

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of
Directors Eastside Water District
Thursday, May 20, 2021**

Chairman Tim Johnson 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, Dexter Long, Norik Naraghi, Al Rossini, and Wes Sperry

Others Present: Mike Day, Kevin Kauffman, John Lambie, EPUR, Karen Whipp, Board Secretary, Sara Woolf, and Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

ITEM 7 At the request of legal counsel Item 7 was the first item on the agenda.
Closed Session was called to order at 9:01 am to discuss the following item. No action was taken.
Public Employee Appointment (§ 54957) regarding Contract for General Manager.
The Agency Negotiator: Jeanne Zolezzi. Consider the proposal from Sarah Woolf at Water Wise for Consulting General Manager Position.

no action was taken during closed session. Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned closed session at 9:12 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 9:27 a.m.

ITEM 7 It was moved by Al Rossini, seconded by Norik Naraghi and **carried unanimously** to accept Sarah Woolf's proposal for six months beginning June 1, 2021. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi – Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry - Yes.**

ITEM 2 Public Comments: NONE.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 board meetings. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi – Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry - Yes.**

ITEM 4 The financial report showed \$4,951,669.68 as of April 30, 2021. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried**, that the bills as presented for May 2021 be paid. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi – Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, and 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 Kauffman reported that there is no water currently available and there was nothing new to report.
- b. Rouse Lake Area (North System) – Pipeline Project:
Kevin Kauffman reported this project will be in the GSP.
- c. Grizzly Nut Ranch F-1 Gate, AG-ASR, and Other Pilot Project:
Kevin reported these projects will be in the GSP.
- d. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. Pilot Dry Wells Project- Torrent Dry Wells:
John Lambie, EPUR reported that the three dry wells are operating well.
 - ii. Regarding Water Rights:
There was nothing new to report.
 - iii. Operations- Project Maintenance:
Kevin Kauffman stated no additional maintenance is needed at this time. He continues to research rodent control programs. There also needs to be a regular weed maintenance program initiated.
 - iv. The Proposed Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA:
 - Kevin Kauffman gave an update on the Design-Build Request for Qualifications Response. The request was sent to five irrigation companies and he received three responses.
 - Regarding Water Supply – Kevin Kauffman gave a brief update on water received so far for the 2021 season.
 - It was moved by Al Rossini, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to submit a proposal to the Special District Leadership Fund for a Technology Grant with Eastside Water District providing matching funds of one thousand four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,425). **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi – Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry - Yes.**

ITEM 6

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

- a. Kevin Kauffman gave a brief update on the progress of the GSP; and
- b. John Lambie gave a brief update on the Groundwater Monitoring Program.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson moved the meeting be 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.

May 20, 2021

KAREN L. WHIPP
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK