

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

June 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Board President Tim Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA, 95380.

Directors Present: Cody Alldrin, Carl Evers, III, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley.

Directors Absent: Ward Burroughs and Dexter Long.

Others Present: Chuck Dirkse – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Chase Hurley – Water & Land Solutions, Kathie Johnson – public, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Sebastian Silvera – landowner, (online), Maryse Suppiger – landowner, (on-line), Ryo Tokanashi – public, 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**
It was moved by Member Wes Sperry, seconded by Member Carl Evers III, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 **Proposition 218 Capital Fee**
Following a brief review of the adopted 2025-2026 budget and discussion of the upcoming Groundwater Use Fee invoices, **it was moved by Member Wes Sperry, seconded by Dino Rossini, and carried unanimously to not** assess the final \$40.32 per acre Capital Fee. The board directed the secretary to send out a second set of postcards letting landowners know their decision.

Item 5 **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2024-2025**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported the Revised Infrastructure Reimbursement Program Guidelines and Agreement.

- a. **It was moved by Member Carl Evers III, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously** to adopt the Revised Infrastructure Reimbursement Policy.
- b. **It was moved by Member Carl Evers III, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and carried** to approve the payment of fifty percent (50%) for materials and labor for a pond for Sierra Vista for a total not to exceed twenty-five thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars and thirty-two cents (\$25,916.32).

Item 6 **Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

- a. Update on Water Use Fee Assessment Adoption and Billing- 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.

- b. Project Development and Reimbursement by JPA Member Agencies - The Eastside Water District staff continues to discuss with the ETS GSA legal staff on how to structure reimbursement for projects that Member agencies are paying for that benefit the ETS GSA.
- c. Ballico Cortez MOU with EWD – The General Manager presented the MOU to the Board for their review and comments. She reported that Ballico Cortez board had not commented on the MOU to date.
- d. 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 7

Projects

- a. TID Replenishment Water
 - i. The General Manager reported TID Replenishment Water Use to date is 3,000-acre ft. and are projected to hit 8,000-acre ft. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Monte Vista Recharge- The pond is recharging. It took 83-acre ft over the previous month. The General Manager also reported that Torre Reich Construction will be taking soil and digging a trench in the next two to three weeks. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal - Work continues on the design of the Pipeline. A map was provided showing three different alignments. A memo was presented showing the Pros and Cons, and the cost differences. Alignment 3 is the recommended alignment for the EARI Project and the board supported the recommendation. **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. Use to date – the landowners have used a little over 50% of the water allocation. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek – There was nothing new to report on. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. There was nothing new to report on landowner expansion this month. **This item was for information only.**

Item 8

Other Business

There was no other business. **This item was for information only.**

Item 9

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 10

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson III adjourned the meeting at 10:40 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.

June 19, 2025

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK