

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

Thursday, May 18, 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 Wes Sperry.

Directors Absent: Dexter Long and Norik Naraghi.

Others Present: Alberto Flores-KL Whipp and Co, John Lambie-EPUR (on-line), Betty Lindeman Hurley-Landowner, Deep Root-Landowner, Michael Stack-Landowner, Todd Turley-Landowner, Karen Whipp-EWD Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf-EWD General Manager and Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel.

Emergency Circumstance

Board Member Carl Evers, III emailed the Board Secretary at 7:55 a.m. Thursday, May 18 that he was ill and could not attend the meeting in person. He made a request to attend the meeting remotely. At the board meeting Member Evers, showed the board that he was able to participate through both audio and visual technology. He stated that he was the only person in the room. **It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Ty Angle, and carried unanimously** to allow Member Carl Evers, III attend the meeting as a voting member.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** Michael Stack, Grizzly Ranch reported that he met with Mike Teitze, General Manager of the East Turlock Subbasin GSA about the Groundwater Pumping Pilot Program. Grizzly Ranch has a new and old well in the program. He expressed his concern about the need to clarify at the next workshop that the reduction to pump water is a GSA wide number.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar**
It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **Resolution to Appoint New Board Member**
The General Manger reported that the Ad Hoc Committee (Chairman Tim Johnson, Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry, Treasurer Ward Burroughs, and Carl Evers) interviewed the three candidates that submitted letters of interest. **It was moved by Member Wes Sperry, seconded by Member Ward Burroughs, and carried unanimously** to adopt Resolution 2023-01 appointing Todd Turley as board member through December 1, 2023.

Item 5 **Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Eastside Water District Budget**
The General Manager reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget with the board. There will be a final review in June before adoption.

Item 6

Highline Connection Update

The General Manager reported that the Daniel's property project is almost completed. The project on Cal Mast's property is moving forward. **This item was information only.**

Item 7

Mustang Creek

- a. The Dry Well Pilot Project Final Report is near completion.
- b. Torrent is waiting for the land to dry out from the rain event to clean out the Dry Well.
- c. The General Manager met with Allied Weed Control and they will begin spraying for weed maintenance in the next week.

Item 8

Flood Control Projects with Turlock Irrigation District (TID)

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services has funds for flood control projects. The General Manager has met with TID to discuss projects such as: Rouse Lake, Mustang Detention Dam, a replacement pump where Mustang Creek and the Highline Canal connect, as well as connections above Turlock Lake for water supply access off the Main Canal to properties within the district.

Item 9

East Turlock Subbasin GSA Update:

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

- a. The Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Grant Proposal was submitted to the Department of Conservation. There was an interview May 11. Several partners gave a 15-minute presentation followed by a 1-hour question and answer session.
- b. The Prop 218 and a Groundwater Pumping Fee RFP was released. The GSA is waiting for responses from firms.
- c. Mike Tietze gave an in-depth review of the 2023-2024 budget monthly expenditures with cash flow projections at the TAC meeting. He made some budget adjustments to end with a positive balance at the end of the fiscal year in June 2024. He will bring this presentation to the board at their May meeting next week.
- d. The Accounting Framework will be discussed in Closed Session.
- e. To date there are 14 applicants for the Groundwater Pumping Pilot Program. Mike Tietze is out meeting with the landowners who signed up for the pilot program.

Item 10

Other Business

The board chairman asked that an item on Water Rights Updates be added as a regular agenda item.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Item 11

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the Closed Session meeting at 10:21 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 11:00 am.

Chairman Tim Johnson Opened the regular meeting at 11:01 am.

There being no further business, Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.

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.

May 18, 2023

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK