

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

**February 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m.**

Eastside Water District Board Chairman Tim Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA, 95380.

**Directors Present:** Cody Alldrin, Carl Evers, III, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dino Rossini, Wes Sperry (on-line), and Todd Turley.

**Directors Absent:** Ward Burroughs.

**Others Present:** Ken Braden – landowner, Alison Bryson – landowner, Julia Campos – landowner, Darrell Cordova – landowner, John Davids – Davids Engineering (on-line), Cheri Escobar – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Chase Hurley Water & Land Solutions, Kathie Johnson – landowner, Tom Johnson – landowner, Matt Nunes – landowner representative, Ron Nydam – Waterford Irrigation, Sebastian Silvera-landowner representative, Chad Tienken – Davids Engineering (on-line), Julian Torres – Water & Land Solutions, 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 Richard Gemperle, seconded by Member Dino Rossini, and carried, with Wes Sperry abstaining,** to allow Member Wes Sperry to attend the meeting as a voting board member.

**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 Member Dino Rossini, and carried unanimously** to approve the consent calendar. **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-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**            **Resolution to Appoint New Board Member**  
*Member Todd Turley stepped out of the room during Item 4 and did not vote.*  
**It was moved by Member Richard Gemperle, seconded by Member Dino Rossini, and carried** to adopt Resolution 2026-01 appointing Jon Beck as the new board member until the district landowner election in 2029. **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Carl Evers, III Yes, Richard Gemperle -Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry-(on-line)-Yes.**

**Item 5**            **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026**  
*Member Todd Turley stepped out of the room during Item 5 and did not vote.*  
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported on the projects and the need for two Sidegates in Ballico Cortez Water District (BCWD). Ms. Woolf explained that BCWD lacked the

necessary funds to cover the cost of the two Sidegates. According to the memorandum of understanding with ETS GSA, EWD would be reimbursed for the Sidegates mandated by Turlock Irrigation District. **It was moved by Member Carl Evers, III, seconded by Member Cody Alldrin, and carried unanimously** to fund 100% of two Sidegates: 1) for Govert/Spycer/Espinosa and 2) Sunny Acres. . **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin-Yes, Carl Evers, III Yes, Richard Gemperle -Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Dino Rossini-Yes, and Wes Sperry-(on-line)-Yes.**

## **Item 6**

### **Projects**

- a. TID Replenishment Water
  - i. Monte Vista Recharge- There was discussion about continuing work on the pipeline. **This item was for information only.**
  - ii. EARI Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal – Chad Tienken and John Davids, Davids Engineering, gave an update on the 60% design and the environmental work that is being done. The design has been sent to TID, Merced and Stanislaus Counties for comments, which is standard practice. The next step is for EWD staff to work out a process to obtain easements. **This item was for information only.**
  - iii. Landowner Developed Projects in EWD– The General Manager had a discussion with a landowner in Dry Creek about doing flood irrigation during flood events. **This item was for information only.**
- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek
  - i. Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek – The GSA continues to work towards obtaining the permit to install a gauging station. Monitoring is still ongoing. **This item was for information only.**
  - ii. Ongoing project development on private parcels along Dry Creek – A landowner meeting is set for March 5th. **This item was for information only.**

## **Item 7**

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

- a. Groundwater Use Fee True Up Schedule and Results 24/25 WY– The General Manager, reported that GSA staff are preparing for the True-up Invoices. There was a review of the approach, schedule of the Groundwater Accounting statements, and True Up invoices. GSA staff reported at the February TAC meeting an outline of the process for appeals and invoice modifications. They also provided the outcomes for fallowing, cover crops and surface water use. **This item is for information only.**
- b. Incentivized Fallowing Program –, The General Manager, reported that GSA staff gave an overview at the February TAC meeting of the Incentivized Land Fallowing Program applications for approval based on final numbers within the parameters approved by the board at their January meeting. There are fourteen applications. **This item is for information only.**
- c. MLRP pilot and full program – The General Manager, reported there was a good turnout at the Technical Assistance Fair February 11. GSA staff will review and rank project applications, then review their recommendations with the TAC, and make final recommendations to the board. **This item is for information only.**

## **Item 8**

### **Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss. **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

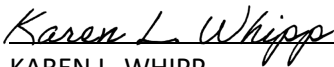
**Item 10**

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:02 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.

February 19, 2026



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK