

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

August 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Board President 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, Carl Evers, III, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long (*arrived after Item 4*), Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley (*arrived at 9:20 am during Item 5*).

Directors Absent: none.

Others Present: John Beck – landowner, Alison Bryson – landowner, Eddie Valedajo – landowner (On-line), Cherie Escobar (landowner), Alberto Flores – public, Liam – public (on-line), Chase Hurley – Water & Land Solutions, Kathy Johnson – landowner (on-line), Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Brittney Schortzmann – representing landowner (on-line), Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, and Sarah Woolf – General Manager, Dennis Yotsuya - Ballico Cortez Water District, and Jeanne Zolezzi – legal counsel.

Item 2 Public Comment: None.

Item 3 Consent Calendar

It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Carl Evers III, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Item 4 Board Election Update

Sarah Woolf, General Manager reported there were five board members terms who were up for reappointment. Only four board members submitted their required document by the deadline, and no other landowners submitted the required document either. Therefore, a board vacancy notice will be published in January.

Item 5 Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026

Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported the Beck's Project had been fully applied for and completed. There were some remaining questions by the board regarding need for a Rubicon and decided to delay the decision until the September meeting.

Following the discussion of **Item 6bii**, John Beck reported he just received a message from TID that he did not need to purchase a Rubicon.

It was moved by Member Carl Evers III, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of fifty percent (50%) for materials and labor for the Infrastructure Project for Becks Farm for a total not to exceed eighty-five thousand eight hundred twenty-three dollars and forty cents (\$85,823.40).

Item 6 Projects

a. TID Replenishment Water

i. The General Manager reported that Turlock Irrigation District has replenishment water available through the end of October. Landowners have taken just over 4,000-acre feet of water. **This item was for information only.**

- ii. Monte Vista Recharge- The pond is being filled again and has taken over 140 acre-feet to date. We are continuing to work on getting a gravity flow system in place. ETSGSA is using the well on the property as one of the monitoring sights for the network. 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 on the Pipeline Project. Michelle Reimers reported that the field work on the EARI Project is complete. The Geotech should be complete by the end of this month. The surveying should be done by mid-September. This work will get the draft design to 30%. Then six to eight months to get to 60% design. There was also discussion on plans to prepare to submit grant proposals for the pipeline project. The team is continuing to meet with the landowners in Ballico to discuss their projects. **This item was for information only.**
- iv. Landowner Projects in EWD – There were brief discussions about the installations of new side-gates, getting more landowners involved in taking surface water from ponds, and how that relates to the pipeline. **This item was for information only.**

- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek
 - i. Use to date – the landowners have used a little over 1520 acre-feet of the 1,770 acre-feet water allocation. Approximately 250 acre-feet remain in the contract. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek – There was a good meeting with a larger group of landowners. Because the creek is too broad and is highly variable in high flow periods to safely mount gauges, a location over the bridge was chosen to install a fixed gauging station, instead of a mobile one. **This item was for information only.**

Item 7

Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- a. MOU for Member Agencies for Reimbursement – The GSA legal counsel reviewed the MOU. The General Manager is now reviewing the MOU.
- b. 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.
- c. Update on Water Use Fee Assessment Billing Process – The General Manager reported that landowners have received their Deposit invoices and have begun calling the GSA and asking questions about the invoices. Assistance is being provided.
- d. Rules and Regulations Phase 2 – The document is expected to be adopted at the board meeting next week. Included in the Regulations will be 100% credit for surface water and 87.5% credit for recharge. Other proposed credits will be developed and added to the Rules and Regulations at a later date as incentive programs become available.

These items were for information only.

Item 8

Other Business

The General Manager is planning on going to the December ACWA conference in San Diego. Let Ms. Woolf know if you are interested in attending and she will register you when she does. **This item was for information only.**

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Item 9

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 10:16 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case
There was no reportable action.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.8

Property: Lake Road

Agency Negotiator: Sarah Woolf

Negotiating Parties: Owner

Under Negotiation: price

There was no reportable action.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 11:05 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Item 10

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:12 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.

August 21, 2025

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK