

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
Board of Directors Eastside Water District**

August 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.

Directors Present: Cody Alldrin, Ward Burroughs, Carl Evers III, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, , Dino Rossini, , and Todd Turley (*arrived at 9:21 am during Item 6*).

Directors Absent: Dexter Long and Wes Sperry.

Others Present: Chase Hurley – Water and Land Solutions, Katie Staack - Landowner, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi – Legal Counsel.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** None.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar**
It was moved by Board Member Carl Evers III, seconded by Board Member Richard Gemperle, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar, with the exception that the approval of Check Number 1248, for Sierra View Farms be moved to Item 4 – Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2023-2024.

Item 4 **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2023-2024**
It was moved by Board Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers III, and carried unanimously to pay for fifty percent (50%) of the infrastructure costs for the Sierra View Farms project.

Item 5 **Projects**

- a. Replenishment Water – To date landowners have taken 4,048 acre-feet in TID replenishment water.
- b. Merced Irrigation Water Delivery – To date 1,050 acre-feet of water has been taken. Landowners continue to take as much MID water as possible.
- c. Monte Vista Recharge Project Update –The grading for the ponds has been completed. A sign for the project will be coming. Discussions with TID on the requirements for the installation of a side gate will begin immediately. **These items were for information only.**

Item 6 **Accounting Framework for ETSGSA/WTSGSA**
Member Todd Turley arrived at 9:21 a.m.

- a. The board discussed the next steps for implementation of the Accounting Framework that was adopted by the Turlock Irrigation District and ETS GSA in July, and is on the WTS GSA agenda for approval later this month, including a list of possible projects. It was decided that an engineer was needed to look at the list, rank them, and determine which ones can be started immediately, what permits and environmental studies are needed. The board gave the general manager direction to get bids from companies that could prepare a 30% design on the top potential projects. **This item was for information only.**

Item 7

East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update

- a. Multi Benefit Land Repurposing Grant– The consultants continue to prepare the required plan. Staff is developing a survey is going to be sent out to landowners on the following program.
- b. Prop 218 Update and Next Steps – Staff is having discussions regarding fee structure and over pumping fees need to be significant to discourage over-pumping.
- c. Land IQ/Accounting Platforms Update – There is nothing to report on this month.
- d. Domestic Well Mitigation Development Update - The GSAs are getting a bid from Todd Groundwater to develop the program.

These items were for information only.

Item 8

Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 9

Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case.

There was no closed session.

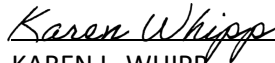
Item 9

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:23 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.

August 15, 2024



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK