

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

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 9:00 AM

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380 and via Zoom.

Directors Present: Ty Angle, Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Maryse Suppiger

Directors Absent: Carl Evers III and Norik Naraghi.

Others Present: Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co., John Lambie-EPUR, Michael Stack-Landowner, Brian Powell-Wood Rodgers, Karen Whipp-EWD Board Secretary (on-line), Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager, Dirk Ulrich-Ballico Cortez Water District Chairman, and Jeanne Zolezzi-Legal Counsel

Item 2 **Public Comment** – John Lambie said that the water supply strategies coming from the USDA were a good thing.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar:** It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dino Rossini, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **Report on Upland Pipeline – Sarah Woolf**
The final report is being delayed by a month due to scheduling a meeting with Merced Irrigation District. **This item was information only.**

Item 5 **Wood Rodgers Proposal for Evaluation of Replenishment Parcels off the Highline Canal**
The General Manager gave an update on the kick-off meeting. Wood Rodgers staff, TID staff, and landowners from Ballico Cortez and Eastside Water Districts attended the meeting. Wood Rodgers will be sending out a letter and survey to landowners and will follow up with a site visit. **This item was information only.**

Item 6 **Discuss Possible Policy for Financial Reimbursement to EWD Landowners for Infrastructure Projects Built to Expand Recharge and In-Lieu Water Use**
There was discussion about establishing a policy or a program that allows landowners who have property in EWD and Merced Irrigation District (MID) to obtain assistance to pay for infrastructure to separate their irrigation systems in order to obtain district water from MID on their property that is in MID. The board directed legal counsel to develop a policy for a Pilot Project to assist landowners with a budget not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).

Item 7 **Discuss and Possible Approval of Contract to Obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Mustang Creek**
Following a report to the board that Merced County does not have a permit to do the necessary cleaning for Mustang Creek, it was moved by Maryse Suppiger, seconded by Dexter Long, and **carried unanimously** to approve a contract with Blankinship and Associates, Inc., Ag and Environmental Science and Engineering, to obtain a National

Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Mustang Creek not to exceed eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500).

Item 8 **Investment Committee Update**

Maryse Suppiger, Treasurer and Wes Sperry gave an update on the return the district would receive, and recommended the EWD invest their funds through Raymond James, the Investment Firm from Farmers and Merchants (F and M) Bank with a 1.86% return. Maryse also reported the workshop September 1, at the Merced County Library sponsored by California Special Districts Association (CSDA) regarding the new California CLASS government investment pool was cancelled and there was no future workshop planned.

It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ty Angle, and **carried unanimously** to approve investing five million three hundred thousand dollars (\$5,300,000.00) with Raymond James, at a **0.25%** management fee.

Item 9 **East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:**

Sarah Woolf gave a GSP Update that included the following:

- An October Workshop is being planned to discuss ET data to track water use. It was recommended that an op ed be produced for Tim Johnson, EWD and possibly Dirk Ulrich, Ballico Cortez to sign encouraging landowners to attend the workshop.
- The Prop 68 grant is expected to be released in October. An Ad Hoc Committee is going to convene to discuss a list of projects.

Item 10 **Other Business**

Turlock Irrigation District is interested in partnering with EWD in their Turlock Lake Leakage Study. They are researching the cost of a model update for that study.

Item 11 **Closed Session**

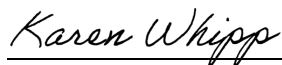
Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m.
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – 1 case.
No action was taken
Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 10:45 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson re-opened the regular meeting 11:16 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:17 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.

September 15, 2022



KAREN L. WHIPP
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK