

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
Thursday, November 19, 2020**

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, 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 It was moved by Wes Sperry, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 board meetings. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 4 The financial report showed \$3,216,658.55 as of October 31, 2020. It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented for November 2020 be paid. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-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 reported that there is no water available.
- b. Rouse Lake Area (North System) Any Landowner Update:
Kevin reported that there will be a brainstorm session November 24 with people working on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Rouse Lake will be included in the discussion.
- c. Grizzly Nut Ranch F-1 Gate and Other Pilot Projects:
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a report on data collection and the current progress on the project.
 - ii. Regarding TID Water out to F-1 Drain and Testing Completed Parjana EGRP Phase II – John Lambie gave a brief update.
 - iii. There was a brief update on TID water and LRGNR flush water options.
- d. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. Pilot Dry Wells Project:
 - John Lambie gave an update on the well permitting status, stating they were approved. John shared the project costs of Sierra Hydraulics and EPUR that the board approved in October. He stated that Torrent Resources was ready to proceed with their work.
 - Regarding Water Rights- The board directed Jeanne Zolezzi to talk with an engineer and see what would be the best direction to go in pursuing water rights.

- ii. Operations:
 - Regarding Project Maintenance- Hensley Tractor Services has mowed Mustang Creek and will begin taking out brush.
- iii. Regarding the Proposed Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA:
 - It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried unanimously** to adopt a Negative Declaration for the Proposed Upland Pipeline Project. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**
 - Regarding Water Supply – Consider Merced ID Long-term Water Transfer Offer – It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ward Burroughs, and **carried unanimously** to **consider** an offer from Merced Irrigation District to purchase up to 1,000 (one thousand) acre feet for ten (10) years.

ITEM 6 The East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority Updates:

- a. Kevin Kauffman gave the GSP Update stating there was a meeting today to discuss water budgets;
- b. John Lambie gave an update on the Groundwater Monitoring Program stating the date looks good; and
- c. Kevin Kauffman reported there was a Prop 218 Virtual Workshop at the rescheduled East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency board meeting on December 9 at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 7 The Regular Meeting was closed at 9:48 am.

ITEM 8 Closed Session was called to order at 9:49 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.

There being no further business Closed Session was adjourned at 10:24 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.

November 19, 2020 _____

Karen L. Whipp _____

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK