

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
December 17, 2015**

Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. at the Turlock Irrigation District Office, 333 Canal Drive, Turlock, CA.

Present Directors: Ward Burroughs, Dave Long, Tim Johnson, Norik Naraghi, and Al Rossini

Others Present: Vence Ahlem, Ahlem Foothill Farm, John Bettencourt, Joe Bettencourt, Alison Bryson, David Bryson, Matthew Burroughs, Diana Cardey, Don Cardey, Frank De Jong, Cheri Escobar, Elwood Escobar, Earl Haringa, Haringa Dairy, Karna Harrigfeld, Legal Counsel, Mark Hodges, Kevin Kauffman, Kevin Kauffman Consulting, Joe Machado, Robert Marsico, Benina Moates, Les and Jennifer Pacheco, Wes Sperry, Ada Stout, Ted and Gail Thorn, JP Ranch, Roy Velture, Les Weidman, and Karen Whipp, Board Secretary

ITEM 1 The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

ITEM 2 A **PUBLIC HEARING** was held for the Proposition 218 Election for Capital Improvement and Operation Per-acre Charge of the Eastside Water District Groundwater Recharge Program. Al Rossini call the public hearing to order at 9:34 am. Landowners were given the opportunity to protest or approve of the proposed per-acre charge. During the public hearing landowners were given the opportunity to submit their protest letters. Landowners asked questions that were answered by board members and the district's water consultant and legal counsel. Questions asked were about the aquifers, if the district sold water outside of the district, assurances the program would work, and if a study had been done on how the water is moving. There were questions about the proposed rates and if there could be a graduated fee schedule and provide economic incentives for water usage. There were protests about the proposed rates. A couple of landowners thanked the board for their efforts, but were against the proposed rates. Al Rossini thanked the landowners for their comments and closed the public hearing at 11:22 am. Al Rossini opened the regular board meeting at 11:23 am.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Tim Johnson and carried "That the bills as presented for December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 be approved and paid."

ITEM 4 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dave Long and carried "That the board meet monthly instead of quarterly."

ITEM 5 It was moved by Dave Long, seconded by Ward Burroughs and carried "That the Memorandum of Understanding setting forth certain items of agreement among the Turlock Groundwater Basin Association following the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act be approved."

ITEM 6

It was moved by Dave Long, seconded by Norik Naraghi and carried "To:

bi. authorize Provost & Pritchard to verify parcels within the Eastside Water District and finalize the tax role for submitting per-acre charge to Stanislaus and Merced counties; and

bii. Authorize the water consultant to bring back a scope of work and cost estimates to implement the following activities for the Groundwater Recharge Program:

1. Water Right Application for Sand Creek and Mustang Creek;
2. Temporary Water Right Applications for the above mentioned; creeks under recent State Board action waiving normal bureaucracy
3. Low hanging fruit projects to take advantage of the predicted El-Niño winter; and
4. Projects (in-lieu and direct) as outlined in the 2014 study.

ITEM 7

Kevin Kauffman, Water Consultant gave his quarterly report. SO NOTED.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 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.

December 17, 2015

Karen L. Whipp

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK