

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

March 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, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley.

Directors Absent: None.

Others Present: Chuck Dirkse – Landowner, Carl Evers III (as non-voting board member on-line), Alberto Flores – public, Kip Hudson – Hudson and Company, Kathie Johnson – public, Ron Nydam – Waterford Irrigation, Steve Page – land manager, Lilliana Selke – General Counsel, Katie Staack – landowner, Jeb Webster – land manager, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, and Sarah Woolf- General Manager.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** None.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar**
It was moved by Board Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Board Member Dexter Long, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar, which includes holding the payment of check number 1316 in the amount of seventy thousand seven hundred five dollars and forty-nine cents (\$70,705.49).

Item 4 **Eastside Water District 2023-2024 Fiscal Audit**
Kip Hudson, Hudson and Company, presented an independent audit to the board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The audit will be presented for adoption at the April 17 board meeting. **This item was for information only.**

Item 5 **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2024-2025**
a. Review Projects completed 2023 to date – The General Manager presented a spreadsheet with a list of completed projects.
b. Action to review and possibly approve Applications in 2024-2025 –The General Manager reported on projects that are in development or are nearing the approval stage.

Item 6 **Projects**
a. TID Replenishment Water
i. There was discussion about the pipeline to Sand and Mustang Creek from Main Canal. **This item was for information only.**
ii. There was discussion about landowner projects in Eastside Water District. **This item was for information only.**
iii. The General Manager reviewed two bids for engineering support on development of the pipeline from the main canal to Mustang and Sand Creeks. The bids were not similar in scope. The board directed the General Manager to go back to the two companies and request additional information so a true comparison could be made. The Board Chairman also created an Ad Hoc Committee to interview the engineering firms. The committee members are: Tim Johnson, Cody Alldrin, Carl

Evers, and Todd Turley. The committee will bring a recommendation to the board at the April 17 board meeting. **This item was for information only.**

- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek
 - i. The entire watershed was reviewed with landowners via Google Earth and monitoring sites on Dry Creek were selected. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Action Item – The General Manager reported Eastside Water District needs to meter three of the Merced Irrigation District Connections. Following board discussion, it was moved by **Member Dexter Long**, seconded by **Member Wes Sperry** and **carried, with Member Ward Burroughs abstaining**, for Eastside Water District to modify the existing Reimbursement Policy to allow for the purchase of measurement devices and enter into an agreement with landowners. The landowner will agree to install, maintain and calibrate the meter on their property, Merced Irrigation District and or Turlock Irrigation District will read the meter, a Memorandum for the Meter will be signed and notarized by the Eastside Water District and landowner; and the Memorandum be recorded at Merced and or Stanislaus County Recorder's Office by Eastside Water District.
 - iii. The General Manager reported more landowners are being added to the Dry Creek area group meetings. **This item was for information only.**
- c. Monte Vista Recharge Project Update
 - i. The General Manager reported the Side Gate has been installed. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. The General Manager reported the weeds in the middle of Sand Creek are maintained by Sand Creek Flood Control District, but the edges are not. To keep weeds manageable, she is requesting Allied Weed Control who does weed maintenance for Mustang Creek, also do weed maintenance for the Monte Vista Recharge Project. It was moved by **Member Dino Rossini**, seconded by **Member Dexter Long** and **carried unanimously** to hire Allied Weed Control to spray the along the edge of Sand Creek within the Monte Vista Recharge Project Area for one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900).
 - iii. The General Manager is getting bids for a temporary pipe to for the recharge pond and recharge field in the event replenishment water is available from TID. **This item was for information only.**

Item 7

Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- a. Update on the Proposed Fee Study and Mailing of Notices- The General Manager reported the Public Hearing is Tuesday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. To date five letters have been received
- b. Annual GSP Update – The General Manager reported it was completed and will be submitted to DWR April 1, 2025.
- c. Priority Action Areas – The General Manager reported that additional data was added to the Priority Action Plan for the Cortez Incipient Subsidence. It was noted that some of the monitoring well levels have been rising. The ETS GSA will be asked to adopt a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Priority Action Areas at the March 27 board meeting.
- d. Rules and Regulations Phase 2 – The General Manager reported that staff is reviewing and discussing Credits.
- e. Other - The General Manager stated there was nothing else to report on this month. **These items were for information only.**

Item 8

Other Business

The Board Chairman reminded board members to submit their Form 700 on-line by April 1, 2025. There was no other business. **This item was for information only.**

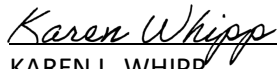
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Adjournment

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.

March 20, 2025



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK