

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

Thursday, March 16, 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 Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry (*arrived 9:05 am*), and Maryse Suppiger.

Directors Absent: Norik Naraghi.

Others Present: Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co, Kip Hudson-Hudson, Henderson and Company, Chase Hurley -Water and Land Solutions, John Lambie-EPUR, Justine Pitts-Landowner, Brian Powell-Wood Rodgers (on-line), Brent Stout – Stout Farms, Michael Stack-Landowner, Matt Brady-Landowner (online), Chad Rice-Landowner, 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 Dexter Long, seconded by Member Carl Evers, III, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar. (*Member Wes Sperry arrived after the approval of the consent agenda.*)

Item 4 **Eastside Water District 2021-2022 Fiscal Audit**
The independent auditor, Kip Hudson of Hudson, Henderson, and Company presented the 2021-2022 financial audit to the board. He found no findings and the board had no questions. The audit will be on the April agenda for adoption.

Item 5 **Investment Committee Update**
Maryse Suppiger, Board Treasurer stated that she had signed and submitted all the paper work needed to complete the process to invest the funds with Raymond James. The Board Secretary reported that she spoke with the Financial Advisor to ask a question about transferring funds and he asked when the final documents would be signed. A decision was made to investigate other investment companies and report back to the board.

Item 6 **Wood Rodgers Evaluation of Replenishment Property off the Highline Canal**
Phase 1 of the Final Report would be presented in April. The ranking of additional properties was done in Phase 2 and completed prior to the board meeting. That ranking was utilized by the Ad Hoc Reimbursement Committee earlier in the week. **This item was information only.**

Item 7 **Discuss Possible Policy for Financial Reimbursement to EWD Landowners for Infrastructure Projects Built to Expand Recharge and In-Lieu Water Use**
The Ad Hoc Committee met March 13 before the board meeting and brought their recommendations back to the board. Following review and discussion of the recommendations, it was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Carl Evers, III and **carried unanimously** to pay for fifty percent (50%) of the infrastructure costs for the following projects: Daniel-JD Almond, Cal Mast, and Starn Family Farms.

Item 8 **Update on Mustang Creek**

The General Manager was unable to meet with DWR for a site visit. However, DWR was able to inspect the dam. They were unable to get to the backside of the basin and will do that on the next visit most likely next year. There was a meeting with TID to discuss an operational agreement. Talking points prepared by legal counsel were presented to them. TID agrees there needs to be coordination, but they want to control the gate. **This item was information only.**

Item 9 **Multi Benefit Land Repurposing (MLRP)**

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Dexter Long and **carried unanimously** to approve a letter of support for the Department of Conservation grant for Multi-benefit Land Repurposing projects submitted by the ETS GSA.

Item 10 **East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:**

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

- a. The workshop was March 7. The focus was pumping management. Approximately 100 people attended the workshop. The pilot pumping program was promoted and there were many who signed up for the program. It was recommended that the next workshop be in late June then October or November.
- b. A draft RFP is being prepared for the Prop 218 and a Groundwater Pumping Fee for ETSGSA.
- c. The Accounting Framework was discussed at the quarterly TID meeting.

Item 11 **Other Business**

Maryse also shared with the board at that time she was stepping down from the board due to a new job. With this board vacancy a notice will be posted. Additionally, all existing board members will be notified of the rules and regulations for being a board member after they are reviewed by Jeanne Zolezzi.

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

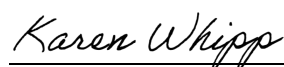
Item 12 **Closed Session**

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the Closed Session meeting at 10:37 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 10:39 a.m.
Chairman Tim Johnson Opened the regular meeting at 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.

March 16, 2023



KAREN L. WHIPP
EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK