

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

December 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Board President Tim Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:02 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, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry (on-line), and Todd Turley.

Directors Absent: None.

Others Present: Ken Braden – landowner, Alison Bryson – landowner, John Davids – Davids Engineering, Chuck Dirkse – landowner, Cheri Escobar – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Kathie Johnson – landowner, Tom Johnson – landowner, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Brittney Schortzmann – landowner (on-line), Chad Tienken – Davids Engineering, Matt Veneman – Waterford Irrigation, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi – legal counsel (on-line).

Emergency Circumstance

Board Member, Wes Sperry informed the board that he was ill and could not attend the meeting in person. He made a request to attend the meeting remotely. At the board meeting Member Sperry, showed the board that he was able to participate through both audio and visual technology. He stated that he was the only person in the room. **It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Dino Rossini, and carried to allow Member Wes Sperry to attend the meeting as voting board member.** **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers, III Yes, Richard Gemperle -Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-(on-line)-Abstain, and Todd Turley-Yes.**

Item 2

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Item 3

Consent Calendar for Eastside Water District

It was moved by Member Carl Evers III, seconded by Dino Rossini, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar. . Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers, III Yes, Richard Gemperle -Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-(on-line)-Yes, and Todd Turley-Yes.

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 White Meter installation for MID, the Dirkse project, and the Beck's expansion.

Following a discussion regarding the Bryson/Escobar Sidegate which was approved at the November Board Meeting, **it was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Carl Evers III, and carried unanimously** to approve the remaining payment of fifty percent (50%) for the Sidegate for the Bryson/Frost/Escobar Trusts Infrastructure Project for a total not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Ward Burroughs-Yes, Carl Evers, III Yes, Richard Gemperle -Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-(on-line)-Yes, and Todd Turley-Yes.**

Item 5**Investment Committee Update**

The board secretary reported the district's investment company spoke with the committee on November 30, and at their approval purchased a one-year treasury note at 3.53% for \$1,665,677.17. **This item was for information only.**

Item 6**Establish Ad Hoc Nomination Committee**

The establishment of the committee was put on hold until January due to a lack of submittals for the open board Seat. **This item was for information only.**

Item 7**Projects**

- a. TID Replenishment Water
 - i. The General Manager reported at the quarterly meeting with TID there was discussion about sidegates. Landowners currently requesting sidegates will not need to purchase Rubicons. They can use meters. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. EAR Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal - Chad Tienken and John Davids, 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 was complete and presented at the board meeting. Mr. Tienken expects that 60% of the design will be completed in April. He reported the environmental field work is done and CEQA report preparation has begun. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. Landowner Developed Projects in EWD - There was nothing new to report this month. **This item was for information only.**
- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek
 - i. Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek –The GSA is waiting for permits and the installation of a gauging station. In addition to the station, Provost & Pritchard will be conducting stream measurements following rain events. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Ongoing project development on private parcels along Dry Creek – The group plans to meet in January. **This item was for information only.**

Item 8**Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

- a. MOU for Member Agencies for Reimbursement – EWD and ETS GSA legal counsels were working through revisions for the MOU between EWD and ETS GSA. The MOU will be brought before the EWD and the ETS GSA in January for a vote.
- b. Reporting of Surface Water Use and Recharge in 24/25 WY on GAP - Self-reporting was extended to December 15.
- 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. The EWD General Manager had a meeting with EWD landowners, along with two ETS GSA board members and their General Manager. Recommendations were made for modifications to the policy. Those modifications will be presented to the ETSGSA Board in January.

d. Incentivized Fallowing Program and MLRP – Eight applications have been received at this time.

These items were for information only.

Item 8

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Item 9

Closed Session

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 10:42 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 10:50 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Item 10

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:52 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.

December 18, 2025

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK