

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

August 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA. 95380 and via Zoom.

Directors Present: Ty Angle, Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, and Wes Sperry (arrived following the Consent Agenda) and Todd Turley.

Directors Absent: Norik Naraghi.

Others Present: Nicole Bona – Manual Life Investment, Carl Evers, III (on-line as public) Alberto Flores – KL Whipp & Co., Betty Hurley Lindeman – Water and Land Solutions, Michael Stack– landowner, Mike Wade -California Farm Water Coalition, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi- Legal Counsel (on-line).

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

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

Item 4 **Report from Mike Wade, Executive Director, California Farm Water Coalition**
Mr. Wade gave a presentation on two handouts; the quarterly report, the Farm Water Update, and their 2022-2023 Summary Report of their program Cultivate California. Cultivate California is an ongoing public outreach and education program for California consumers to make the connection between farm water and our food supply. He also reported that their Coalition has been working with other agencies to oppose the four State water rights bills that have gone through the Legislation this past year.

Item 5 **Resolution of the Eastside Water District Board of Directors**
It was moved by Board Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Board Member Dino Rossini, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-03 confirming a board vacancy and to recognize the contribution of Norik Naraghi to the Board of Directors and District.

Item 6 **Surface Water Supply Usage**
Sarah Woolf, General Manger reported on the following:
a. Replenishment Water: 2,400 acre-feet have been received from Turlock Irrigation District. This is 200 acre-feet more than in the previous year and the irrigation season is not over. It should be noted that two of the biggest projects came on-line in July. The landowners will be encouraged to take more water and put the water into ponds or creeks on their property, onto Sand Creek. The board also directed staff to talk to a realtor about a potential property that may be available for purchase to near the Highline Canal and Sand Creek that could be used for recharge.

- b. Merced Irrigation District Water: Staff has met with landowners who can take water. Started late July 432 acre-feet has been taken.

This item was information only.

Item 7

East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update

- a. Multi Benefit Land Repurposing Grant Proposal – the ETS GSA was awarded \$8.89 million. They have begun meeting with partners and are working on budgets. The agreement with the Department of Conservation has not been received yet. We also have a contact person that we will be working with.
- b. Prop 218 and Groundwater Pumping Fee – Ms. Woolf, General Manager, reviewed the presentation from the August 16 workshop with the board. The board stated that the administration budget needs to be increased.
- c. Groundwater Pumping Pilot Program – Savannah Tjaden (Formation Environmental), is working meeting with landowners that are participating in the Pilot Program. Staff is also working on an agreement with LandIQ so the GSA can start receiving data.
- d. Accounting Framework – To be discussed in closed session.

These items were information only.

Item 8

Other Business

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

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Item 11

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 11:05 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 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Tim John opened the regular meeting at 11:15 a.m.

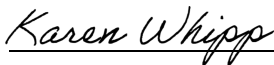
Item 12

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:16 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.

August 17, 2023



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK