

**Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the
Board of Directors Eastside Water District
Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:00 AM**

Vice Chairman Wes Sperry called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380 and via Zoom.

Present Directors: Al Rossini, Wes Sperry (online), Ward Burroughs, Ty Angle, Norik Naraghi, Dexter Long, and Tim Johnson joined at item 5.

Others Present: Kevin Kauffman(online), John Lambie (online), Carl Evers III, Matt Brady (online), Alberto Flores, Sarah Woolf, & Jeanne Zolezzi – Legal Counsel

ITEM 2 Public Comment – None

ITEM 3 It was moved by Wes Sperry, seconded by Ward Burroughs, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry-Yes. Tim Johnson – Not Present**

ITEM 4 East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:

a. GSP Update

The Chapters of the GSP for the Water Budget and Sustainable Management Criteria have been released and reviewed by staff; Sarah Woolf, Jeanne Zolezzi, and Kevin Kauffman. Comments have been submitted to the GSA Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) and sent to Todd’s Engineering to be merged with the comments from West Turlock. Chapters will eventually go to the GSA Board of Directors for full approval. The Water Budget Chapter will go to the Board August 30 2021 for East and West to approve. Kevin reported the GSP will be approved at the GSA Board level.

ITEM 5 Continue Project List Discussion

Sarah Woolf reported that the GSP is looking at projects based on readiness to implement, there are 3 phases: (1) Shovel Ready, (2) Developed but not ready for construction, (3) Concept. Eastside Water District has 3 projects in phase 2, not shovel ready but have been developed and have a known water supply. The rest of the projects are in phase 3. Sarah Woolf reviewed each of the project on the project list.

Project 1: This project would bring water in from Turlock Irrigation to lands deemed serviceable by Turlock ID in times of excess supplies for in-lieu and/or recharge.

Project 2: Mustang Creek Project. Take flood water from detention basin and recharge it into dry wells. 3 existing dry wells and 7 new dry wells will be installed after pilot is complete in 2023. John will report back on Max Capacity of wells.

Project 3: Upland Pipeline. Install a new pipe to convey 1,770AF from Merced ID, annually.

Project 4: Rouse Lake Pipeline. Piped conveyance connecting Rouse Lake with Sand Creek and Mustang Creek (30,000AF, water source not yet identified)

Project 5: Sand Creek Basin Runoff Recharge. Capture Sand Creek flood flows. (Water quantity or source not identified)

Project 6: MID Expansion Project. If EWD partnered with MID to expand water facilities (6,000AF)

Project 7: La Grange Recharge Project. Recharge sites above Turlock Lake. (Water quantity or source not identified)

Project 8: FloodMAR, In-Lieu – More connectivity and more recharge using Flood MAR. Staff will discuss with TID the Diffused Surface Water Project to confirm comfort level.

Jeanne Zolezzi informed the board that an Appropriative Water Right is needed when the Flood Flows are moved from the water course to another place of use, it is not needed when it flows over a bank.

The Project List is a living document, projects can be added, removed, or changed at any time. The Project List will be sent to the state with updates and changes during the regular required reporting.

Demand reduction will be part of the management strategies.

ITEM 6

For Discussion and Possible Action: PG & E Contract Upland Pipeline Power Installation

PG & E Build out will cost \$29,000 for engineering, that will be reimbursed over time with use of power. The project is eligible for refund if used within a 10-year period. Kevin will review and forward to Jeanne the documents if CEQA has been completed.

ITEM 7

Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry closed the regular meeting at 9:53 a.m. Closed Session was called to order at 9:55 a.m. to discuss the following item: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – 1 case Staff was given direction. No action was taken. Vice-Chairman, Wes Sperry adjourned the Closed Session at 10:33 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry re-opened the regular meeting at 10:34 a.m.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 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.

August 19, 2021

(Meeting Notes provided by Sarah Woolf)

KAREN L. WHIPP
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK