

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

November 21, 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 Dexter Long, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley

Directors Absent: Dino Rossini

Others Present: Roni Alcazar – representing landowner (on-line), Yvonne Petroni – landowner (on-line), Sebastian Silvera- Landowner (on-line), Karen Whipp – Board Secretary (on-line), Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi – Legal Counsel.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** None.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar**
It was moved by Board Member Wes Sperry, 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 is pleased with what the landowners have accomplished. As such, TID staff, including their engineering team will be meeting with staff in December to start planning a five-year project to install modernized side-gates. TID has already received several applications from EWD landowners.
- b. Merced Irrigation Water Delivery – To date 1,790 acre-feet of water has been taken. Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported on a meeting with the Dry Creek landowners yesterday where they discussed ways to improve and receive more water. Mike Tietze, ETS GSA General Manager and Jarrid Fletcher, MID Engineer also attended the meeting. MID understands there is structural work that needs to be completed to improve flow. There is a plan for a site meeting to get a better perspective on what is needed.
- c. Monte Vista Recharge Project Update –Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported there is nothing new to report on the environmental work. Ms. Woolf received one bid for fence removal. It exceeded the five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) limit. The board discussed other options. One board member said they would provide the General Manager with the contact information of a contractor that would remove the fence and repair the two existing gates. The General Manager also reported that the modernized side-gate would be installed this winter. **These items were for information only.**

Item 5 **Accounting Framework for ETSGSA/WTSGSA**

- a. Action to authorize Water Wise to hire a Project Manager: **It was moved by Board Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers, III, and carried unanimously** to authorize Water Wise to hire Michelle Reimers as a Project Manager

- on a one-year contract not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per month, to develop a Capital Improvement Program for Water Supply Delivery to the ETS GSA.
- b. Agreement with ETS GSA for repayment of expenses associated with early development of infrastructure to deliver Replenishment Water: Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported that this item is on the ETS GSA board agenda today as an item for discussion. **This item was for information only.**
 - c. Project Development for Replenishment Water: The General Manager reported one of the landowners who previously had to put their project on hold, is ready to do their project with some expansion. They are also having the project re-bid. It will be ready to build this Winter. The General Manager reported more projects may be submitted to the board for consideration this Winter. There was discussion on the process of project consideration if a board member submitted a project, with legal opinion from the EWD's counsel. **This item was for information only.**

Item 6 **East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update**

- a. Prop 218 Update and Next Steps – Sarah Woolf, General Manager reviewed the November 19 Workshop presentation. Ms. Woolf focused on the proposed payment Schedule 8-year fee program and how they would be split in 3 phases. The General Manager also shared the proposed timeline for fee implementation. The board directed staff to focus on Prop 218 outreach at the December and January board meetings, and make sure the November 19 Workshop is posted on at least one website for viewing.
- b. Domestic Well Mitigation Development Update - Todd Groundwater continues to work on the plan which is due to DWR January 31, 2025. Self Help Enterprises will review and provide input on the plan before it is submitted. **These items were for information only.**

Item 7 **Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

Item 8 **Closed Session**

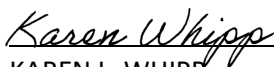
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case.
There was no closed session.

Item 9 **Adjournment**

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:47 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.

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KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK