

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

October 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Board President Tim Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA, 95380.

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

Directors Absent: Cody Alldrin and Dexter Long.

Others Present: Ken Braden – landowner, Rosie Burroughs – landowner, Daniel Cordova – landowner, Chuck Dirkse – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Chase Hurley – Water & Land Solutions, Kathie Johnson – landowner, Ron Nydam – Waterford Irrigation, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Brittney Schortzmann – landowner (on-line), Lilly Selke – legal counsel, Sebastian Silvera - representing landowner (on-line), Chad Tienken – Davids Engineering, Savannah Tjaden – ESA, Consulting, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, and Sarah Woolf- General Manager.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** Rosie Burroughs, landowner, made a public comment.

Item 3 **Consent Calendar for Eastside Water District**
It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Carl Evers, III, 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 **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026 Eastside and Ballico**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported the Bryson-Escobar project would be coming before the board at the November board meeting.

Item 6 **Projects**

- a. TID Replenishment Water
 - i. The General Manager reported landowners continue to take TID Replenishment Water. Landowner Replenishment Water Use to date is more than 5,600+ acre-ft. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Monte Vista Recharge- The Monte Vista Recharge Project at Monte Vista and Hall Road between Sand Creek and the Highline Canal is taking water for the second time and is currently at 200+ acre-ft of recharge. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. EARI Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal - Chad Tienken, Davids Engineering gave a report on the design of a Pipeline to deliver TID Replenishment Water to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from

the Main Canal to address the water levels in the Cone of Depression. The 30% design is expected to be completed by the end of November. He reported he is meeting with the environmental consultant this afternoon at the site to review the work needed to be done. **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 – Water Use to date is over **1,793 acre-ft.** A little over the contract. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek – The final location of the gaging station on Dry Creek will be installed near the bridge after irrigation season has ended. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. Ongoing project development on private parcels along Dry Creek – There was nothing to report this month. **This item was for information only.**

Item 7

Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- a. MOU for Member Agencies for Reimbursement – The MOU is very close to being signed.
- b. Reporting of Surface Water Use and Recharge in Water Yes 24/25 WY on GAP - There will be a Help Session following the October 23rd board meeting for anyone who needs help in reporting Surface Water and Recharge Water. The reports are due November 30.
- c. Development of Credit splits on infrastructure for surface and recharge credits for 25/26 WY – GSA staff is continuing to develop a system to calculate credits.
- d. Incentivized Fallowing Program and MLRP – The Incentivized Fallowing Program Policy is expected to be adopted at the October 23rd board meeting.

These items were for information only.

Item 8

Other Business

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

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Item 9

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 10:40 a.m.

Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 2 cases. No action was taken.

a. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS**

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.8

Property: Lake Road; 37.62286° N, 120.69623° W

Agency Negotiator: Sarah Woolf

Negotiating Parties: Owner

Under Negotiation: price

b. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS**

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.8

Property: Appropriative Water Right

Agency Negotiator: Sarah Woolf

Negotiating Parties: SWRCB

Under Negotiation: Water Right

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 11:03 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Item 10

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:05 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.

October 16, 2025

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK