

**Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the
Board of Directors Eastside Water District**

Thursday, March 17, 2022 9:00 AM

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380 and via Zoom.

Directors Present: Ward Burroughs Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, and Norik Naraghi (on-line)

Directors Absent: Ty Angle and Wes Sperry

Others Present: Mike Day-Provost and Pritchard, Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co., Robert Hodges-Hodges Farms, Lindsay Hofsteen (on-line), John Lambie-EPUR, Kristy Robison-Water Wise, Al Rossini, Dino Rossini, Maryse Suppiger-Hancock, Todd Turley-Farmland Reserve (on-line), Karen Whipp-board secretary, Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager (on-line), and Jeanne Zolezzi-Legal Counsel

Item 2 Public Comment – None.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar:** It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, and Norik Naraghi-Yes.**

Item 4 **Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Board Member**
There was discussion about the number of possible candidates and the five letters of interest that had been submitted. There was also discussion about increasing the number of board members from seven (7) to nine (9). It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ward Burroughs and **carried unanimously** to create an Ad Hoc Committee that included Tim Johnson, Ward Burroughs and Ty Angle to interview the candidates and bring the recommendations back to the board at their April 21, board meeting. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, and Norik Naraghi-Yes.**

Item 5 **Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Board Member and Alternate to the East Turlock Subbasin (ETS) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)**
Following a brief discussion on the resignation of Al Rossini from the Eastside Water District Board, and therefore the ETS GSA Board and the need to appoint a new board representative, it was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Norik Naraghi, and **carried unanimously** to appoint Ward Burroughs as Eastside Water District's (EWD) board member representative and Tim Johnson as EWD's board member alternate representative. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, and Norik Naraghi-Yes.**

Item 6

Discussion and Possible Action to Move Checking Account from Stanislaus County Treasurer and Open Independent Checking Account

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ward Burroughs and **carried unanimously** to open a bank account at Farmers and Merchants (F and M) Bank, and to establish an Ad Hoc Committee at the April board meeting to research investment options. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, and Norik Naraghi-Yes.**

Item 7

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Contract with Provost and Pritchard for the Upland Pipeline Project Due Diligence Review

Following a brief discussion of the project scope, it was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ward Burroughs and **carried unanimously** to approve Phase I of the Proposal for an amount not to exceed twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000). **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, and Norik Naraghi-Yes.**

Item 8

East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:

Sarah Woolf gave a GSP Update that included the following:

- The first Annual Report is due April 1. The report will be incorporating 2015-2021 data. The issue of water accounting methodology will not be addressed in this report and the description of water types has been reviewed by legal counsel on both sides.
- There was a Budget Workshop March 11 with a current \$50,000 shortfall that is continued to be worked on. The GSA hopes to adopt their budget in April.
- Tim and Sarah met with Robert Hodges and his neighbors who are looking at doing a drywell.

Item 9

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – 1 case. No Action was Taken.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 10:25 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson re-opened the regular meeting at 10:25 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:26 am.

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.

March 17, 2022

Karen Whipp

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK