

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of
Directors Eastside Water District
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

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, Norik Naraghi, Al Rossini, and Wes Sperry

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

ITEM 2 Public Comments: NONE.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Wes Sperry, seconded by Norik Naraghi, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 board meetings. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 4 The financial report showed \$4,475,405.77 as of February 28, 2021. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Ty Angle, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented for February 2021 be paid. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-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 Kauffman reported that there is no water currently available. He also reported on the February 18 TID meeting following the Eastside Water District board meeting.
- b. Rouse Lake Area (North System) - Landowner Update:
Kevin reported there is nothing new to report at this time. Jeff Hillberg, representing AIGS Capital, the new landowner, will be in touch with Kevin to discuss possible projects with the district.
- c. Grizzly Nut Ranch F-1 Gate and Other Pilot Projects:
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a PowerPoint presentation on Grizzly Nut Ranch.
 - ii. There was nothing new to report.
- d. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. Pilot Dry Wells Project:

- John Lambie, EPUR gave a PowerPoint presentation on Mustang Creek.
 - Regarding Water Rights—There was nothing new to report.
- ii. Operations:
- Regarding Project Maintenance—Kevin Kauffman stated Hensley Paving is clearing out more brush and per the invoice submitted is 95 % complete.
- iii. The Proposed Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA:
- Regarding Water Supply – There is nothing new to report.

ITEM 6 In reference to discussion and possible action to contract with a new water consultant there is nothing new to report at this time.

ITEM 7 The East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority Updates:

- a. John Lambie gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the GSP; and
- b. John Lambie gave an update on the Groundwater Monitoring Program.

The Regular Meeting was closed at 945 a.m.

ITEM 8 Closed Session was called to order at 9:47 am to discuss the following item. No action was taken.
 A Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8) regarding Water Rights.
 The Agency Negotiator: Kevin Kauffman and Jeanne Zolezzi. The Negotiating Parties: Kevin Kauffman and Jeanne Zolezzi.

The Board provided Legal Counsel and Water Consultant with direction and no action was taken during closed session. Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned closed session at 10:05 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 10:06 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:07 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.

February 18, 2021

KAREN L. WHIPP
 EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK