

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

**May 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

Board President Tim Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA, 95380. The meeting was also posted at AgReserves, Inc., 6100 Wilson Landing Road, Division Office, Chico, CA, 95973 where member Todd Turley attending as a voting member.

**Directors Present:** Cody Alldrin, Ward Burroughs, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley (on-line).

**Directors Absent:** Carl Evers, III.

**Others Present:** Roni Alcazar (online).Ken Braden – Landowner, Matthew Bryant – The Investment Consulting Group, Chuck Dirkse – landowner, John Fassler (online), Alberto Flores – public, Kathie Johnson – public, Justice Naraghi (online), Ron Nydam -Waterford Irrigation, Michelle Reimers (online), Robert Sylvester (online), Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, Dennis Yotsuya – Ballico Cortez Water District, and Jeanne Zolezzi – General Counsel.

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

**Item 3**      **Consent Calendar**

*Member Todd Turley joined the meeting during Item 5. There was no roll call vote for this item.*

**It was moved by Member Dexter Long, seconded by Member Dino Rossini, and carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar.

**Item 4**      **Eastside Water District Investments**

Matthew Bryant, TICG (The Investment Consulting Group) provided an overview and forecast of EWD's investments to the board. Mr. Bryant agreed to do this on a bi-annual basis.

**Item 5**      **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Eastside Water District Budget**

*Member Todd Turley joined the meeting during Item 5. Roll call votes began with this item.*

Following a brief review of the 2025-2026 budget **It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Dexter Long, and carried unanimously** to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Eastside Water District Budget. **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Richard Gemperle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Todd Turley-Yes.**

**Item 6**      **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2024-2025**

Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported the Infrastructure Reimbursement Program Guidelines and Agreement to include the ownership and maintenance of water meters is being prepared.

**It was moved by Member Dexter Long, seconded by Member Dino Rossini and carried** to approve the payment of one hundred percent (100%) for materials and labor for a flow meter for Burroughs Family Orchards for a total not to exceed twenty-four thousand one

hundred seventy-nine dollars and sixty-four cents (\$24,179.64). **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Abstain, Richard Gemperle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Todd Turley-Yes.**

**Item 7**

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

- a. **It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously** to appointment of Sarah Woolf as ETS GSA Board Member and Jeanne Zolezzi as ETS GSA Board Alternate. **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Richard Gemperle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Todd Turley-Yes.**
- b. Update on Water Use Fee Assessment Adoption and Billing- Adopting the assessment resolution at today's board meeting. The deposit invoice will be mailed in mid-June for Category One. The fee is slightly lower, \$52.19 acre ft., due to an increase in irrigated lands. There will also be workshops to assist landowners as they walkthrough their Groundwater accounts.
- c. Priority Action Areas – The General Manager reported work is moving forward.
- d. Project Development and Reimbursement by JPA Member Agencies - The Eastside Water District staff is in discussion with the ETS GSA legal staff on how to structure reimbursement for projects that Member agencies are paying for that benefit the ETS GSA. The General Manager reported on her meeting with Ballico Cortez Water District and their willingness to meet quarterly with Eastside Water District to work on projects. The board directed staff to continue moving forward with working on a Memorandum of Understanding for the two districts.
- e. Rules and Regulations Phase 2 – Work continues to be done to finalize the document within the next two months.

**These items were for information only.**

**Item 8**

**Projects**

- a. TID Replenishment Water
  - i. The General Manager reported TID Replenishment Water Use to date is 800-acre ft. MID water taken is 425-acre ft. **This item was for information only.**  
There was discussion regarding the elevation of the pipe going into the pond and how to resolve that issue. **It was moved by Member Dexter Long, seconded by Member Richard Gemperle, and carried unanimously** to explore the possibility of selling dirt to Torre Reich Construction. **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Richard Gemperle-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dexter Long-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes, and Todd Turley-Yes.**
  - ii. Monte Vista Recharge- The pond is recharging. It took 49-acre ft in two weeks. **This item was for information only.**  
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  - iii. Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal - Work has begun on designing the Pipeline. A map was provided showing three different alignments. A memo will be presented at the next board meeting showing the Pros and Cons, and the cost differences. The project is named Eastside Aquifer Restoration Initiative (EARI). **This item was for information only.**
  - iv. Landowner Projects in EWD – Nothing to report this month. **This item was for information only.**
- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek

- i. Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek – Three sites are being installed. **This item was for information only.**
- ii. There was nothing new to report on landowner expansion this month. **This item was for information only.**

**Item 9**

**Other Business**

Member Ward Burroughs encouraged more board members to attend the ETS GSA board meetings. **This item was for information only.**

**Item 10**

**Closed Session**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTIPLICATED LITIGATION Pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case.  
There was no closed session.

**Item 11**

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tim Johnson III adjourned the meeting at 10:30 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.

May 22, 2025

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK