

**SUNNYSIDE VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The regular meeting of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) was held in-person and via conference call and was called to order by Chairman Simpson on March 4, 2025, at 2:30 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Dave Michels, Kevin Golob, and Paul Groeneweg; David Felman, SVID Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager-Engineering, and Nikki Musson, SVID Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager. Norman Semanko, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District and Director Mike Hogue participated via phone.

The minutes of the February 4, 2025, Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Facility or Description</b>
<b><u>Change of Point of Delivery</u></b>		
Bruce Gadley	211014-22407	25.24 #17
	211014-22408	
Brian Moore	221017-22403	29.58 #5
Rafael Pedroza	230925-14005	49.90 #3
	230925-41402	
Rafael Pedroza	230925-41403	49.90 #4
	230925-41406	
Marlin D. Crabtree	230925-41406	49.90 #4
Margarita Iracheta	1-3194-201-1464-003	49.90 #17
<b><u>Easement</u></b>		
Yolanda Phillips	231032-31402	Drain DR 20
Rafael Pedroza, Ana Maria Pedroza, and Omar Pedroza	230925-14005	49.90
Marlin D. Crabtree and Betty A. Crabtree	230925-41406	49.90
	1-3194-201-1464-003	
Margarita Iracheta		49.90

Upon a motion by Director Michels that was seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

Ms. Musson presented the vouchers. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$12,357,998. Vouchers numbered 86043-86218 in the total amount of \$364,781.15 were submitted for approval. Ms. Musson presented a graph showing current funds compared to historical levels. Upon a motion by Director Michels, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized payment of the vouchers as listed above.

Ms. Musson presented the 2024 draft year-end financials for SVID. The year-end financials will be filed with the SAO on or before May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Cowin updated the Board on the SCADA project. Upgrades to the upper end check structure controls are ongoing as well as work on the 23.70 reservoir.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on equipment purchases. Two supervisor trucks, a backhoe, excavator, and tractor mower have been purchased. The Crew truck for the lower division will be purchased once Dodge and Chevy provide pricing for 2025.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on the 2025 legislative session. The 105-day session began on Monday January 13, 2025 and will end on Sunday April 27, 2025. February 28<sup>th</sup> was the first fiscal cutoff where many bills did not advance. Legislators introduced over 1900 bills this session.

- SB 5669 – Irrigation District Elections. This bill was introduced with no amendments to the 2024 bill. This bill has been placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 5627 – Safe Excavation practices and preventing damage to underground utilities. Bill has been placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mr. Felman presented to the Board the draft spring landowner newsletter for 2025. The newsletter is scheduled to be printed and distributed the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March.

Mr. Felman asked the Board for authorization for Staff and Board Members to attend the National Water Resource Association spring policy conference in April. Upon a motion by Director Michels, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the appropriate staff and Board members were authorized to attend.

At 3:00 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) to last until 3:25 PM. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss litigation or potential litigation involving or likely to involve the District as a party.

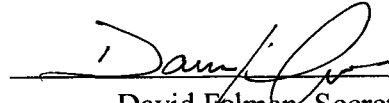
At 3:25 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

Resolution 2025-03-01, Temporary Water Transfers, was brought before the board. The resolution will allow temporary water transfers from fallowed SVID landowners to Roza Irrigation District (RID). This resolution is to prepare for a short water year and RID's potential request to fallow and transfer. The requirements of the transfer will be detailed in the resolution

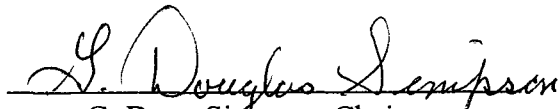
with a maximum transfer of 5,000 acre-feet. Upon a motion by Director Michels, that was seconded, and unanimously carried, Resolution 2025-03-01 was approved provided RID initiates their request. Said resolution is attached and by the reference incorporated into these minutes.

The Board discussed a Joint Defense and Confidentiality Agreement between the Naches-Selah Irrigation District, Selah-Moxee Irrigation District, Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, and Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District. After discussion and upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized signature of the Joint Defense and Confidentiality Agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

  
David Felman, Secretary

Attest:

  
G. Doug Simpson, Chairman

**RESOLUTION**

2025-03-01

**TEMPORARY WATER TRANSFERS FROM THE SUNNYSIDE VALLEY  
IRRIGATION DISTRICT (SVID) TO ROZA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (RID)**

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima River Basin is in 2025 experiencing severe drought conditions which have been recognized by the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, inter-district transfers (herein "transfers") of irrigation water from the Sunnyside Division to the RID are subject to prior approval by the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District ("SVID") Board of Directors' ("Board") U.S. and Washington State agencies, and Yakima Superior Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has received requests from SVID landowner/water users to fallow land and temporarily transfer irrigation water from land within SVID to the Roza Irrigation District ("RID"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined there are water conservation opportunities available to supplement existing water supplies for the benefit of both RID and the Sunnyside Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board will expeditiously consider transfers to RID on a case-by-case basis, and grant approvals if the proposed 2025 use of SVID irrigation water as a conditional, supplemental, temporary supply outside SVID's boundaries will not adversely affect SVID's ability to efficiently operate the Sunnyside Division's irrigation and drainage facilities, Sunnyside Division pumping facilities or SVID landowner / water users adequate, timely water deliveries or water rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has found that transfers from fallowed SVID land to RID should not have any materially adverse effect on the water needs of SVID landowners; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of 2025 temporary transfers by the Board will be subject to this Resolution, the "2025 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement" as well as other

conditions, policies, regulations, resolutions and rules determined by the Board in its sole discretion to be appropriate, all of which are incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board adopts the following policy and conditions for 2025 water transfers:

1. All 2025 temporary transfers are subject to all conditions and provisions of this "Resolution," SVID's "2025 Temporary Water Transfer Agreements" as well as all other SVID regulations, resolutions, rules and policies determined and adopted in its sole discretion by the SVID Board.
2. The temporary transfer period will be from the date the Washington State Department of Ecology approves the transfer or Yakima Reclamation Project's "storage control," whichever is later, and end on September 30, 2025, or sooner as set forth in this "Resolution," or the Transfer Agreement.
3. Transfers will be permitted only from land in SVID to land in RID. The maximum transfers from SVID lands are not to exceed 5,000 acre-feet.
4. The volume of water transferred (acre feet) will be the amount of water available at the SVID water user's delivery point or points in SVID, measured in cubic feet per second multiplied by the length of time of the transfer.
5. Transfers will be denied or canceled if SVID management's review of the transfers determines, in management's sole discretion, a transfer will have an adverse impact on: (a) the rights of existing Sunnyside Division landowners or on the Sunnyside Division's ability to deliver irrigation water to Sunnyside Division water users, (b) Sunnyside Division hydro-turbine pumping plants and their operation; or (c) any ground or surface water within the Sunnyside Division is applied in 2025 to the fallowed SVID land after the effective date of any transfer.
6. Completed water transfer applications subject to this Resolution must be submitted between March 17, 2025 and April 18, 2025 or later, if so, requested by Roza Irrigation District.
7. No ground or surface water will be applied to a transferring landowner's SVID land after the transfer's effective date. If the landowner applies ground or surface water to the land during the 2025 irrigation season after the effective date, he/she shall forfeit and repay to SVID all payments made by RID to landowner pursuant to this "Agreement." If he/she fails to pay RID the amount due as required herein, the amount due pursuant to this paragraph shall be included in landowner's 2026 SVID assessment, and irrigation water will not be delivered in 2026 to the land until the entire assessment including the amount due pursuant to this paragraph, has been fully paid. The amount recovered will be reimbursed to RID.
8. The volume of water temporarily transferred will be periodically adjusted according to the level of proration established in the Sunnyside Division.
9. Water transfers will be permitted only from parcels that were irrigated or fallowed in 2024.

10. A water transfer permit fee of \$350 per parcel will be charged for processing transfers and will be paid to SVID by RID. Contiguous parcels may be included in one transfer agreement.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025

  
G. Douglas Simpson, Chairman

Attest:

  
David Felman, Secretary