

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

**November 20, 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, Dexter Long, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley.

**Directors Absent:** Ward Burroughs.

**Others Present:** Alan Becker – interested party, Ken Braden – landowner, Alison Bryson – landowner, Chuck Dirkse – landowner, Cheri Escobar – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Chase Hurley – Water & Land Solutions, Kathie Johnson – landowner, Ron Nydam – Waterford Irrigation, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Brittney Schortzmann – landowner (on-line), Sebastian Silvera - representing landowner (on-line), Chad Tienken – Davids Engineering (on-line), Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, Dennis Yotsuya – landowner, and Jeanne Zolezzi – legal counsel.

**Item 2**      **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

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

**Item 4**      **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026**

Sarah Woolf, General Manager, gave an update on the Infrastructure Reimbursement Program, including the progress of the Dirkse project and the Sidegate to the Kular property and neighbors.

Following a discussion regarding the Bryson/Escobar Sidegate and Pipeline, **it was moved by Member Dexter Long, seconded by Member Cody Alldrin, and carried unanimously** to approve the payment of fifty percent (50%) for materials and labor for the for the Bryson/Frost/Escobar Trusts Infrastructure Project for a total not to exceed one hundred ninety-three thousand three hundred fifty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$193,354.57).

**Item 5**      **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 6,487 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 took water for the second time at 230+ acre-ft of recharge. The pump has been removed for the season. **This item was for information only.**

- iii. EAR 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 will be submitted for review December 1st. Mr. Tienken expects that 60% of the design will be completed in April. He reported the environmental field work will begin December 1st after the rain. Then the preparation of CEQA reports will begin. **This item was for information only.**
- iv. Provost and Pritchard Water Rights On-Call Consulting Services – **It was moved by Member Dexter Long, seconded by Member Richard Gemperle, and carried unanimously** to approve entering into an On-Call Consulting Services Agreement for Water Rights consulting with Provost and Pritchard for an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).
- v. Landowner Developed Projects in EWD - There was discussion about having a meeting at the beginning of the year on keeping Mustang Creek clean. **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** for the season. 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 – The group plans to meet in January. **This item was for information only.**

**Item 6**

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

- a. MOU for Member Agencies for Reimbursement – The MOU was brought to the Technical Advisory Committee and requested some changes. ETS GSA and EWD legal counsel are addressing the requests. The committee requested more detail on allocation of recharge credits and clarification on the process.
- b. Reporting of Surface Water Use and Recharge in 24/25 WY on GAP - Self-reporting is due November 30.
- c. Development of Credit splits on infrastructure for surface and recharge credits for 25/26 WY – The Consumed Surface Water and Recharge Credit Calculation Policy was reviewed and discussed. Landowners asked for further discussion on the Credit Split. The General Manager agreed to hold a meeting the first week in December.
- d. Incentivized Fallowing Program and MLRP – The Incentivized Fallowing Program Policy was adopted at the October 23rd board meeting.

**These items were for information only.**

**Item 8**

**Other Business**

The General Manager signed an ACWA led coalition letter to the State Water Resourced Control Board regarding the Tuolumne River Report. **This item was for information only.**

**Item 9**

**Closed Session**

**Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 2 cases. There was no closed session.

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

**Item 10**

**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.

November 20, 2025

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK