

**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**

Thursday, January 25, 2024– 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

Action to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular board meeting.

4. TREASURY REPORT, PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CASH FLOW ANALYSIS

Action to accept:

- a. The Treasurer's Report, monthly budget report;
- b. Transfer **\$29,854.79** for the SCI Consulting invoice from December and the January invoice for Proposition 218 Fee/Assessment work, and **\$87,938.30** for the Land IQ's invoice for January 2024, and Invoice for March - November 2023 from the Eastside Water District Loan Fund into the General Fund; and
- c. Approve the payment of the January 2024 bills as presented.

In addition, presentation and discussion of the FY 2023/2024 budget status and cash flow analysis.

5. PROPOSITION 218 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

- a. Review and discuss the changes in the Engineer's Report regarding irrigated and non-irrigated fee/assessment based on landowner workshops.
- b. Review and consider taking action to accept the Engineer's Report for the proposed Proposition 218 assessments.
- c. Review and consider taking action to set a public hearing on the Proposition 218 assessments for April 2, 2024 at a time to be determined, and authorize the mailing of ballots.

6. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PROPOSITION 218 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Discussion and possible action to direct finalization of Policies, Rules, and Regulations to support the Proposition 218 Benefit Assessment Program, including definitions of irrigated and non-irrigated parcels, calculation of benefit assessment amounts, and appeals procedures.

7. MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM SUPPORT CONTRACTS AND FINANCE WORKFLOWS

Discussion on planning and implementation of the MLRP Block Grant program. Review and consider authorization to release a Request for Proposals for a consultant to manage the MLRP plan development process. Review and consider authorization to execute services agreements with MLRP teaming partners.

8. GROUNDWATER USE PORTAL DEVELOPMENT

Presentation regarding the status, findings, upcoming work to develop a full-scale Groundwater Use Portal. Discuss and consider authorization of a proposed procurement for development of full-scale portal that involves TAC review and delegation of authorization authority to the TAC.

9. DWR GSP DETERMINATION LETTER

Discussion and request for direction from the Board regarding the GSP determination letter received from the DWR that finds the Turlock Subbasin GSP incomplete, and proposed actions to address deficiencies.

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10. 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
- b. Tracking of Grant Pursuits
- c. Update on Replenishment Water
- d. Update on Groundwater Monitoring Program

11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – BAKER MANOCK & JENSEN

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

12. 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.

13. 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).

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled board meeting is a joint workshop/board meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

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