

**Minutes of the Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting of the
Eastside Water District Board of Directors
and
Ballico Cortez Water District Board of Directors**

July 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Board President Tim Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA, 95380.

Directors Present: Cody Alldrin, Ward Burroughs, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dino Rossini, and Wes Sperry.

Directors Absent: Carl Evers, III Dexter Long, and Todd Turley.

Others Present: John Beck – landowner, Ken Braden – landowner, Kevin Chiesa – landowner, Daniel de Graaf – Daniels Engineering, Chuck Dirkse – landowner, Gloria Erickson – landowner (on-line), Alberto Flores – public, Liam – public, Nelson Furtado – landowner, Chase Hurley – Water & Land Solutions (on-line), Kathie Johnson – public, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Brittney Schortzmann – landowner, Lilly Selke – legal counsel (on-line), Maryse Suppiger – landowner, (on-line), Savannah Tjaden – ESA, Consulting, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, and Sarah Woolf- General Manager.

Item 2 Public Comment: None.

Item 3 Consent Calendar for Eastside Water District
It was moved by Member Dino Rossini, seconded by Member Cody Alldrin, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 Consent Calendar for Ballico Cortez Water District
No action by Eastside Water District.

Item 5 Eastside Water District Resolution 2025-02 for Adoption
It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Richard Gemperle, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2025-02 ordering the levy and collection of water charges of the Diffused Surface Water Project Maintenance Fee and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Fee for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

Item 6 Ballico Cortez Water District Resolutions and Other Action Items
No action by Eastside Water District.

Item 7 Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026 Eastside and Ballico
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported there were no new applications to approve this month.

Item 8

Projects

- a. TID Replenishment Water
 - i. The General Manager reported landowners continue to take TID Replenishment Water. EWD is projected to hit 8,000-acre ft. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Monte Vista Recharge- The pond had great recharge the first time. The pond is being filled again and expected to have another good recharge. The General Manager also reported that Torre Reich Construction make an agreement to buy dirt. We are working on getting the pipeline to gravity flow. The GSA is taking water level tests as part of their monitoring network from the well on the property. A report will be done in October. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal - Work continues Pipeline Project. A map was provided showing the recommended Alignment 3 for the EAR Project. The benefit is to relieve the cone of depression. **This item was for information only.**
 - iv. Landowner Projects in EWD – There were brief discussions about the installations of new side-gates and how they relate to the pipeline. **This item was for information only.**
 - v. Landowner Projects in BCWD - There was a brief discussion about coordination with EWD on new projects and how they will relate to the pipeline **This item was for information only.**
- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek
 - i. Use to date – the landowners have used 1,367 acre-feet of the 1,770 acre-feet 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.**

Item 9

Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- a. **Action Item** – Ballico Cortez Water District
- b. **Action Item** – Ballico Cortez Water District
- c. MOU for Member Agencies for Reimbursement – The GSA is reviewing the MOU.
- d. Project Development and Reimbursement by JPA Member Agencies MOU - 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.
- e. Update on Water Use Fee Assessment Billing Process – The General Manager reported that the Deposit Invoices have been mailed. Landowners have received their invoices and have begun calling the GSA asking questions about the invoices. Savannah Tjaden is here today to help people after the board meeting if they have questions about their invoices or the GSA dashboard. Ms. Tjaden reported there will be a workshop in September to review reporting on fallowing.
- f. Rules and Regulations Phase 2 – Work continues to be done to finalize the document next month.

These items were for information only.

Item 10 **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 11 **Other Business**
There was no other business. **This item was for information only.**

Item 12 **Adjournment**
Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 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.

July 17, 2025

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK