

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

July 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA. 95380 and via Zoom.

Directors Present: Ty Angle (arrived at 9:27 am), Ward Burroughs (on-line) Carl Evers III, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, and Wes Sperry.

Directors Absent: Norik Naraghi and Todd Turley.

Others Present: Kody Cardoza – Water and Land Solutions, Cherie Escobar – landowner, Alberto Flores – KL Whipp & Co., Chase Hurley – Water and Land Solutions, Spence Tucker – landowner, Rodney Voumard – landowner, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, 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 Dexter Long, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers, III and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar. Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry-Yes.

Item 4 **Report from Mike Wade, Executive Director, California Farm Water Coalition**
Mr. Wade was unable to attend the meeting.

Item 5 **Levy and Collection of Water Charges 2023-2024**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager reviewed the letter that will be sent out to landowners as a follow-up to the postcard. The letter will explain the loan to ETSGSA and details about the different fees. **This item was information only.**

Item 6 **Highline Connection Update**
Sarah Woolf reported that both the Daniel’s and Mast projects are connected and taking water. She also stated another landowner who did not receive funds from the project, but is in the Eastside Water District, is also taking water from the Highline Canal. **This item was information only.**

Item 7 **Dry Well Next Steps**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, submitted a written report to the board. Water quality remained excellent over the two-year pilot program. There are issues with the degradation of the down wells due to silt. The designer of the down wells is working on a two-fold solution of cleaning out the current wells and a new design. The board directed staff to submit the final report to the Regional Water Quality Board, to work with Torrent Resources to clean out the existing down wells and design a modification to the

wells for future mitigation of clogging from fine sediment, and to continue to spray Mustang Creek for weed control. **This item was information only.**

Item 8 Flood Control Governor’s Office of Emergency Service Funded Projects with Turlock Irrigation District

Sarah Woolf said that she and TID met with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) two weeks ago and gave them their list of projects. Although they did not offer any funding for projects, the did discuss CEQA waivers, especially for the enlarging the Mustang Creek Dam and Turlock Lake turnouts. **This item was information only.**

Item 9 East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update

- a. Multi Benefit Land Repurposing Grant Proposal – the ETS GSA was awarded \$8.89 million. They will begin meeting with partners in August.
- b. Prop 218 Groundwater Pumping Fee – There was a kick off meeting. A board workshop has also been set for 1 pm on Wednesday, August 16. The public will be invited.
- c. Workshop –The June 27 was well attended. The pilot portal was demonstrated. At the July Technical Advisory Committee meeting two companies gave presentations of an active dashboard for landowners. After the pilot program is complete, there will be a follow-up work shop scheduled, probably some time in October.
- d. 2023/24 GSA Budget – The budget was adopted with a deficit.
- e. Accounting Framework – To be discussed in closed session.
- f. Groundwater Pumping Pilot Program – There are currently 15 participants in the program.

These items were information only.

Item 10 Other Business

There was no other business. **This item was information only.**

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Item 11 Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 9:56 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.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 10:23 a.m.

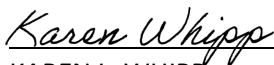
Chairman Tim John opened the regular meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Item 12 Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:24 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.

July 20, 2023



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK