

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

September 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA. 95380.

Directors Present: Cody Alldrin, Ward Burroughs, Fermin Campos – Landowner, Julia Campos – Landowner, Carl Evers III, Richard Gemperle (*arrived at 9:35 am during Item 6a*), Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley (*arrived at 9:05 am during Item 4*).

Directors Absent: none.

Others Present: Ken Braden – Landowner, 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 Ward Burroughs, seconded by Board Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **Projects**
Member Todd Turley arrived at 9:05 a.m.

- a. Replenishment Water – To date landowners have taken 5,000 acre-feet in TID replenishment water. TID stated landowners can continue to take replenishment water.
- b. Merced Irrigation Water Delivery – To date 1,327 acre-feet of water has been taken. Landowners continue to take as much MID water as possible.
- c. Monte Vista Recharge Project Update –Sarah Woolf reported that environmental work needs to begin. There was also discussion regarding spraying of willows. The General Manager also reported on the next steps for the side gate. **These items were for information only.**

Item 5 **Accounting Framework for ETSGSA/WTSGSA**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager provided a table of projects that are listed in the GSP. The table includes a description, the lead agency and where they are ranked. She also provided a list of projects from that table that would be most of effective, and are within EWD. Ms. Woolf is meeting with TID, to discuss the project possibilities. **This item was for information only.**

Item 7 **East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update**
Member Richard Gemperle arrived at 9:35 a.m.

- a. Prop 218 Update and Next Steps – The ad hoc committee had significant discussions about the budget and the need to pay for only what is known: the Accounting Framework, the Well Mitigation Program, and MLRP. This has helped ensure the initial fee is not too high. The committee recommended the following: an 8-year fee program; a workshop in November, with the protest hearing in March/April 2025; and

invoice landowners directly in two installments. The allocation approach was updated. Thresholds were pared back. The fee structure will be measured on consumed ET. The fee categories were presented and discussed.

- b. Domestic Well Mitigation Development Update - Todd Groundwater is developing the plan.

These items were for information only.

Item 7

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Item 8

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 10:47 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 10:59 am.

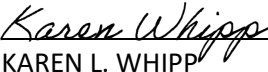
Item 9

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:00 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.

September 19, 2024



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK