

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Eastside Water District  
Thursday, March 15, 2018**

Chairman Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Turlock Irrigation District Office, 333 Canal Drive, Turlock, CA.

**Present Directors:** Ty Angle, Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Al Rossini, and Wes Sperry

**Others Present:** Ryan Honnette, Kevin Kauffman, Water Consultant, and Karen Whipp, Board Secretary, Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

**ITEM 2** Public Comments: NONE

**ITEM 3** It was moved by Tim Johnson, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 board meeting with the following amendment:

**Others Present:.....~~Ken~~ Ken Tucker.**

**ITEM 4** The financial report showed \$1,378,810.77 as of February 28, 2018. It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Tim Johnson, and **carried unanimously** that the bills as presented for March 2018 be approved and paid.

**ITEM 5** Regarding Administrative Items:

- a. There was an update on storing district files in a public space. The board secretary will follow up with submitting a letter to the Merced Irrigation District board requesting Eastside Water District (EWD) rent a space at the office in Merced to store the district's public records. SO NOTED.
- b. Legal Counsel gave an update on the district's board members filing its FPPC Form 700s locally. Counsel stated they have had correspondence with the FPPC. The commission is open to this change, which would include updating the District's Conflict of Interest Code and publicly noticing the update. The board secretary has made a request to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Clerk requesting Eastside Water District board members file the forms locally with them. The Clerk has requested the Stanislaus County's legal counsel review this request. SO NOTED.
- c. The water consultant gave a report on options to staff a general manager and presented a job description for the position. The board directed staff to make some minor changes to the job description and bring it back to the board at the April meeting. SO NOTED

**ITEM 6** The water consultant an update on the 2018 Land Annexation. SO NOTED

## **ITEM 7**

Regarding the Diffused Surface Water Project:

- a. Dry Creek:
  - i. The presentation from John Lambie, EPUR was rescheduled for April. SO NOTED.
  - ii. Following an update on the project from the water consultant, Tim Johnson moved, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to approve expanding EPUR's Scope of Work on the Dry Creek Recharge Test with an amount not to exceed eleven thousand seven hundred forty-five dollars (\$11,745.00).
  - iii. Due to its time sensitive nature of an item the arrived following the posting of the agenda, Dexter Long moved, seconded by Ward Burroughs, and **carried unanimously** to add the Merced Irrigation District Surface Water item to the agenda.
  - iv. It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ty Angel, **and carried unanimously** to reimburse landowners that participate in the Merced Irrigation District Surface Water program for an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).
- b. Rouse Lake Area:
  - i. Following an update from the water consultant, Tim Johnson moved, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** approve a scope of work and contract with Wood Rodgers and EPUR to provide support for an In-Lieu Re-charge project description with an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).
  - ii. The water consultant and legal counsel will work with Wood Rodgers and EPUR to develop the project description. SO NOTED.
  - iii. The water consultant provided the board with notes from a conversation with NRCS in Davis, CA regarding the denial of the USDA RCPP Full Partnership application that was submitted September 7, 2017, as well as suggested next steps.
- c. Mustang Creek:
  - i. The water consultant gave a brief update on Wood Rodgers developing a scope of work that would include installing three dry wells. SO NOTED

## **ITEM 8**

The water consultant gave an update on the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority, and the preparation the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He also reported on plans being developed for the first public workshop. The consultant also informed the board that Merced County has received a Department of Water Resources grant for water quality testing. SO NOTED.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Eastside Water District of Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

March 15, 2018

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