

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

January 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Eastside Water District Board Chairman 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, Dino Rossini, and Wes Sperry.

Directors Absent: Todd Turley.

Others Present: Ken Braden – landowner (on-line), Alison Bryson – landowner, Darrell Cordova – landowner, Chuck Dirkse – landowner, Cheri Escobar – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Kathie Johnson – landowner, Tom Johnson – landowner, Ron Nydam – Waterford Irrigation, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Brittney Schortzmann – landowner (on-line), Lilly Selke – legal counsel (on-line), Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, and Sarah Woolf- General Manager.

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 Member Cody Alldrin, 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 **Establish Ad Hoc Nomination Committee for Eastside Water District**
The Ad Hoc Nomination Committee, consisting of Carl Evers, Tim Johnson, and Wes Sperry, was reestablished.

Item 6 **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026 Eastside and Ballico**
Following the report of the projects by Sarah Woolf, General Manager, request for Sidegates, meters and pipelines reimbursement for delivery of water were discussed.

- a. **It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Carl Evers, III, and carried unanimously** to fund 100% for the meter for the White property to monitor flow from MID Transfer water and the Sidegate for the Dirkse property on the Highline to receive Replenishment Water from TID.
- b. **It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously** to fund 50% for pipeline on the Beck property to expand from their current connection to Replenishment Water from TID. The additional pipeline will service another 80 acres of farm ground.

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Projects

- a. TID Replenishment Water
 - i. Monte Vista Recharge- There was nothing to report this month. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. EARL Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal – The General Manager reported Davids Engineering is working on the 60% design. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. Landowner Projects in EWD & BCWD – Waterford Irrigation reported on BCWD. **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, Provost & Pritchard has conducted three stream measurements. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Ongoing project development on private parcels along Dry Creek – There was nothing to report this month. **This item was for information only.**

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Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- a. MOU for Member Agencies for Reimbursement – **It was moved by Member Cody Alldrin, seconded by Member Ward Burroughs, and carried unanimously** to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Eastside Water District and the ETS GSA for Reimbursement for various projects and the implementation of Project Management Actions within the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- b. Reporting of Surface Water Use and Recharge in Water Yes 24/25 WY on GAP – Reporting of Surface Water Use and Recharge on the Groundwater Accounting Platform is near completion. **This item is for information only.**
- c. Development of Credit splits on infrastructure for surface and recharge credits for 25/26 WY – Sarah Woolf, General Manager, gave a presentation of the Draft ETS GSA Consumed Surface Water and Recharge Credit Calculation Policy that Mike Tietze presented to the ETS GSA TAC. The draft policy will be presented to the board at their January meeting for approval. **This item is for information only.**
- d. Incentivized Fallowing Program and MLRP – Fourteen applications, totaling 128 parcels have been received. **This item is for information only.**
- e. MLRP pilot and full program – A Technical Assistance Fair was held yesterday, January 14. Another fair is scheduled for February. **This item is for information only.**

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Other Business

The boards were reminded to file their Form 700 by the April 1 due date. **This item was for information only.**

Item 10

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

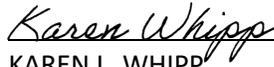
Item 11

Adjournment

Ballico Cortez Water District Chairman Dirk Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 10:20 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.

January 15, 2026



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK