

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

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 9:00 AM

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380 and via Zoom.

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

Directors Absent: Dexter Long.

Others Present: Matt Brady (on-line) Mike Day (on-line), Chase Hurley-Water and Land Solutions, John Lambie-EPUR, Brian Powell-Wood Rodgers (on-line), Ken & Karen Rapp-Landowners, Kristy Robison-Water Wise (on-line), Michael Stack-Landowner, Karen Whipp-EWD Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi-Legal Counsel,.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** Michael Stack commented that the ETS GSA workshop was good, but he was disappointed in the turn out. John Lambie, EPUR had public comment regarding his public input at the November meeting regarding the Voluntary Agreements. He is concerned that San Francisco may not have enough water under the proposed agreements.

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

Item 4 **Watershed Management**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, informed the board that the watershed proposal from Provost & Pritchard will be discussed in January or February after the work on the accounting framework is completed. That work may inform the ultimate contract with P&P. **This item was information only.**

Item 5 **Wood Rodgers Evaluation of Replenishment Property off the Highline Canal**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, and Brian Powell, Wood Rodgers, gave an update on landowner survey visits. Landowners with acreage in the following categories: 1) 2,200 acres that are ready to receive Replenishment Water, 2) 900 acres that want to be connected. There are still a few landowners that need to be contacted. **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**
a. It was moved by Member Ty Angle, seconded by Member Maryse Suppiger, and **carried unanimously** to approve the draft Infrastructure Reimbursement Policy, subject to changes requested by the board to be incorporated by Jeanne Zolezzi. **Roll**

Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Yes.

- b. Regarding the review and approval of infrastructure projects submitted for connectivity to surface water supply for the purposes of decreasing groundwater pumping:
- 1 landowner presented a project. There is a possibility they are in the WTS GSA. The EWD will work with them to see if TID can provide them assistance.
 - Staff will develop a ranking system to review projects at the January board meeting.

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 the permit for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for Mustang Creek has been filed. **This item was information only.**

Item 8 Investment Committee Update

Maryse Suppiger, Treasurer said there was nothing new to report and will become a quarterly report now that the investment account has been set up. **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 Prop 68 Grant Round 2 application was being submitted tomorrow, December 16, and we should hear if the GSA was awarded in March. The proposal was for \$20 million. It will be ranked by priorities. A letter of support on behalf of Eastside Water District was signed by the board chairman and submitted with the proposal.
- The December 13 Management Workshop included topics on ET and discussion on meters, credits and carryovers. There were good questions. The attendance was less than the previous workshop. The next workshop is in March.

Item 10 Review of General Manager Contract

The General Manager requested that her contract be authorized for six (6) months. Then beginning in June 2023, her contract be reviewed annually, when the budget is reviewed. It was moved by Member Ty Angle, seconded by Member Maryse Suppiger and **carried unanimously** to approve the General Manager's request to authorize her contract for the next six months, December 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023, to coincide with the adoption of the annual budget, and to increase her monthly income to \$8,000.00 (eight thousand dollars) with \$500 (five hundred dollars) in travel expenses. **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Yes.**

Item 11 Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Item 12

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:38 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 11:04 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson re-opened the regular meeting at 11:04 a.m.

The board directed the secretary to prepare a list of costs of all the Diffused Surface Water Projects the Eastside Water District has paid for the January board meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:06 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.

December 15, 2022

KAREN L. WHIPP
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK