

**The Agenda of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of  
East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.**

**CORTEZ HALL  
12937 North Cortez Avenue  
Turlock, California 95380**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Sarah Woolf, Eastside Water District and ETSGSA Chair  
Jeanne Zolezzi, Eastside Water District Alternate  
Dirk Ulrich, Ballico-Cortez Water District and ETSGSA Vice Chair  
Alberto Flores, Ballico-Cortez Water District Alternate  
Lloyd Pareira, Merced County  
Lacey McBride, Merced County Alternate  
Matthew Beaman, Merced Irrigation District  
Bryan Kelly, Merced Irrigation District Alternate  
Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County  
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Alternate and ETSGSA Treasurer

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes) to address the Board on any item not on the agenda, but within the subject matter of the Board's jurisdiction. The Board is prohibited from taking action on public comments and as appropriate, matters raised during this

period may be referred to appropriate parties or added to the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting (Gov. Code § 54954.3(a).)

Members of the public may directly address the Board on any item of interest to the public within the Board subject matter before or during the Board consideration of the item. Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes).

**3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Any Director who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the agenda item and recuse himself from discussing and voting on the matter (FPPC § 87105).

**4. CONSENT AGENDA (5 minutes)**

- a. Action to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025, East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Board Meeting.
- b. Action to accept the Treasurer's Report and monthly budget report.
- c. Action to approve the payment of the January 2026 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.

**5. GROUNDWATER USE FEE UPDATE (20 minutes)**

Update regarding implementation of the Groundwater Use Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, including an update regarding data evaluation and preparation of Groundwater Account Statements and True Up Invoices, and preliminary analysis of consumptive groundwater use adjustments for fallowing, cover cropping, and surface water deliveries.

**6. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PUMPING MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (25 minutes)**

- a. Review and discuss the proposed Consumed Surface Water and Recharge Credit Calculation Policy.
- b. Review and consider taking action on finding of Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Categorical Exemptions with respect to the proposed Consumed Surface Water and Recharge Credit Calculation Policy.
- c. Review and possible action to adopt the Consumed Surface Water and Recharge Credit Calculation Policy.

**7. MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (15 minutes)**

- a. Brief status update regarding Pilot Projects and budgets, application solicitation and Technical Assistance Fairs.
- b. Review and potential action to approve the template MLRP Landowner Agreement for MLRP Pilot Projects, subject to legal review and incorporation of non-substantive edits required by DOC (if any).
- c. Review and consider taking action on finding of Notice of Determination under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) with respect to the MLRP Pilot Projects.

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- 8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT AND ETSGSA (10 minutes)**  
Related to ETSGSA's intent to make funding available to member agencies for implementation of PMAs to assist in implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, presentation regarding proposed MOU between EWD and ETSGSA regarding funding for EWD's implementation of certain PMAs. Potential action regarding authorization for ETSGSA to execute MOU.
- 9. 2025-2026 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS (10 minutes)**
  - A. Review and discussion of the FY 2025/2026 budget status, expenditure projections and revenue forecasts and proposed budget item modifications.
  - B. Potential action to approve proposed adjustments moving budget between several items to balance over/under allocations.
  - C. Review of Contract Work Authorization 9, Revision 2 for an additional \$121,000 to Environmental Science Associates to provide additional support for the implementation of the Prop 218 Groundwater Use Fee and additional refinement of the groundwater accounting platform, to be funded through reallocation of budget items under Item 8.A. Potential action to authorize the General Manager to execute ESA CWA 009 Rev. 2, subject to final legal review.
- 10. INCENTIVIZED LAND FALLOWING PROGRAM**  
Review and discussion of ranking of Incentivized Fallowing Program (IFP) applications, proposed funding level options for implementation starting in 2026, and overview of next steps. Potential action to approve proposed IFP funding levels, and to direct staff to notify applicants that are approved based on the selected funding level.
- 11. UPDATE ON OTHER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS (15 minutes)**  
At this time Board members may discuss, and take action on other GSP matters of concern, including but not limited to:
  - a. Update of Groundwater Monitoring Program, including update regarding TSS Well construction, ETSGSA-02 access, SMC updates, and presentation regarding SGMA well DWR-2 retention or replacement.
  - b. Status of WTSGSA/ETSGSA joint GSP implementation and annual reporting work.
- 12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGARDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION**  
The Board will hear an update and may take action to approve a conflict waiver for Baker Manock & Jensen's representation of ETSGSA as outside general counsel and its representation of a landowner who owns property within ETSGSA, regarding matters unrelated to ETSGSA.
- 13. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – BAKER MANOCK & JENSEN (5 minutes)**  
Lauren Layne/Kaitlin Bursey will provide a report to the board on legal items that could affect the agency and its member entities.
- 14. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case).

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**15. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Legislative Body.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled board meeting is the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

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