

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

January 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson called the Growers Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA. 95380.

Directors Present: Cody Alldrin, Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley.

Directors Absent: Richard Gemperle.

Others Present: Brad Abraham – landowner, John Beck – landowner, Larry Beck – landowner, Daniel Braden – landowner, Ken Braden – landowner, Mike Day – Provost & Pritchard, Carl Evers III – board member(on-line), Joey Franzia – landowner, Lawrence Ibarria – Nighthawk, Ron Nydam – Waterford Irrigation, Michelle Reimers – Consultant, Representative from Avid Water Irrigation, Mike Staack – landowner, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi – General Counsel.

Growers Meeting- Proposition 218 Groundwater Use Fee Discussion

Sarah Woolf, General Manager began the Growers Meeting by thanking all the landowners for coming. Ms. Woolf gave a presentation on the Proposed Fee Structure for the Groundwater Use Fee for fiscal years 2025-2032. The presentation included: how the 3 fee categories work; the programs and projects; their benefits; what happens if Prop 218 does not pass; and what it will cost. The presentation ended by encouraging landowners to use the Fee Calculator.

The meeting included good discussion from the landowners and the need for more communication with landowners.

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the Growers Meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** None.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar**
It was moved by Board Member Wes Sperry, seconded by Board Member Dino Rossini, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported on the January 15 workshop. Ms. Woolf stated it was well attended. The General Manager reported that she and Michelle Reimers have been working with TID and GSA staff to develop a map that indicates where existing and potential replenishment projects were and could be to benefit landowners. That map was shared at the workshop. **This item was for information only.**

Item 5

Projects

- a. Replenishment Water –Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported on a joint meeting with EWD, ETS GSA, and TID staff occurring later in the month to refine the project map and discuss where the pump station and pipeline size and scale. Ms. Woolf also reviewed a couple of wells that Provost & Pritchard reported have fallen below the minimum threshold. The GSA will focus on that area 2 miles around the well to determine the best corrective actions.
- b. Merced Irrigation Water Delivery –The General Manager had a good meeting with MID staff, about making infrastructure improvements and expansion so more water can be taken at Dry Creek.
- c. Monte Vista Recharge Project Update – The General Manager is getting a second bid for the installation of the side-gate. TID has the Rubicon valve in stock and on hold for EWD. Ms. Woolf reported the fence is being removed and the two existing gates are being repaired. The well on the property has also been added to Provost and Pritchard’s monitoring well list for the ETS GSA. **These items were for information only.**

Item 6

Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Item 7

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.

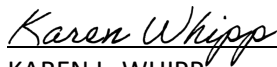
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Adjournment

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.

January 20, 2025



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK