

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

May 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA. 95380 and via Zoom.

Directors Present: Cody Alldrin, Ward Burroughs (on-line), Carl Evers III, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley (*arrived 9:20 am during Item 6*).

Directors Absent: Dexter Long.

Others Present: Ken Braden – landowner(on-line), Julia Campos – landowner (on-line), Alberto Flores – KL Whipp & Co., Loren Haile – landowner, Pam Haile – landowner, David Richmond - landowner, Michael Stack – landowner, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi – Legal Counsel.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** Loren and Pam Haile expressed their concern to the board about the expansion of a company in Eastside Water District.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar**
It was moved by Board Member Carl Evers III, seconded by Board Member Wes Sperry, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar, except for Item 3c, Action to accept the Treasury Report and approve payment of the May 2024 bills which was requested to be tabled until the June 2024 board meeting. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III – Yes, Richard Gemperle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry-Yes.**

Item 4 **Resolution to Appoint New Board Member**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported the Ad Hoc Committee met with Cody Alldrin and Julia Campos. Ms. Woolf stated both candidates were well qualified. The committee recommended Cody Alldrin at this time.
It was moved by Board Member Richard Gemperle, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers III, and **carried unanimously** to adopt Resolution 2024-03 appointing Cody Alldrin as a new board member for the Eastside Water District. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III – Yes, Richard Gemperle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry-Yes.**

Item 5 **Replenishment Water Policy**
Following a brief discussion about the replenishment water policy, **it was moved by Board Member Carl Evers III, seconded by Board Member Dino Rossini,** and **carried** to adopt Resolution 2024-04 Supporting use of Surface Water from Turlock Irrigation District. **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin – Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers III – Yes, Richard Gemperle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry-Yes.**

Item 6

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Eastside Water District Budget

(Todd Turley arrived at 9:20 am during this item)

Sarah Woolf, General Manager presented the draft budget to the board. There was discussion about a few items. The General Manager stated that the budget would be adjusted and presented to the board at their June meeting with a recommendation for adoption. **These items were information only.**

Item 7

Projects

- a. Replenishment Water - Replenishment water is available this year and landowners are taking the water.
- b. Merced Irrigation Water Delivery – Landowners are working to take as much MID water as possible.
- c. Dry Creek Projects – Dry Creek landowners are coordinating and trying to maximize as much water as possible. They continue to work with MID.
- d. Hall Road Property Update –The Ad Hoc Committee met and developed a budget and are working on a Pilot Recharge Ponds for the property. The Ad Hoc Committee and General Manager will keep moving this project forward at the board’s direction and retroactively approve the budget at the June meeting.

These items were information only.

Item 8

East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update

- a. GSP Deficiencies – Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported staff is working to address the deficiencies and submit the update by July 16. The public hearing is July 11. We are meeting today with DWR to present our Domestic Well Mitigation Program. Ms. Woolf also discussed the Overdraft Reduction Plan.
- b. Multi Benefit Land Repurposing Grant– The General Manager reported June 14 is a Field Day, where the EKI and ESA, the consultants preparing the MLRP plan, will visit sites and projects that are ready for implementation in the ETS GSA to build into the plan.
- c. Prop 218 Update and Next Steps – The Board Secretary reported that invoices will go out next week.
- d. Land IQ Update- The General Manager reported May 14 Workshop with Land IQ. It was well attended. Joel Kimmelshue, Land IQ gave an excellent presentation.
- e. Groundwater Accounting Platforms -Update – The GSA has hired ESA to build the platform. The roll out for the platform will be at a workshop on June 25.
- f. Accounting Framework – This will be discussed in closed session.

These items were information only.

Item 9

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Item 10

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 10:58 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 Johnson opened the regular meeting at 11:16 a.m.

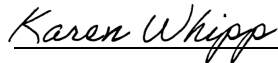
Item 11

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.

May 16, 2024



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK