

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

Thursday, May 28, 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).)

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3. **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board will be advised regarding any key correspondence addressed to ETSGSA.

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

- a. Action to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026, 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 May 2026 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.

6. **FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 SGMA OPERATIONAL BUDGET AND PROJECT AND MANAGEMENT ACTION BUDGET (20 minutes)**

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible adoption of the draft Fiscal Year 2026/2027 SGMA Operational Budget
- b. Presentation, discussion, and possible adoption of the draft Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Project and Management Action Budget.

7. **CONTRACT WORK AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CONTINUED SGMA OPERATIONAL AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 (30 minutes)**

- a. Review and action to approve and direct the General Manager to sign CWAs for continuation of ongoing work for Fiscal Year 2026-27, subject to final review and approval by legal, including the following:
 - i. CWA No. ESA 011 for Environmental Science Associates in the amount of \$175,000 for continuing work to support development of ETSGSA's Rules and Regulations, build out the functionality of the Groundwater Accounting Platform, and support development of Groundwater Account Statements and Groundwater Use Fee invoicing through May 31, 2027.
 - ii. CWA No. EKI-005 for EKI Environment & Water In the amount of \$30,793 for monitoring and review of grant opportunities and support for preparation of grant applications through May 31, 2027.
 - iii. CWA No. LandIQ-003 for Land IQ in the amount of \$125,000 to continue ET and precipitation monitoring and reporting services for ETSGSA through May 31, 2027.
 - iv. CWA No. PENG-010 for Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group in the amount of \$90,000 for continuing work to administer and implement ETSGSA's Groundwater Level and Subsidence Monitoring Programs through May 31, 2027.
- b. Review and action to approve and direct the Board Chair to sign CWA No. Formation 010 for Formation Environmental in the amount of \$187,950 for continuing General Manager/Coordinator and technical support services for implementing the Turlock Subbasin GSP and coordinating GSA operations through May 31, 2027. This is a partial release of the FY 2026/2027 SGMA Operational Budget for the subject tasks, in anticipation of the recruitment and hiring of local staff during the fiscal year.

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- 8. GROUNDWATER USE FEE UPDATE (30 minutes)**
 - a. Update on the status of the payment of True Up Invoices and the number and types of help requests received and responded to.
 - b. Presentation regarding modification requests received, investigation of the requested modifications, and the anticipated issuance of revised account statements and invoices.
 - c. Presentation of staff report regarding appeals received and recommended responses. Consideration of appeals by the Board and potential action to approve, deny, or further investigate appeals.

- 9. MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (20 minutes)**
 - a. Update regarding the status of pilot projects and MLRP projects.
 - b. Review of the draft scope of work for an MOU with Merced County to fund site selection and conceptual planning for a multi-benefit community park project.

- 10. PROJECT UPDATES (10 minutes)**

Updates regarding the GSP Agricultural Recharge Project (TID Replenishment Water) project and the Dry Creek/MID projects. Update regarding Technical Assistance implementation.

- 11. OTHER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS (10 minutes)**

At this time Board members may discuss and take action on other GSP matters of concern, potentially including but not limited to:

 - a. GAP and Project Technical Support
 - b. Groundwater and Subsidence Monitoring Program
 - c. Potential grant opportunities
 - d. Staff augmentation, capacity development, succession, and management planning.

- 12. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – BAKER MANOCK & JENSEN (5 minutes)**

Lauren Layne/Fernando Almaraz will provide a report to the board on legal items that could affect the agency and its member entities.

- 13. 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.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled board meeting is the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

Any materials related to items on this agenda distributed to the Board of Directors of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority before the public meeting is available for inspection by contacting the Board Secretary at 209.626.5523 or kareneastsidewater@att.net.

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