

**Minutes of the Landowner Workshop  
Eastside Water District  
February 27, 2015**

Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. at the Turlock Irrigation District Office, 333 Canal Drive, Turlock, CA.

**Present Directors:** Tim Johnson and Norik Naraghi

**Others Present:** Vance Ahlem (SP?), Will Armador (SP?) Frank Caneca, Darrell Cordova, Trevor Cordova, Dick Cunningham, Mike & Meredith Gatzman, Phil Grauf, Ross & Lisa Hawkins, Tom Hawkins, Karna Herringfeld, Legal Counsel, Mark Hodges, Kevin Kauffman, Kevin Kauffman Consulting, Joe Machado, David & Carol Medeiros, Wendall Naraghi, Justine Pitts, Jerry Tarry, Ted Thorn, George Werness, and Karen Whipp, Board Secretary

**ITEM 1** Call meeting to order. SO NOTED.

**ITEM 2** Public Input from Chris Redding via voice message to Kevin Kauffman. The Message: "Hi Kevin. This is Chris Redding here. I'm a member of the Eastside Water District and I'd like to chime in on the meeting that's gonna happen tomorrow because I cannot attend. One of the things I would like to chime in on is the burden that's required for this tax increase. I don't use my land for irrigation purposes and I don't think myself that I should be included in such the burden versus somebody you uses their entire property has for irrigation. So I think perhaps that there should be some sort of justification made for ground water usage based on what type of crops are going on that land and I hope that my concerns are then noted and at some point it will be noted in the notes of the meeting. So that I know my voice is heard. So if you have any questions you can call me back at 209-495-2782. Again this is Chris Redding. I am working nights. So during the day. I'm sleeping at night I'm working. So have any questions call me back. Okay. Thank you. Bye."

**ITEM 3** Kevin Kauffman, EWD Water Consultant gave an overview and update on the Diffused Surface Water Project. SO NOTED.

**ITEM 4** Randy Hopkins from Provost and Pritchard gave a presentation on the 30% design for three possible sites for the project. SO NOTED.

**ITEM 5** Kevin Kauffman gave a presentation and led discussion for an increased per-acre assessment to cover a five-year assessment for capital and long-term operations. SO NOTED.

**ITEM 6** There was discussion and input from the district's legal counsel, Karna Herringfeld on proceeding with a Proposition 218 election to authorize a per-acre assessment increase. SO NOTED.

**ITEM 7** Kevin Kauffman gave a report on the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the pending Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation. SO NOTED.

**ITEM 8** Kevin Kauffman led discussion on any willing landowners not currently within the Eastside Water District and the possibility of the Ballico-Cortez Water District being included in the Eastside Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency. SO NOTED.

**ITEM 9** There was discussion on the next steps and additional landowner workshops SO NOTED.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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 Stanislaus County, California.

February 27, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

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