

**EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**



**Agenda of the Special Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of  
East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

**CORTEZ HALL**

**12937 North Cortez Avenue  
Turlock, California 95380**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Ward Burroughs, Eastside Water District Chairman  
Tim Johnson, Eastside Water District Alternate and Treasurer  
Dirk Ulrich, Ballico-Cortez Water District and Vice Chairman  
Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Alternate  
Lloyd Pareira, Merced County  
Lacey McBride, Merced County Alternate  
Hicham ElTal, Merced Irrigation District  
Matt Beaman, Merced Irrigation District Alternate  
Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County  
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Alternate

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it be placed on a future agenda.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Action to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023 Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular board meeting.
- b. Action to approve the Letter of Support for USDA NRCS On-Farm Trials Conservation Innovation Grant application by UC Davis and ILRP Coalitions.

**4. TREASURY REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Action to accept the Treasurer's Report, monthly budget report and approve the payment of the November 2023 bills as presented.

**5. LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT**

Discussion and possible action to approve and development of a loan agreement between East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Eastside Water District.

**6. PROPOSITION 218 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND FEE PROGRAM**

Status update regarding the Proposition 218 Benefit Assessment and Fee Program and underlying budget estimates, and discussion regarding options and recommended changes to address comments from JPA member agencies, and completion of an Engineer's Report.

**7. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS REGARDING GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION AND MEASUREMENT OF CONSUMPTIVE GROUNDWATER USE**

Update on Policies, Rules, and Regulations regarding to support the Proposition 218 Benefit Assessment and Fee Program.

**8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING AND UPDATES**

At this time, Board members will discuss and may take action on other GSP matters of concern, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a. Schedule for Implementation Support Activities through April 2024
- b. Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program Update
- c. Planning-Level Forecast of Projects and Management Actions
- d. Tracking of Grant Pursuits
- e. Replenishment Water Update
- f. Groundwater Monitoring Program Update
- g. Pumping Management Pilot Program and Data Discovery/Needs Assessment Update

**9. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Lauren Layne/Kaitlin Harr will provide a report to the board on legal items that could affect the agency and its member entities. Discussion item only.

- a. Turlock Subbasin Proposed Water Accounting Framework
- b. Legislation

**10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Legislative Body.

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**11. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case).

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled board meeting is a joint workshop/board meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

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