

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

April 1, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Riverdale Irrigation District met in regular session on April 1, 2025. Directors present were John L. Mendes-President, Leonard Acquistapace-Vice President, and Tony Fontes. Others present were Yareli Zarate-Secretary, David Kahn-Attorney, and Frank Thomas-Manager.

President Mendes called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes

The Secretary mailed a copy of the minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting to the Directors. After discussion, Director Acquistapace made a motion, seconded by Director Fontes and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as mailed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that \$30,000 was transferred from the Money Market Account into the Checking account during the month of March.

The Treasurer reported the following account balances as of March 31, 2025: Checking - \$26,580.87 Money Market Account - \$92,337.39, Valley Strong Account-\$159,572.93 and State L.A.I.F. - \$5,753.82. The total amount in all accounts is \$284,245.01.

The Treasurer presented a list of the bills received after the March 5, 2025 meeting that were paid with the discretion of the President and Secretary, and a list of bills received as of today that are due and payable in April. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Acquistapace, seconded by Director Fontes and unanimously carried to ratify the action of the President and Secretary in payment of the bills listed as paid, and authorize payment of the bills listed as due and payable in March. A copy of the list of bills is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Report of Attorney

Attorney Kahn shared the Department of Water Resources is conducting two snowpack flights due to budget cuts. DWR hopeful for additional funding to conduct more snowpack flights. After discussion, no further action needed at this time.

Update on North Fork Kings GSA

President Mendes shared a few updates; the GSA's annual budget has been updated and their main office relocating to the old Borba Farms office. Elkhorn Elm Project moving along, need three more agreements, looking for any District who wants to participate in putting water in the pond. Phase one is estimated to be completed in August. Will need to build a conveyance canal from one pond to the other. The County will be paying for the construction of the ponds. Liberty Canal Company will be responsible for dredging the canals. If GSA pays, they will be subjected to prevailing wages. Funding can come from GSA members. After discussion, no further action needed at this time.

Old Business

Update on Blythe Ave. Recharge Basin Project:

President Mendes shared we are still waiting on the meters for the pond. President Mendes instructed Secretary to contact Engineer Trevor Sa to get approval to remove/ sell dirt from the pond. After discussion, no further action needed at this time.

Update on Proposed Joint Powers Agreement:

President Mendes shares he doesn't have an update; they are currently waiting on bylaws. Attorney Kahn will follow up with JPA's Attorney to check the status of those bylaws. After discussion, no action needed at this time.

Grant for Meters through GSA:

President Mendes stated he had no update on the meters and will follow up at the next meeting. After discussion, no further action was needed at this time.

Water Line Repairs on Rental Property:

Director Acquistapace stated he had found a used 1,500-gallon tank for \$300. He will contact the seller to purchase it. No further action was needed at this time.

New Business

Valley Strong Money Market Account:

Secretary Yareli stated Valley Strong is offering 4.55% Interest on their Money Market Accounts. After discussion, Director Acquistapace made a motion, seconded by Director Fontes and unanimously carried to authorize the secretary to open the account. The signature card will list all Directors and Secretary as authorized signers for the account. Once the account is set up the Board instructed Secretary Yareli to transfer the balance from the Valley Strong checking account into the Money Market Account. No further action needed at this time.

Water Policy for Recharge Ponds:

The Board discussed implementing a policy to dump excess water into R.I.D. ponds instead of landowner ponds. Manager Frank stated sending the water to the landowner ponds helps holding the water to push it to the landowners further West of the District. President Mendes stated this may cause an issue with recharge credits; meters can't back track a secondary line would need to be added for when Manager Thomas pulls the water out of those ponds. After discussion, the Board request for the policy to require Mac Meters. Attorney Kahn will look over the current recharge policy and work on a draft.

Manager Thomas' Report

Manager Thomas stated they are spraying down weeds and discing at the bottom of the ditches and repairing gates. He also shared there is about 10,000 CFS at the dam, estimating to start running water in June. After discussion, the Board took no action.

Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:23 a.m. for the following:

- i) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association, et al.*
- ii) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *Kings River Water Association v. R.D. #761, et al.*
- iii) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, KRWA Petition for Change Re License No. 11521.*
- iv) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Petitions to Revoke or Revise the*

Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream Systems with respect to the Kings River System.

- v) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Semitropic Improvement District of Semitropic Water Storage District v. Kings River Water Association, et al: Complaint in Support of Petition to Revise and/or Revoke Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream System for the Kings River.*
- vi) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One Potential Case.

Reconvene to Open Session

President Mendes reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:26 a.m. and stated that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Yareli Zarate, Secretary