

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of
Directors Eastside Water District
Thursday, January 21, 2021**

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:10 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- Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Al Rossini (9:15 am), and Wes Sperry

Others Present: Kevin Kauffman, John Lambie, EPUR, Karen Whipp, Board Secretary, and Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

ITEM 2 Public Comments: NONE.

ITEM 3 Appointment of Officers for the 2021 Calendar Year

- a. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried unanimously** to reappoint Tim Johnson as Board Chairman. There were no other nominations. Vote began at 9:18 am. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**
- b. It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ward Burroughs, and **carried unanimously** to reappoint Wes Sperry as Board Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Vote began at 9:18 am. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes.**

ITEM 4 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Al Rossini, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 board meetings. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 5 The financial report showed \$4,032,614.61 as of December 31, 2020. It was moved by Dexter, seconded by Ward Burroughs, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented for January 2021 be paid. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 6 It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried unanimously**, to authorize the board chairman to sign the Nondisclosure Agreement for GRAT (*Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool*) data. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 7

Update and Possible Action Regarding the Diffused Surface Water Project:

- a. TID Water for Potential Groundwater Recharge Projects – 2020 Status:
Kevin reported that there is no water currently available. He reported that he would be attending a TID meeting February 18 following the Eastside Water District board meeting.
- b. Rouse Lake Area (North System) - Landowner Update:
Kevin reported there is a new landowner interested in working on projects with the district.
- c. Grizzly Nut Ranch F-1 Gate and Other Pilot Projects:
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a brief report on data collection.
 - ii. There was a brief update on TID water and LRGNR flush water options
John noted that Central Valley Pipe is delayed in redoing the plumbing for the pond due to an outbreak of COVID-19 in their company.
- d. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. Pilot Dry Wells Project:
 - John Lambie gave an update on the well construction that has been completed by Torrent Resources. Sierra Hydrographics, which provides the solar powered monitoring system, has completed their installation. E-PUR did a sample test of a well. He reported sludge in the well, which needs to be cleaned to get a sample of good ground water.
 - Legal Counsel Jeanne Zolezzi stated she had nothing new to report.
 - ii. Operations:
 - Regarding Project Maintenance- There was nothing new to report.
 - iii. Regarding the Proposed Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA:
 - Regarding Water Supply – Legal Counsel was directed to prepare a memorandum interpreting the District's rights under the water purchase agreement and how to confirm the District receives credit for water recharged.

ITEM 8

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

- a. John Lambie gave the GSP Update including an update on the model for water budgets; and
- b. John Lambie gave an update on the Groundwater Monitoring Program stating there were installation delays due to an employee injury and COVID-19 at Central Valley Pump who was doing the installations.

ITEM 9

Kevin Kauffman announced to the board that he would be leaving Eastside Water District as their Water Consultant, and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency as its Coordinator. He is hoping both agencies can find and transition his replacement by the end of the calendar year. After the board expressed their gratitude for his years of service, they asked that he draft a contract, for review by legal counsel, with a recruiting agency to assist the district in finding a general manager.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:51 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.

January 21, 2021

KAREN L. WHIPP
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK