

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

**February 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

Chairman Tim Johnson called the Regular Board 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, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, and Dino Rossini.

**Directors Absent:** Wes Sperry and Todd Turley.

**Others Present:** Gloria Erickson - landowner Michelle Reimers – Consultant, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi – General Counsel.

**Item 2**            **Public Comment:** None.

**Item 3**            **Consent Calendar**  
**It was moved by Board Member Dexter Long, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers, III, and carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar.

**Item 4**            **Election of Officers 2025**  
**It was moved by Board Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Board Member Carl Evers, III, and carried unanimously** to appoint:

- a. Tim Johnson, Chairman;
- b. Wes Sperry, Vice Chairman; and
- c. Ward Burroughs, Treasurer.

**Item 5**            **Projects**

- a. Replenishment Water –Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported on a joint meeting with EWD, ETS GSA, and TID staff to discuss a pipeline to deliver Replenishment Water to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal. There was discussion that the next step is to hire an engineer to design the pipeline. The board directed staff to get bids for an engineer to design the pipeline.
- b. Merced Irrigation Water Delivery –The General Manager reported on potential Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek. She also reported on Land Expansion projects to take more water on Dry Creek area in Merced County.
- c. Monte Vista Recharge Project Update –**It was moved by Board Member Richard Gemperle, seconded by Board Member Dexter Long and carried unanimously** to:
  - i. Approve the installation of a side-gate at the Monte Vista Recharge Project property;
  - ii. Approve the Notice of Determination for the Monte Vista Recharge Project Side-gate installation; and
  - iii. Adopt Resolution 2025-01 approving the installation of the Monte Vista Recharge Project Side-gate and authorizing staff to file the Notice of Determination.

**Item 6**

**Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported the GSA Proposition 218 Groundwater Use Fee notices were mailed to irrigated landowners on February 3. Ms. Woolf also reported a public hearing for the Groundwater Use Fee protest vote will be held April 8, 9am at Cortez Hall. In addition, the Phase 2 preparation of the Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Use has begun. The General Manager presented the Priority Action Plans for Demand Reduction in the Cortez Incipient Subsidence Priority Action Area and the ETS GSA-08 Monitoring Well Priority Action Area to the board, which will be presented to the ETS GSA board February 27. Finally, Michelle Reimers, is working with Mike Tietze to develop a comprehensive list of projects, prioritizing them with cost and benefit. **This item was for information only.**

**Item 7**

**Other Business**

Sarah Woolf General Manager reminded board members to submit their Form 700 on-line by April 1, 2025. Ms. Woolf also stated free on-line Ethics Training was available to them through California Special Districts Association. The board secretary will provide them with the information. **These items were for information only.**

**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.

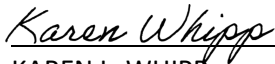
**Item 9**

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:37 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.

February 20, 2025



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK