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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT E-NEWS JANUARY 2025



FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The January 16, 2025, meeting began with a Growers Meeting. We had a great turn out and discussed:

- the Proposed Proposition 218 Groundwater Use Fee Structure
- How the 3 Fee Categories Work
- Programs and Projects, and how they will benefit the growers. The General Manager shared a map showing preliminary project ideas that the proposed 218 Fees will pay for.
- What happens if Prop 218 does not pass, and what it will cost you.
- She also encouraged the landowners to sign-up on the GSA's Pumping Management Portal and learn how to use the Fee Calculator so they could look at their proposed groundwater charges and options for managing them.
- Following the Growers Meeting the General Manager reported on the following topics:
- The Monte Vista Recharge Project at Monte Vista and Hall Road between Sand Creek and the Highline Canal. The EWD acquired the property for a Pilot Recharge Project to demonstrate various recharge opportunities growers may be able to utilize on their own farms. A new side-gate will be installed in February.
- The General Manager continues to meet with landowners to better understand the opportunities for projects. As more information is gathered further development and prioritization will occur in conjunction with ETSGSA, TID and landowners.
 - Other Key Topics involving the ETS GSA-
 - ✓ GSA Proposition 218 Groundwater Use Fee Workshop held January 15, which was well attended
 - ✓ Find out more about the GSA at <u>https://www.turlockgroundwater.org</u>

If you want to receive agendas for Eastside Water District and the ETS GSA and other updates, email Karen Whipp at <u>kareneastsidewater@att.net</u>. to be added to the list.

The Most Recent Landowner Infrastructure Reimbursement Project for Replenishment Water (see page 2 on how you can have a project)





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Important Dates and Upcoming Meetings

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 20

ETS GSA Board Meeting

January 23, 9:00 am Cortez Hall

ETS GSA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

February 11, 12:00 pm Turlock Irrigation District

Lincoln's Birthday Day February 12

> Valentine's Day February 14

> President's Day February 17

Eastside Water District Board Meeting

February 20, 9:00 am Cortez Hall

Open Call for Demand Reduction Project Concepts Application

If you have a Project you would like to be considered, email <u>kareneastsidewater@att.net</u> for an application.

REPLENISHMENT WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE REIMBURSEMENT PROJECT FOR REPLENISHMENT WATER

Eastside Water District has a Replenishment Water Project along the Highline Canal Eastside Water District is offering this program again this year. Eastside Water District helps with infrastructure costs. The cost of the water is also covered by Eastside Water District

We are still accepting applications. The **deadline** is **January 31, 2025**. The district has an application available online at <u>www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com</u>, <u>or</u> you can request an application from staff.

To find out how you can participate, contact Sarah Woolf, at 559-341-0174 or email her at <u>sarahwoolf@me.com</u>.

Monte Vista Recharge Project



Monte Vista and Hall Road between Sand Creek and the Highline Canal. The EWD acquired the property for a Pilot Recharge Project to

able to utilize on their own farms. This project has been funded by the EWD landowners through their assessments in coordination with Turlock Irrigation District and ETS GSA.



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