

# EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT

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## EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT E-NEWS APRIL 2025



#### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

At the April 17, 2025, meeting we a discussed:

- Proposed Projects:
  - ✓ Replenishment Water is available Now. TID is continuing to evaluate flows to determine the ability to deliver Replenishment water after June. Use the water now while it is available.
  - ✓ Engineering Support was approved to begin designing the Pipeline to deliver Turlock Irrigation District (TID) Replenishment Water to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal
- Merced Irrigation District
  - ✓ Landowners are taking water on Dry Creek under the MID water purchase contract with EWD.
  - ✓ The installation of meters for MID deliveries is required as part of the purchase agreement.
- The Monte Vista Recharge Project at Monte Vista and Hall Road between Sand Creek and the Highline Canal.
  - ✓ New side-gate was installed on the Highline
  - ✓ Plans for a temporary pipe to recharge the pond was discussed and recommended to move forward.
- 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-
  - ✓ A public hearing for the Groundwater Use Fee protest vote was held April 8, 9am at Cortez Hall.
  - ✓ There were 9 protests representing 12 parcels. That is just over a 1% protest and 50% +1 is needed to defeat the 218. The pumping fees will be in place for the 2025 water year.
  - ✓ Phase 2 preparation of the Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Use are being discussed.
- ✓ Find out more about the GSA at <a href="https://www.turlockgroundwater.org">https://www.turlockgroundwater.org</a>
  If you want to receive agendas for Eastside Water District and the ETS GSA and other updates, email Karen Whipp at <a href="https://www.turlockgroundwater.org">kareneastsidewater@att.net</a>. to be added to the list

Open Call for Demand Reduction Project Concepts Application

If you have a Project you would like to be considered, email <a href="mailto:kareneastsidewater@att.net">kareneastsidewater@att.net</a> for an application.

Important Dates and Upcoming Meetings

#### **ETS GSA Board Meeting**

April 24, 9:00 am Cortez Hall

#### **Mother's Day**

May 11

#### **ETS GSA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

May 20, 12:00 pm Cortez Hall

#### **Eastside Water District Board Meeting**

May 22, 9:00 am Cortez Hall

#### **ETS GSA Board Meeting**

May 22, 10:30 am Cortez Hall

#### **Memorial Day**

May 26

#### **ETS GSA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

June 10, 12:00 pm Turlock Irrigation District

#### **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 demonstrate various recharge opportunities growers may be 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.

### GSA Proposition 218 Groundwater Use Fees will pay for:

- P Replenishment Water
- New Projects Identified in the GSP
  - Expansion of delivery system for replenishment water from TID.
  - Recharge Facilities
  - Floodplain Expansion
- Land Fallowing and Repurposing
  - Shared Well Mitigation for the Basin
    - Measures to protect domestic wells from declining groundwater levels

## REPLENISHMENT WATER <u>AND</u> 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. Replenishment Water is available NOW!

We are still accepting applications. The district has an application available online at <a href="https://www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com">www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com</a>, or 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 sarahwoolf@me.com.



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