

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
March 23, 2017**

Chairman Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Turlock Irrigation District Office, 333 Canal Drive, Turlock, CA.

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

Others Present: Lori Bolme Ty Angle, Ted Gaylord, Karna Harrigfield, Legal Counsel, Ryan Homeite (SP) Kevin Kauffman, Kevin Kauffman Consulting, Donnie Rocha, Brent Stout, Wes Sperry, and Karen Whipp, Board Secretary

ITEM 2 Concerning board membership:

- a. Ted Gaylord, Wes Sperry, Brent Stout, and Ty Angle were interviewed by the board concerning their interest in serving on the Eastside Water District board. The interviewees shared their reasons for serving on the board, including their interest in working towards sustainable water solutions. The potential members were given the opportunity to ask the board members questions; and
- b. Following the interviews the board discussed a preliminary timetable of June or July (depending on the land annexation) for appointing two new board members.

ITEM 3 Public Comments. Donnie Rocha, a consultant expressed his appreciation for the proactive efforts of the board for working on sustainable water solutions.

ITEM 4 It was moved by Tim Johnson, seconded by Ward Burroughs and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 board meeting.

ITEM 5 The financial report showed \$1,109,538.77 as of February 28, 2017. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Tim Johnson and **carried unanimously** that the bills as presented for March be approved and paid.

ITEM 6 There was brief discussion on alternative meeting places for the Eastside Water District board meetings. The board directed the board secretary to make arrangements to continue to use the Turlock Irrigation District board room for their meetings.

ITEM 7 Regarding an update on the 2017 Land Annexation:

- a. It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Tim Johnson and **carried unanimously** to adopt the Negative Declaration under CEQA; and
- b. A status report on the annexation process was given by Kevin Kauffman.

ITEM 8 Regarding the Diffused Surface Water Project:

- a. The board directed Kevin Kauffman and the district's legal counsel to negotiate a water transfer agreement with Merced Irrigation District;

- b. The board directed Kevin Kauffman and the district's legal counsel to negotiate a water transfer agreement with Turlock Irrigation District; and
- c. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dexter Long and **carried unanimously** to approve the scope of work from Provost and Pritchard Engineering Group for an amount to not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to prepare and submit a grant application for the USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 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.

March 23, 2017

Karen L. Whipp

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK