) **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:** Ken Richardson provided the Board with an explanation regarding the Friant Water Authority matter during Closed Session.

Item 6d) **East Kaweah GSA:** Ken Richardson provided the Board with a brief overview of matters concerning the East Kaweah GSA. Manager Heriberto Rodriguez provided additional information and clarification to the Directors regarding the matter. – see attached

Item 6d) East Kaweah GSA:

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Memorandum

To: Stone Corral Irrigation District – Attn: Beto Rodríguez
From: Gabe Gaeta – Water Resource Specialist
Date: July 28, 2026
Re: East Kaweah GSA Board of Directors Meeting Notes – July 27

We attended the East Kaweah GSA (EKGS) Board of Directors meeting on July 27. The meeting centered on an overview of the Streambed Vegetation Management Process and a series of administrative items that included financial reports, groundwater allocations, SGMA implementation, and ongoing projects. Summaries for each item are listed below.

Item 6 – Streambed Vegetation and Management Process

- Sarah Paulson of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) provided an overview of the regulatory process for managing vegetation, sediment, and other obstructions within streams associated with streambed alteration.
- Activities that substantially alter a stream generally require notification to CDFW and issuance of a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement.
- CDFW offers different permitting options depending on the nature of the proposed work. A standard agreement may cover a one-time project, while a routine maintenance agreement may cover recurring activities. CDFW generally has 30 days to determine whether an application is complete and, for agreements of five years or less, 60 additional days to issue a draft agreement. Permit conditions may include biological surveys and protections for nesting birds or other sensitive resources.
- A separate emergency process is available when vegetation or debris creates an imminent threat to life or property, particularly from flooding. Work may begin immediately if an emergency notification describing the threat and completed work is submitted to CDFW within 14 days.
- A public agency, irrigation district, or resource conservation district could potentially obtain a broader permit covering multiple properties, but the permit holder would be responsible for biological surveys, oversight, and compliance, and would still need permission to enter private property.
- CDFW permits are separate from approvals that may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other agencies.
- The presentation concluded with discussion of organizing a broader countywide workshop to provide landowners and local agencies with additional guidance on routine maintenance, emergency work, and regional permitting options.

Item 7.a – Unpaid Fees and Fines

- The Board approved placing approximately \$451,000 in unpaid assessments, fees, and fines on the secured property tax roll.

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Item 7.b – Cottonwood Creek and Waterways Cleanup

- The Board tabled this item while the GSA works with Tulare County on exploring options.

Item 7.c – Proposition 218 Rate Study

- The rate study remains paused. The Technical Advisory Committee will reconsider the effort before any future recommendation is returned to the Board.

Item 7.d – Allocation Year 2027

- The Board adopted Resolution 2026-02, maintaining the native groundwater allocation at 0.82 AF/acre and the precipitation credit at 0.72 AF/acre. The Resolution also continues the associated allocation rules, extraction limits, and exceedance charges.

Item 7.e-h – Payments and Financial Reports

- The Board unanimously ratified payments made from January through July 2026 and accepted the first- and second-quarter financial reports. Staff reported no irregularities in monthly bank reconciliations. Board members raised questions regarding certain income-statement and balance-sheet figures, but the reports were accepted.

Item 7.i – Flying Dragon Project

- The recharge basins are substantially graded, and construction is progressing on the pump box, discharge system, delivery channel, and Cottonwood Creek diversion. Staff anticipated completion of the principal diversion infrastructure by late August, followed by pump installation and development of the habitat-conservation area with Sequoia Riverlands Trust.

Item 8.a – Kaweah Subbasin GSP Status

- Consultant teams completed their review of the historical groundwater model and identified corrections and refinements to be incorporated before predictive modeling proceeds.
- The Kaweah Subbasin held an initial subsidence meeting with DWR; the discussion remained high-level and focused on process, management approaches, and future regional coordination. DWR continues its review of the Subbasins' 2024 GSPs, while the Subbasin is also positioning potential projects for future Proposition 4 grant funding.

Item 8.b – Well Mitigation Claim

- The Board denied Claim O-202625-1. Technical review indicated that groundwater remained above the bottom of the well and that the reported sediment and loss of production were more consistent with structural failure or collapse than with post-2015 groundwater-management activities.

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Item 8.c – ET Analysis

- LandIQ data showed ET tracking generally in line with recent allocation years. Valley-floor precipitation was near average, but mountain precipitation and snow conditions were lower, resulting in reduced Kaweah River inflows relative to wetter years.

Item 8.e – Land IQ Daily Tool

- Staff reported that the Daily ET Tool is active and provides landowners with information on an approximately 48-hour delay. Staff also noted that the tool provides direct value to growers and broader management value to the GSA.

Item 6e) **Water Report:** Manager Heriberto Rodriguez advised the Board of Directors to prioritize the percolation of water within the SCID District. Any remaining water should then be considered for sale to other Friant Canal districts.

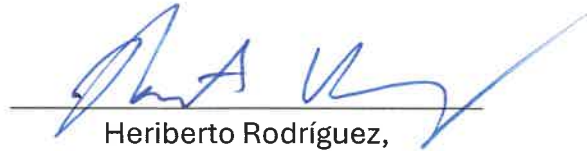
Item 6f) **New Shop:** Manager Heriberto Rodriguez advised the Board of Directors that the final inspection by Tulare County is scheduled to be conducted next week.

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

Item 6h) **Traveling Screens for winter maintenance:** Manager Heriberto Rodriguez advised the Board of Directors regarding the work planned during the November canal shutdown. The project will involve removing all four screens, rebuilding and reinstalling the screens by the targeted completion date of February 15, 2026. Manager Rodriguez indicated that the work is expected to proceed according to schedule and be completed within the anticipated timeframe.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.
by Chairman Art Ramirez
The next Board of Directors meeting was set for September 15TH, 2026 @4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Heriberto Rodríguez', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a long, sweeping flourish that extends to the right.

Heriberto Rodríguez,
Secretary of the Board