

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

Thursday, August 18, 2022, 9:00 AM

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380 and via Zoom.

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

Directors Absent: Dexter Long.

Others Present: Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co., Dave DeFrank-Olam, Chase Hurley-Water and Land Solutions, John Lambie-EPUR, Karen Whipp-EWD Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi-Legal Counsel (on-line).

Item 2 Public Comment – None.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar:** It was moved by Wes Sperry, seconded by Carl Evers III, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Yes.**

Item 4 **Report on Upland Pipeline – Sarah Woolf**
a. There will be a final report at the September board meeting.

Item 5 **Wood Rodgers Proposal for Evaluation of Replenishment Parcels off the Highline Canal**
Following a presentation from the General Manager on details of the proposal from Wood Rodgers for a feasibility study on replenishment parcels off of the Highline Canal, including costs for Phase 1 and 2, it was moved Ty Angle, seconded by Carl Evers III, and **carried unanimously** to approve **Phase 1** of the Contract between Eastside Water District and Wood Rodgers to Evaluate Turlock Irrigation District side gate connections on Replenishment Parcels and adjacent lands off the Highline Canal, with an amount **not to exceed** one hundred five thousand six hundred fourteen dollars (\$105,614). **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Abstain.**

Item 6

Discuss Possible Policy for Financial Reimbursement to EWD Landowners for Infrastructure Projects Built to Expand Recharge and In-Lieu Water Use

There was opening discussion to consider establishing a policy or a program that allows landowners in EWD to obtain funding for infrastructure for the purposes of receiving excess water supplies that may be provided by neighboring water providers. Board members agreed the Wood Rodgers evaluation would help determine what the policy would be. Some board members asked to see examples of what the policy would cover. Board members requested that the item be on the agenda for the coming months to allow for further discussion of options before a final policy is determined.

Item 7

Discuss and Possible Approval of Contract to Obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Mustang Creek

The board asked staff to see if Merced County has a permit and could do the necessary cleaning, and to report to the board in September.

Item 8

Investment Committee Update

Maryse Suppiger, Treasurer and Carl Evers, III gave a brief update on their meeting with the Investment Planner from Farmers and Merchants (F and M) Bank. Maryse also reported that she will be attending a workshop September 1, at the Merced County Library sponsored by California Special Districts Association (CSDA) regarding the new California CLASS government investment pool and how to get involved. A report will be provided at the September board meeting.

Item 9

East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:

Sarah Woolf gave a GSP Update that included the following:

- The upcoming Technical Advisory Committee and Board meetings, will include a presentation from the environmental consultant on the completion of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).
- An October Workshop is being planned to discuss ET data to track water use.
- The Water Accounting framework has a 30-day extension to complete its work (from July 31 to August 31).
- August/September there will be a Vadose Zone wells roundtable regional meeting to discuss permitting.

For information only.

Item 10

Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Item 11

Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – 1 case.

There was no closed session

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 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.

August 18, 2022

KAREN L. WHIPP
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK