

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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, Dino Rossini, and Maryse Suppiger.

Directors Absent: Dexter Long, Norik Naraghi, and Wes Sperry.

Others Present: Rosie Burroughs-Burroughs Farms, Eric Harckson-Harckson Farms, Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co, Betty Hurley Lindeman-Water and Land Solutions, John Lambie-EPUR, Brian Powell-Wood Rodgers (on-line), Ken Rapp-Landowner, Chad Rice-Deep Root Distribution, Kristi 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:** Rosie Burroughs, landowner stated she appreciated all the work the board has been doing.

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

Item 4 **Watershed Update**

- a. Regarding Merced Irrigation District infrastructure improvements; they are not ready to implement yet, but will keep Eastside Water District in mind.
- b. Sarah Woolf, General Manager, informed the board that the watershed analysis proposal from Provost & Pritchard will be discussed in 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**

Brian Powell, Wood Rodgers, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Phase 1 of the TID Historical Replenishment Parcels. Identified 30 farms and made contact with 19 farms. After an on-site inspection, 11 farms are determined to be ready to accept 2023 TID replenishment water, 7 have a side gate, but are not connected. These are potentials for Phase 2. One organic farm can't accept surface water due to planted crop. Farms were ranked using a neutral, transparent decision-support tool. The next step is to begin Phase 2 based on EWD and ETS GSA input. **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**

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed comprised of Ty Angle, Carl Evers, III, Tim Johnson, and Dino Rossini to meet in early February to review the infrastructure projects submitted by landowners and rank them. The committee will bring their recommendations back to the board at the February board meeting.

Item 7

Update on Mustang Creek

- a. The General Manager reported we are still waiting on the approval of the permit for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for Mustang Creek that was filed. **This item was information only.**
- b. The General Manager said in light of the January storms and flooding that occurred, the EWD and TID are working on an Operations Agreement regarding the side gate, and drainage pump at Mustang Creek. **This item was information only.**
- c. Due to the storms the battery backup failed, and a battery backup upgrade was installed. **This item was information only.**

Item 8

Loan Agreement Between Eastside Water District and East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

The board reviewed the loan agreement for Phase 1 and 2 Water Accounting work with the law firm EKI, a Prop 218 Study and possibly other budget shortfalls. The loan terms must be agreed upon within 6 months of signing the loan agreement.

Item 9

East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:

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

- a. The Prop 68 Grant Round 2 application were submitted December 16, and we should hear if the GSA was awarded in late summer. The proposal was for \$20 million. It will be ranked by priorities
- b. The next workshop is March 7. The focus will be pumping management.
- c. Accounting Framework will be discussed in closed session.

Item 10

Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Item 12

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the Closed Session 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.

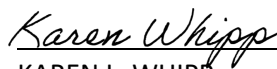
Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 10:35 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson Opened the regular meeting at 10:55 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:55 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.

January 19, 2023



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK