

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

**February 15, 2024, 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:** Ward Burroughs, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley.

**Directors Absent:** Ty Angle Carl Evers, III, and Dino Rossini

**Others Present:** Julia Campos – landowner, Alberto Flores – KL Whipp & Co., Nelson Furtado – Naraghi Farms, Lilliana Selke – Legal Counsel, Michael Stack – landowner, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary and Sarah Woolf- General Manager.

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

**Item 3**            **Consent Calendar**  
**It was moved by Board Member Dexter Long, seconded by Board Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar.

**Item 4**            **Election of Officers**  
**It was moved by Board Member Dexter Long, seconded by Board Member Todd Turley, and carried unanimously** to keep the current officers: Tim Johnson, Chairman; Wes Sperry, Vice-Chairman; and Ward Burroughs, Treasurer.

**Item 5**            **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2023-2024 Schedule**  
Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported on conversations with one landowner who is very interested in participating in the program. His project is contingent on working with a neighboring landowner. The General Manager worked with Mr. Navarro and the neighboring landowner, John Van Ruler who submitted an application and one bid. Mr. Van Ruler is working on getting a second bid. Following board discussion, **it was moved by Board Member Wes Sperry, seconded by Board Member Ward Burroughs, and carried unanimously** to pay for fifty percent (50%) of the infrastructure costs for the Van Ruler and Navarro projects.

Ms. Woolf also reported there is another potential project in the future involving extending pipeline to a pond. The board directed the board secretary to provide a Surface Water spreadsheet for the 2023 Irrigation Season at the March board meeting showing the total acre foot of water used per landowner, and the amount EWD paid per land owner.

**Item 6**            **East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update**  
a. GSP Deficiencies - The General Manager reported that following the Deficiency Letter the ETS/WTS GSAs received from DWR, staff had a meeting with DWR. She stated that the meeting went well and that they were specific on the areas that needed more

details. DWR was very helpful and answered all of the GSA's questions. Ms. Woolf provided a budget estimate to address the deficiencies and revise the GSP: \$387,560.

- b. Multi Benefit Land Repurposing Grant– The General Manager said she had no update. She reported that Len Mason is continuing to meet with landowners to better understand their topography and the type of project that would fit into the program. The RFP for the consultant to prepare the MLRP Plan was released to three firms following January 25 board meeting. It is due March 1.
- c. Prop 218 and Groundwater Pumping Fee – To date the GSA has received 127 ballots which will be opened at the April 2 Public Hearing.
- d. Prop 218 Meetings with EWD Landowners – The General Manager and Board Members reviewed landowners they have talked to about Proposition 218, and those they need to talk to.
- e. Land IQ Rollout- At the February 6,2024 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Pumping Management Framework Interviews, Joel Kimmelshue, Land IQ gave a presentation on the use of evapotranspiration (ET) data. He explained how the data and tracking of the consumptive groundwater use interfaces with an internet-based pumping management platform. Following his presentation, three companies gave presentations and answered questions pertaining to the development of software to support the Implementation of a Pumping Management Framework for the GSA. In March, An Hoc Committee will make a recommendation to the Technical Advisory Committee on which company to go with, and in turn make a recommendation to the board. There was discussion about which of the three companies would be the most interactive for landowners.
- f. GSA Policy Development– Policies and procedures are being reviewed by legal counsel.
- g. Accounting Framework – To be discussed in closed session.

**These items were information only.**

#### **Item 7**

#### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m.

#### **Item 8**

#### **Closed Session**

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 10:37 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 2 cases. No action was taken.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 11:10 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 11:10 a.m.

#### **Item 9**

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 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.

February 15, 2024

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK