

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

**Thursday, October 20, 2022, 9:00 AM**

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380 and via Zoom.

**Directors Present:** Ty Angle, Ward Burroughs (arrived at 9:10 am), Carl Evers III, Tim Johnson, Norik Naraghi (on-line), Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Maryse Suppiger.

**Directors Absent:** Dexter Long.

**Others Present:** Ken Braden-Landowner, Sarah Harper-Provost and Pritchard, John Lambie-EPUR (on-line), Betty Lindeman-Water and Land Solutions, Michael Stack-Landowner, Karen Whipp-EWD Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi-Legal Counsel.

**Item 2**            **Public Comment:** None.

**Item 3**            **Consent Calendar:** It was moved by Member Carl Evers, III, seconded by Member Dino Rossini, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Yes.**  
*Member Ward Burroughs arrived at 9:10 a.m. after the consent agenda was approved.*

**Item 4**            **Report on Upland Pipeline**  
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, introduce Sarah Harper, Provost and Pritchard, who gave the final report of Phase 1 the Upland Pipeline Study. Ms. Harper said the next steps would be to begin discussions with Merced Irrigation District about infrastructure needs. Ms. Harper will also prepare a Critical Path Evaluation that considers costs of the pipeline and bring that back to the board in November. There was also discussion about water availability from Sand, Mustang and Rock Creeks. Sara Harper will be putting together a proposal to look at water availability for purposes of Appropriative Water Rights on the creeks. **This item was information only.**

**Item 5**            **Wood Rodgers Evaluation of Replenishment Property off the Highline Canal**  
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, gave an update that staff is continuing to find additional landowner information. Sarah and Brian Powell, Wood Rodgers, attended a Ballico Cortez Water District (BCWD) board meeting to discuss the project and get information. Following the meeting, she and Brian Powell met with two landowners in the BCWD. More landowner meetings are planned for November. **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 nothing new to report on this item. **This item was information only.**

**Item 7**

**Discuss and Possible Approval of Contract to Obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Mustang Creek**

The General Manager reported that she, Tim Johnson, Board Chairman, and Stephen Burkholder, Blankinship and Associates, Inc., Ag and Environmental Science and Engineering, have toured Mustang Creek. Ms. Woolf also reported the district is on track for obtaining a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the creek.

John Lambie, EPUR reported that he is doing the final well sampling in November and will draft the report for Year 2 in December. **This item was information only.**

**Item 8**

**Investment Committee Update**

Maryse Suppiger, Treasurer gave an update that Raymond James, the Investment Firm from Farmers and Merchants (F and M) Bank accepted the .25% management fee. Ms. Suppiger stated the committee and the board secretary were in the process of setting up the account. **This item was information only.**

**Item 9**

**East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:**

Sarah Woolf, General Manager, gave a GSP Update that included the following:

- The October Workshop was well attended, with good input. There were 20 on-line attendees and 100 in-person attendees. Another workshop is planned for December.
- The Prop 68 grant was released. An Ad Hoc Committee has convened to develop a list of projects. The application is due November 30.
- At the last quarterly meeting with TID and Ballico Cortez Water District the discussion focused on the Prop 68 grant proposal and water availability in wet years.

**Item 10**

**Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

**Item 11**

**Closed Session**

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the Closed Session at 11:11 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 11:16 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson re-opened the regular meeting 11:36 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:40 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.

October 20, 2022

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KAREN L. WHIPP  
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK