

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
Thursday, October 15, 2020**

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 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-**Ty Angle, Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Norik Naraghi, Al Rossini, and Wes Sperry

Others Present: Frank Brumley, Gloria Erickson, Kevin Kauffman, John Lambie, EPUR, and Karen Whipp, Board Secretary

ITEM 2 Public Comments: Kevin Kauffman told Mr. Brumley and Mrs. Erickson that he had sent them a letter regarding the annexation fees.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 board meetings. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi -Yes, Al Rossini – Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 4 The financial report showed \$3,218,142.18 as of September 30, 2020. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Al Rossini, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented for October 2020 be paid. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi -Yes, Al Rossini – 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 some water has become available and water is being taken at the F-1 Gate.
- b. Rouse Lake Area (North System) Any Landowner Update:
Ty Angle said the landowners are working on getting water
- c. Grizzly Nut Ranch F-1 Gate and Other Pilot Projects:
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a report on data collection and the current progress on the project.
 - ii. Regarding TID Water out to F-1 Drain and Testing Completed Parjana EGRP Phase II – John Lambie showed the board a spreadsheet with the Phase II test tubes inserted. Kevin reported that Central Valley Pump installed a solar pump, and as reported earlier, TID opened the F-1 gate and the pond was filled with water.
- d. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. Pilot Dry Wells Project:
 - John Lambie gave an update on the well permitting status, stating it was in the final stages. To complete the dry well installation, it was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried**

unanimously to authorize an amount not to exceed \$136,000 (one hundred thirty-six thousand dollars). **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi -Yes, Al Rossini – Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

- Regarding Water Rights- Jeanne Zolezzi said that with contract water there was no need to pursue water rights.

ii. Operations:

- Regarding Project Maintenance- It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Norik Naraghi, and **carried unanimously** to approve a contract with Hensley Tractor Services for maintenance of Mustang Creek in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars). **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi -Yes, Al Rossini – Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

iii. Regarding the Proposed Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA:

- Kevin Kauffman reported that the 50% design was completed. He also reported that he had prepared the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the project and the document would be posted on the district's website. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Norik Naraghi, and **carried unanimously** to authorize Kevin Kauffman to seek bids for the complete design for Phase 1 of the Upland Pipeline Project from Dry Creek to Mustang Creek. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Norik Naraghi -Yes, Al Rossini – Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**
- Regarding Water Supply – Consider Merced ID Long-term Water Transfer Offer – The board discussed having a meeting with MID about the terms of the transfer.

ITEM 6

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

- a. Kevin Kauffman gave the GSP Update;
- b. John Lambie gave an update on the Groundwater Monitoring Program; and
- c. John Lambie gave an update on the DWR TSS and grant program for the monitoring wells.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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 Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

October 15, 2020

Karen L. Whipp

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK