

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

Thursday, February 17, 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 Tim Johnson, Norik Naraghi, and Wes Sperry

Directors Absent: Dexter Long and Al Rossini

Others Present: Joe Almo-California Farmers Water Coalition, Mike Day-Provost and Pritchard, Carl Evers-AgIS Capital, Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co., Michael Stack-Grizzley Farms, Jeff Hillberg-AgIS Capital, Mark Hodges-Hodges Farms, Kip Hudson-Hudson, Henderson and Company, John Lambie-EPUR, Maryse Suppigel -Hancock, Mike Wade-California Farmers Water Coalition, Karen Whipp-board secretary, (on-line), 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 Ty Angle, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, and Wes Sperry-Yes.**

Item 4 **2021 Eastside Water District Financial Audit**
Following the presentation of the 2021 financial audit by Kip Hudson of Hudson, Henderson and Company, it was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry and **carried unanimously** to accept the financial audit as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson – Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, and Wes Sperry-Yes.**

Item 5 **Power Point Presentation from the California Farm Water Coalition (CFCW)**
Mike Wade, the Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the various outreach programs CFCW is involved in to educate the public from education to farm tours for urban food bloggers, to consumer outreach, news media, and farm industry outreach. Mr. Wade said CFCW needs EWD's support to help continue this outreach.

Item 6 **East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:**
Sarah Woolf gave a GSP Update that included the following:

- A brief update on the current year budget planning and long-range budget planning with Turlock Irrigation District (TID) staff.
- DWR has plans to survey the entire Turlock Subbasin with the AEM technology.

- TID has filed a standard appropriate Water Rights for the Tuolumne River for potential water projects. This can have a positive affect for the EWD.
- The PIER is in progress.
- Following the board meeting today, Sarah will meet with three landowners whose land has been identified in the Turlock Subbasin GSP as “Replenishment Lands” and discuss how water can be utilized from Turlock Irrigation District when supplies are made available.
- Provost and Pritchard have submitted a proposal to perform a Due Diligence Review of the Upland Pipeline,
- Merced County’s Well Ordinance passed and will take affect May 1, 2022. An Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Tim Johnson, Ward Burroughs, and Norik Naraghi was formed to discuss the significance of the ordinance on Eastside Water District.
- Two board members from Ballico Cortez Water District, Eastside Water District, and Turlock Irrigation Water District have agreed to meet quarterly to discuss common water issues.

Item 7 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 10:10 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.

February 17, 2022

Karen Whipp

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK