

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



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

Thursday, August 22, 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

Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes) to address the Board on any item not on the agenda, but within the subject matter of the Board's jurisdiction. The Board is prohibited from taking action on public comments and as appropriate, matters raised during this period may be referred to appropriate parties or added to the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting (Gov. Code § 54954.3(a)).

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AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the public may directly address the Board on any item of interest to the public within the Board subject matter before or during the Board consideration of the item. Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes).

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Action to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2024, East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular board meeting.
- b. Action to accept the Treasurer's Report and monthly budget report.
- c. Action to approve the payment of the August 2024 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.
- d. Letter of Support from GSA and a Cooperating Grower for a grant study for the California Almond Board titled "Sustainable Almond Production under SGMA Water Allocations" which investigated different irrigation rates and surface treatments on a 24-acre test plot.

4. BI-ANNUAL REVIEW AND UPDATE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Recommend action to approve proposed revisions to the ETS GSA Conflict of Interest Code to amend the Legal Counsel title from "Legal Counsel" to "Outside General Counsel", and authorize submission of the revised Conflict of Interest Code to the FPPC.

5. PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT AND FEES

Update regarding the supplemental Fiscal Year 2023/2024 assessment and applications to recategorize parcels from irrigated to non-irrigated status. Discussion of the status, ad hoc committee recommendations and upcoming steps in development of a Groundwater Use Fee.

6. GROUNDWATER ACCOUNTING PLATFORM

Update on the development of a groundwater use internet portal in the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

7. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PUMPING MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Update on Ad Hoc Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee to support development of additional policies, rules, and regulations to support the Pumping Management Framework and coordination with development of a Groundwater Use Fee.

8. UPDATE ON MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (MLRP) BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

Update on the status of Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan (MALRP) development, spatial analysis tool development, preliminary incentive payment options and survey and strategy to provide DAC benefits.

9. WATER ACCOUNTING AGREEMENT WITH WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN (WTS) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) AND TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (TID)

Discussion regarding the Water Accounting Agreement and next steps in collaborative implementation with WTSGSA.

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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. Tracking of Grant Pursuits
- b. Replenishment Water and other Project Update
- c. Update regarding the Groundwater Monitoring Program
- d. Operational Development needs of the GSA

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 the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

Any materials related to items on this agenda distributed to the Board of Directors of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority before the public meeting is available for inspection by contacting the Board Secretary at 209.626.5523 or kareneastsidewater@att.net.

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