

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
Thursday, December 17, 2020**

Vice-Chair Wes Sperry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19 and shelter in place orders. California State Governor Newsom's Executive Order N- 29-20, signed March 4, 2020 allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically during the pandemic. Once the governor's shelter in place orders have been lifted the board will go back to regular meetings at Turlock Irrigation District.

Present Directors: Roll Call- Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson (9:30 am), Dexter Long, Norik Naraghi and Wes Sperry

Others Present: Kevin Kauffman, John Lambie, EPUR, and Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

ITEM 2 Public Comments: NONE.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 board meetings. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 4 The financial report showed \$3,189,031.69 as of November 30, 2020. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Norik Naraghi, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented for November 2020 be paid. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 5 Update and Possible Action Regarding the Diffused Surface Water Project:

- a. TID Water for Potential Groundwater Recharge Projects – 2020 Status:
Kevin reported that there is no water currently available.
- b. Rouse Lake Area (North System) - Landowner Update:
Kevin reported that Ty Angle, Brent Stout, and their neighbors continue to discuss a pipeline extension to serve these and other properties.
- c. Grizzly Nut Ranch F-1 Gate and Other Pilot Projects:
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a brief report on data collection and the potential to tie-in metering data on the project.
 - ii. There was a brief update on TID water and LRGNR flush water options
Kevin noted that with no TID water Central Valley Pipe is redoing the plumbing for the pond to accept pump flush water from LRGNR wells.

Note: Chair Tim Johnson arrived at the meeting about 9:30 and asked that Wes continue to Chair this meeting.

- d. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. Pilot Dry Wells Project:
 - John Lambie gave an update on the well construction that has been commenced on December 7 by Torrent Resources. Work by Torrent is expected to be complete by December 24th. Sierra Hydrographics would then provide the solar powered monitoring system. E-PUR collected stream Water Quality samples for the pre-project reporting to Merced County.

- Legal Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi reported on Water Rights discussions that she has had with the State Board legal team and Kevin and John. Her draft memorandum will now be finalized and a recommendation moving forward will be made at the EWD January meeting. An engineer will be used to estimate the potential size of the water right application made to the State board.
- ii. Operations:
- Regarding Project Maintenance- Hensley Tractor Services complete clearing the Mustang Creek Detention basin site and will begin clearing the creek/canal between the airport and the TID Highline Canal after Christmas.
- iii. Regarding the Proposed Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA:
- Regarding Water Supply – Consider Merced ID Long-term Water Transfer Agreement – After significant discussion and assurances that this water can be put to in-lieu and direct recharge use, it was moved by Tim Johnson, seconded by Wes Sperry, to have the EWD Water Consultant sign this Agreement on behalf of EWD to purchase 1,770 (seventeen-hundred and seventy) acre feet annually for ten (10) years.
Roll Call Vote: Tim Johnson-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Abstained, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.

ITEM 6

The East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority Updates:

- a. Kevin Kauffman gave the GSP Update stating there was a Joint TAC meeting today to discuss baseline water budgets and model output;
- b. John Lambie gave an update on the Groundwater Monitoring Program stating the 17 of 23 wells were measured in October; and
- c. Kevin Kauffman reported the Prop 218 Virtual Workshop of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency board meeting on December 9 was successful. A public hearing is now scheduled for January.

ITEM 7

The Regular Meeting was closed at 10:01 am.

ITEM 8

Closed Session was called to order at 10:02 am to discuss the following item. No action was taken.

A Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8) regarding Water Rights. The Agency Negotiator: Kevin Kauffman and Jeanne Zolezzi. The Negotiating Parties: Kevin Kauffman and Jeanne Zolezzi.

The Board provided Legal Counsel and Water Consultant with direction and no action was taken during closed session. There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry moved that this meeting be adjourned at 10:23 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.

December 17, 2020

Karen L. Whipp (Notes provided by Kevin Kauffman)

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 EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK