

**EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
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**The Agenda of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Thursday, February 27, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

**CORTEZ HALL
12937 North Cortez
Avenue Turlock,
California 95380**

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BOARD MEMBERS

Ward Burroughs, Eastside Water District Chairman
Tim Johnson, Eastside Water District Alternate and Treasurer
Dirk Ulrich, Ballico-Cortez Water District and Vice Chairman
Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Alternate
Lloyd Pareira, Merced County
Lacey McBride, Merced County Alternate
Hicham ElTal, Merced Irrigation District
Matt Beaman, Merced Irrigation District
Alternate
Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Alternate

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes) to address the Board on any item not on the agenda, but within the subject matter of the Board’s jurisdiction. The Board is prohibited from taking action on public comments and as appropriate, matters raised during this period may be referred to appropriate parties or added to the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting (Gov. Code § 54954.3(a)).

Members of the public may directly address the Board on any item of interest to the public within the Board subject matter before or during the Board consideration of the item. Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes).

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2025 AND 2026 CALENDAR YEARS

Appointment Officers for the 2025 and 2026 Calendar Years:

- a. Nominate and Appoint Board Chairman
- b. Nominate and Appoint Board Vice-Chairman
- c. Nominate and Appoint Treasurer

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Action to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Board Meeting and the January 23, 2025 East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Action to accept the Treasurer's Report and monthly budget report.
- c. Action to approve the payment of the February 2025 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED GROUNDWATER USE FEE

Update on status, timeline and inquiries received from notified parties.

6. GROUNDWATER ACCOUNTING PLATFORM

Update on the development of a groundwater use internet portal in the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

7. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PUMPING MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Update regarding the approach, agenda, and schedule for Phase 2 of Rules & Regulations development, including credits and transfers. Update regarding rules and regulations regarding carryover credits.

8. PROCUREMENT POLICY

Review of our existing procurement procedures, discussion regarding the need to adopt a formal procurement policy, and interim measures taken to prepare a CWA Evaluation Form documenting procurement decisions.

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9. PROJECT UPDATES

- a. Discussion of priority topics for Rules and Regulations regarding projects.
- b. Discussion and update regarding the formation of subregional project planning groups.
- c. Discussion and update regarding project planning activities.
- d. Review and potential action to approve a CWA with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Engineers to install and monitor up to four temporary gaging stations on Dry Creek.

10. UPDATE ON MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (MLRP) BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Update regarding the status of MALRP plan development.
- b. Presentation and potential action to approve selection of four MLRP Pilot Projects, two in each of the Priority Action Areas in the GSA.
- c. Review and potential action to approve a CWA with EKI Environment & Water for engineering and consulting services to support development of four MLRP Pilot Projects
- d. Review and potential action to approve a CWA with Formation Environmental for consulting and management services to support development of four MLRP Pilot Projects, outreach and development of MLRP projects, and ongoing MLRP program and grant management services through June 30, 2025.
- e. Comment letter sent by the General Manager to the California Department of Conservation regarding proposed changes in the MLRP Grant Program Guidelines.

11. PRIORITY ACTION AREA PLANS

Review and potential action to adopt the Priority Action Plans for the Cortez Incipient Subsidence Priority Action Area (PAA) and the ETSGSA-08 PAA.

12. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING AND UPDATES

At this time, Board members will discuss and may take action on other GSP matters of concern, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a. Update regarding the Groundwater Monitoring Program
- b. Review of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Status and potential action to approve reallocation of remaining budgets between tasks.
- c. Tracking of Grant Pursuits
- d. Well permit consistency determinations
- e. Key communications with stakeholders, agencies, project partners and others.

13. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – BAKER MANOCK & JENSEN

Lauren Layne/Kaitlin Bursey will provide a report to the board on legal items that could affect the agency and its member entities. Discussion item only.

14. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case).

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15. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Legislative Body.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled board meeting is the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

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