

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
Thursday, September 19, 2019**

Chairman Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Turlock Irrigation District Office, 333 Canal Drive, Turlock, CA.

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

Others Present: Frank Brumley, Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions, John Lambie, EPUR, Allan Vera-Garcia, EPUR, Ray Gene Veldhuis, and Karen Whipp, Board Secretary Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

ITEM 2 Public Comments: **There were no public comments.**

ITEM 3 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Tim Johnson, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 board meeting.

ITEM 4 The financial report showed \$1,360,776.02 as of August 31, 2019. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Tim Johnson, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented, for September 2019 be paid.

ITEM 5 It was moved by Tim Johnson, seconded by Ward Burroughs, and **carried unanimously** to authorize staff to submit support or opposition of legislation on behalf of the board on time sensitive water issues following direction from the board chairman or vice-chairman, with board retro action at the next upcoming board meeting.

ITEM 6 The Water Consultant reported on the annexation progress, including a notice from LAFCO that went out to agencies September 1 regarding the 2,213 acres to be annexed.

ITEM 7 Regarding the Diffused Surface Water Project:

- a. Rouse Lake Area (North System):
 - i. The water consultant stated there was nothing new to report at this time.
- b. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. The water consultant gave a brief update on the Pilot Project for three dry wells, including Merced County Environmental Health working on a policy for the dry wells.
 - ii. Kevin showed the aerial survey performed by Wood Rodgers. He also reported that the Bifurcation structure repairs were finished and he is working on bids for weed maintenance.
 - iii. Kevin gave an update on the proposed pipeline to convey Merced Irrigation District Water to Mustang Creek and the funding opportunity through the Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART drought resiliency program.

- iv. It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Tim Johnson, and **carried unanimously**, that the board approve Provost and Pritchard's scope of work, the preparation of environmental documents, and adopt Resolution 2019-03 for the Pipeline Project WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Grant Proposal.

Dexter Long requested that it be entered into the minutes that he supports the project, but believes that an ethics attorney should review this project, because three board members could potentially benefit from this project.

- c. Pilot Project Proposal for TID Drain F-1 (Grizzly Ranch):
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a report on data collection and the current progress on the project.
 - ii. There was discussion to expand the work on the site. The board decided to put that work on hold until a later date.
 - iii. Kevin state he is working with Central Valley Pump to get a firmer price to install a pump at the Grizzly Ranch site.
 - iv. Kevin reported that he is working with TID to temporarily receive water after irrigation season at the Beck Ranch.

ITEM 8

Kevin Kauffman gave a brief update on the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority, including the Round 3 of the Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

Following Kevin's report, it was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously**, to submit a letter of support from Eastside Water District and authorize the board chairman to sign the letter in support of the Turlock Subbasin's application as part of Round 3 of the Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

Following the items presented on the agenda, Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions, spoke briefly stating he felt the board was headed in the right direction in working with TID.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 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.

September 19, 2019 _____

Karen L. Whipp _____

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK