

**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 May 6, 2025, at 1:37 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, Dave Bos, Assistant Manager-Operations, Nikki Musson, SVID Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager, and Norman Semanko, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District. Director Mike Hogue participated via phone.

The minutes of the April 1, 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:

	Parcel	Facility or Description
<u>Easements</u>		
Manuel Rios	230925-44004	49.90
Frank Torres	230925-44007	49.90
Harold C. Bender	1-3094-200-0004-000	49.90
Michael Kukes	1-3094-300-0001-002	49.90
David W. Wycoff	1-3094-300-0001-005	49.90
Clifford Dean Rollins	1-3194-201-1464-001	49.90
Jose A. Gomez-Ramirez	1-3194-201-1464-002	49.90
Eduardo Jasso, Jr. and Melissa R. Jasso	1-3194-201-3327-001	49.90
<u>Release of Easement</u>		
HHIF VII, LLC	230922-21010	
<u>Developer's Agreement</u>		
Esteban Ruiz	221026-12006	32.77B #7
<u>Change of Point of Delivery</u>		
Christina Rogers	221008-34002	29.68 #2
Ana Vergara	221017-21402	29.68 #4
John & Trudy Long	221017-31401	29.68A #2
Jorge Cervantes	221019-13403	29.68 #18
Jose Salazar	221019-13404	29.68 #16

Russ Bowman	221019-24402	29.68 #21
Noe Paniagua	221019-31406	29.68D #1
Juvenal Ruiz	221019-42402	29.68 #19
Jason Gibbons	221020-22003	29.68 #11
James Partch	221020-23401	29.68 #12
Samuel Camp	230925-41002	49.90 #4
Fidel Balderos	230925-44006	49.90 #5
Frank Torres	230925-44007	49.90 #5
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John Friend	221020-22401,	29.68 #11, 14
	221020-22403,	
	221019-14002	
Mike Gillihan	1-0484-301-3267-001	51.36 #27
Janice Bender	1-3094-200-0004-000	49.90 #2
Michael Kukes	1-3094-300-0001-002	50.04 #1
David W. Wycoff	1-3094-300-0001-005	50.04 #1
Gerardo Bernal	1-3194-201-0782-004	49.90 #14
Jose A. Gomez	1-3194-201-1464-002	49.90 #16

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 \$18,045,774. Vouchers numbered 86417-86625 in the total amount of \$1,057,476.28 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 provided an update on foreclosures. As of May 6th, we had 2887 accounts with balances due. Of those, 191 had 2022 balances. Delinquency letters for the outstanding 2022 assessments were mailed out on Thursday May 1st.

Mr. Cowin updated the Board on the proposed re-regulation reservoir. RH2 Engineering is evaluating six different locations between Grandview and Prosser for feasibility of building a fourth Re-regulation reservoir. Three sites have been eliminated due to a high water table at those sites.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. SVID crews are mowing, spraying, piping, and patching with spring maintenance under way.

Mr. Bos requested the Board's approval to amend the 2025 equipment purchase list. He explained that due to a price increase on the F550, he would like to postpone the purchase of

that truck. Instead, he proposed purchasing a standard cab long box pickup truck to replace vehicle 238A, which will be surplus due to ongoing mechanical issues. Upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the amendment of the 2025 Equipment purchase list and approved the surplus of vehicle 238A.

Mr. Felman updated the Board on temporary water transfers. Roza Irrigation District board has taken no action on district-to-district leases as of May 6th, 2025.

Mr. Felman provided the Board with an update on the Spring NWRA Policy Conference. Chairman Simpson, Director Hogue, and David Felman attended the Policy Conference April 28 through April 30 in Washington DC. The District participated in legislative meetings each day of the conference to advocate for continued support of YRBWEP conservation work.


Mr. Felman updated the Board on a recent ruling request filed with the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR), as well as a pending Excise tax audit for which the District was selected. On March 10, SVID received a ruling from DOR stating that no broad sales and use tax exemption is available for purchases. On April 9, 2025 Halverson Northwest Law Office filed a petition for review of the ruling on behalf of SVID. Additionally, Halverson requested that the pending Excise tax audit be stayed until a determination is made on SVID's petition for review.

Mr. Felman informed the Board that three other non-proratable districts approved a joint letter at their April Board meetings. The letter was sent on April 11 to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (ECY) regarding issues in the Yakima River Basin. A follow-up meeting was held at the Sunnyside Field Office on April 24 with Yakima Senior Managers, Board Presidents, and representatives from USBR and ECY.

Mr. Felman provided the Board with an update on SB 5669 concerning irrigation district elections. Several amendments to RCW 87.03.031 will take effect on July 27, 2025. Staff is currently working on amending the SVID bylaws to align with the new requirements outlined in the bill.

In other business, Dave Michels announced his resignation from Director Position 3, effective upon the selection and approval of an interim Director. His resignation follows 29 years of dedicated service on the Board. He recommended Markus Rollinger to serve as interim Director for the remainder of his term.

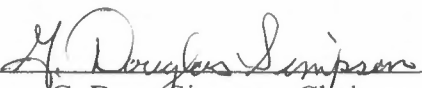
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.


David Felman, Secretary

May 6, 2025

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Attest:


G. Doug Simpson, Chairman

May 6, 2025

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