

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

October 17, 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, Tim Johnson, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley (*arrived at 9:15 am during Item 5*).

Directors Absent: Richard Gemperle and Dexter Long.

Others Present: Roni Alcazar – representing landowner, Ken Braden – Landowner (on-line), Julia Campos – Landowner, 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 Dino Rossini, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers, III, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **Projects**

- a. Replenishment Water – To date landowners have exceeded 5,500 acre-feet in TID replenishment water. TID stated landowners can continue to take replenishment water.
- b. Merced Irrigation Water Delivery – To date 1,673 acre-feet of water has been taken. Landowners continue to take as much MID water as possible. Member Cody Alldrin reported his farm is installing a recharge pond. The General Manager said she would be meeting with Dry Creek landowners in November to discuss ways to receive more water.
- c. Monte Vista Recharge Project Update –Sarah Woolf reported that environmental work needs to begin. The General Manager also reported on the next steps for the side gate. She stated the cost to modernize the side gate would be between \$20,000-\$30,000. There was a brief discussion regarding all the fencing around the property. The board directed the General Manager to get bids for fence removal not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00.) **These items were for information only.**

Item 5 **Accounting Framework for ETSGSA/WTSGSA**
Member Todd Turley arrived at 9:15 a.m.
Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported that she has had productive meetings staff at TID. She provided the list of projects to TID that would be most of effective to goals of sustainability, and are within EWD to TID. One of TID’s top goals is to modernize all its side gates. This will be a costly investment for landowners. TID agreed to reconvene the quarterly Ad Hoc meetings. **This item was for information only.**

Item 7 **East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update**

- a. Prop 218 Update and Next Steps – Sarah Woolf, General Manager reviewed the revised Payment Schedule 8-year fee program and how they would be done in 3

phases. There was a brief discussion about creating Management Zones for pooling water. Ms. Woolf, shared the results of the MLRP survey. There was discussion about the pros and cons of the MLRP and Land Retirement following programs.

- b. Domestic Well Mitigation Development Update - Todd Groundwater is working on the plan which is due to DWR January 25. The GSAs will pay for their share of the plan as they have in the past. There was some discussion about next steps, such as a committee to review applications and cost share. **These items were for information only.**

Item 7 **Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

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

Item 8 **Closed Session**

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 10:36 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 11:01 am.

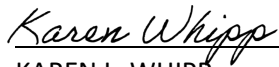
Item 9 **Adjournment**

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:02 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.

October 17, 2024



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK