

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

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 9:00 AM

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 Tim Johnson, Norik Naraghi (on-line), Wes Sperry, and Maryse Suppiger (on-line).

Directors Absent: Dexter Long and Dino Rossini.

Others Present: Rosie Burroughs-Burroughs Farms, Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co, Sara Harper- Provost and Pritchard, (on-line), Chase Hurley -Water and Land Solutions (on-line), John Lambie-EPUR, Justine Pitts-Landowner, Michael Stack-Landowner Matt Brady (online), Karen Whipp-EWD Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi-Legal Counsel.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

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

Item 4 **Watershed Update**

- a. Regarding Merced Irrigation District infrastructure improvements; there were no updates.
- b. There was a brief discussion regarding Phase 2 of the Upland Pipeline Project, which includes an evaluation of the frequency and magnitude of available surplus water supplies from Dry, Sand and Mustang Creeks for potential appropriation through temporary and/or standard water rights from the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights. It was moved by Member Ty Angle, seconded by Member Ward Burroughs and **carried unanimously** to approve the Phase 2 contract with Provost and Pritchard of the Upland Pipeline Project for an amount not to exceed sixty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$67,800.00). **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Yes.**

Item 5 **Wood Rodgers Evaluation of Replenishment Property off the Highline Canal**

- a. Phase 1 of the Final Report was briefly reviewed. There was discussion that properties that are ready to be connected to the canal and receive water should be part of the ranking. **This item was information only.**
- b. Phase 2 of the project was discussed and it was recommended by the General Manager to do Tasks 6, 7a and 7b of Phase 2, which would be a Feasibility Study. It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Ty Angle and **carried unanimously** to approve Tasks 6, 7a and 7b of Phase 2 for an amount not to exceed seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,886.00). **Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Yes.**

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 further discussion about criteria and cost benefit. The Ad Hoc Committee would meet before the March board meeting and bring their recommendations back to the board.

Item 7 **Update on Mustang Creek**

- a. The General Manager reported the permit for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for Mustang Creek has been received. She is working to find a company to do a cleaning in the Spring after the rains. **This item was information only.**
- b. The General Manager said that DWR is working on a date to come and inspect the dam. They are still working on a date to meet with TID to develop an operational agreement. **This item was information only.**
- c. John Lambie, EPUR, gave a report on the Year 2 water quality testing for the Gravity Downwells/Vertical Drains Recharge Pilot Study. **This item was information only.**

Item 8 **Multi Benefit Land Repurposing (MLRP)**
The Department of Conservation has opened Round 2 of a funding opportunity. Applications are due March 29, 2023. The ETS GSA must submit the grant proposal. There was discussion that Eastside Water District wants to be a partner and will encourage the GSA to submit a proposal.

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 had 82 applications submitted. We should hear if the GSA was awarded in late summer.
- b. The next workshop is March 7. The focus will be pumping management. Postcards and a pilot pumping program application are being mailed.
- c. The GSA approved the EWD loan. It was moved by Member Carl Evers, III, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and **carried** to approve the loan retroactively in the amount of four hundred thirty-one thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars (\$431,532.00)/
Roll Call Vote: Ty Angle-Abstain, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Norik Naraghi-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Maryse Suppiger-Yes.
- d. 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 10:30 a.m.

Item 11 **Closed Session**
Chairman Tim Johnson opened the Closed Session meeting at 10:30 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 10:50 a.m.
Chairman Tim Johnson Opened the regular meeting at 10:51 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:52 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.

February 16, 2023

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