

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

June 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry 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, Carl Evers III, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley

Directors Absent: Ward Burroughs and Norik Naraghi

Others Present: Sam Cunningham-Provost and Pritchard, Alberto Flores – KL Whipp & Co., Sara Harper - Provost and Pritchard (online), Chase Hurley, Tim Johnson (on-line as a listening member of the public), John Lambie-EPUR, Katie Stack, Cameron White, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi- Legal Counsel.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar**
It was moved by Vice-Chair Wes Sperry, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers, III and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Eastside Water District Budget**
General Manager Sarah Woolf reviewed the budget provided, saying there had been no modifications since last month’s discussions. The GSA is recommending a budget with a possible deficit of \$400,000 next week to their board. They are hopeful the 218 will finalize soon enough and be sent out early enough to receive income that can be applied to next year’s budget. In the event the 218 does not pass, Sarah recommends that \$200,000 be put in our cash call for the GSA. Discussion followed. **It was moved by Board Member Dexter Long seconded by Board Member Todd Turley seconded,** to adopt the 2023-2024 Eastside Water District budget. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Item 5 **Review and Discussion of Resolution 2023-02 for Adoption in July for the Ordering of the Levy and Collection of Water Charges of the Diffused Surface Water Project Capital Fee, Maintenance Fee, and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Fee for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year**
Sarah Woolf reviewed the resolution and explained that these are all the 218 fees being collected in the EWD, including the Capital Fee, for capital improvements. Discussion followed about a postcard going out to the landowners letting them know about the charges. The board would like a letter sent out as a follow-up, detailing the loan to ETSGSA and details about the different fees. Sarah Woolf stated she would discuss the specifics with the board secretary. **It was moved by Board Member Carl Evers, III, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry,** to adopt Resolution 2023-02 ordering of the levy and collection of water charges of the Diffused Surface Water Project capital fee,

maintenance fee, and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency fee for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Item 6

Highline Connection Update

Sarah Woolf reported that Ballico funded two projects that are beginning to take water today. The Daniel's project is connected but is waiting on power, which should be supplied sometime this week. **This item was information only.**

Item 7

Mustang Creek

John Lambie submitted the Dry Well Pilot Final Report, which was included in the board packet. It will continue to be reviewed by General Manager Sarah Woolf as well as other board members. It should be submitted to the regional board within the next 30 days and get a final ruling. John said the executive summary provides a good general overview of the document. He offered to answer any questions the board had. Discussion followed. No action was taken and discussion will continue at next month's meeting. **This item was information only.**

Item 8

Updates on Water Rights

Sara Harper, Provost and Pritchard, reviewed the in-depth PowerPoint presentation with the board. Ms. Harper reviewed the project overview and evaluation of water availability. She presented a table showing approaches to evaluate which types of water rights they recommend for clients. Ms. Harper offered to answer any questions and discussion followed. Sarah Woolf will be sending a copy of the presentation to board members. **This item was information only.**

Item 9

Flood Control Governor's Office of Emergency Service Funded Projects with Turlock Irrigation District

Sarah Woolf stated that the meeting went very well; their group approved of the project list that was presented and added one project item to the list involving a location on the west side of their system. Some of the projects on the list include pumping facilities at the end of Mustang Creek, and enlarging the drain on the Mustang detention dam. **This item was information only.**

Item 10

East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update

- a. Multi Benefit Land Repurposing Grant Proposal – still waiting for the announcement.
- b. Prop 218 Groundwater Pumping Fee – there will be a kick off meeting next week with staff to discuss approach.
- c. Workshop – Tuesday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the progress of the pilot pumping program.
- d. 2023/24 DRAFT GSA Budget – bringing to the board for approval at next meeting.
- e. Accounting Framework – to be discussed in closed session.
- f. Groundwater Pumping Pilot Program – encouraging Mike to contact participants of the June 27th workshop.

These items were information only.

Item 11

Review General Manager Contract

Sarah Woolf stated the current contract expires at the end of June. The new contract is the same as last year's. **It was moved by Board Member Ty Angle and seconded by Board**

Member Carl Evers, III to approve the one-year contract renewal. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 12

Other Business

Sarah Woolf expanded on the Merced Irrigation District supplies that were purchased, noting that the District has 1,770-acre feet with four distribution locations. The meeting with farmers in the Dry Creek area went very well and they are looking at ways to take more water this year. **This item was information only.**

Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry closed the regular meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Item 13

Closed Session

Member Wes Sperry opened the closed session at 10:43 a.m.
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case No Action was taken.
Vice-Chair Wes Sperry closed the Closed Session at 10:53 a.m.
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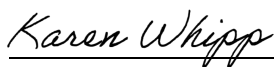
Item 14

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry 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.

June 15, 2023



(notes provided by Sarah Woolf)

KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK