

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

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 9:00 AM

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380 and via Zoom.

Directors Present: Ty Angle, Ward Burroughs, Carl Evers III, Tim Johnson, Norik Naraghi, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Maryse Suppiger.

Directors Absent: Dexter Long.

Others Present: Cody Aldrin-Landowner, Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co., Dave DeFrank-Olam, Sara Harper-Provost and Pritchard, John Lambie-EPUR, Kristi Robinson-Water Wise (on-line), Dirk Ulrich-Ballico Cortez Water District Board Chairman, Karen Whipp-EWD Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi-Legal Counsel.

Item 2 Public Comment – None.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar:** It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Ty Angle, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **Report on Upland Pipeline – Sarah Woolf**

- a. Landowners have been called and met with to determine their interest in participating in the Upland Pipeline. All landowners expressed interest as long as it will provide the necessary benefits for recharge and direct in lieu water use.
- b. The results of the information gathered shows that with the existing connection options the pipeline cannot deliver enough water supply to meet the need for the recharge basin and in-lieu water use. Provost and Pritchard will provide a list of options the district should explore for additional points of connection to both Merced ID and Turlock ID. This list can be used to discuss infrastructure enhancements with MID and TID to bring water to the recharge basin.

Item 5 **Wood Rodgers Proposal for Evaluation of Replenishment Parcels off the Highline Canal**

The General Manager reviewed a proposal from Wood Rodgers for a feasibility study on replenishment parcels off of the Highline Canal. She will discuss the proposal further with the consultant, including details on costs, and bring this item back to the board in August.

Item 6

Turlock Irrigation District/Eastside Water District/Ballico Cortez Water District Coordination Meeting

Sarah Woolf reported on the Coordination Meeting held July 18 at Turlock Irrigation District (TID). The quarterly meetings continue to be cooperative. The key points discussed at the meeting were:

- TID discussed the side gates on the High Line Canal and options for utilizing that infrastructure to bring water into Eastside GSA.
- TID is interested in doing a Pilot Project in Ballico Cortez Water District at Lombardy and Bradbury.
- TID has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UC Merced to do water studies in the area.
- TID is requesting that when the opportunity presents itself EWD provide comments to State Water Resources Control Board on the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan amendment process.

Item 7

East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:

Sarah Woolf gave a GSP Update that included the following:

- The upcoming Technical Advisory Committee and Board meetings.
- An October Workshop being planned to discuss ET data to track water use.
- The third grant opportunity is coming up next week.
- The Water Accounting framework is moving forward.
- The ETS GSA is working on the recalibration of the model with the WTS GSA, and discussing whether it is important to do it now or at the 5-year mark.

For information only.

Item 8

Other Business

There was brief discussion about the need to go through the CEQA process with existing wells in Stanislaus County. Board Member Angle requested that staff determine what the position of Stanislaus County is with respect to replacement wells. There are other areas in the county concerned about how the county will proceed. Sarah Woolf committed to connect with other area representatives to see what action might need to be taken.

Item 9

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:05 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 10:20 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson re-opened the regular meeting at 10:20 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:21 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.

July 21, 2022

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