



# EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT

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## EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT E-NEWS MAY 2026

### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

At the May 21, 2026, Eastside Water District board meeting, we discussed:

#### ❖ Projects:

- The Monte Vista Recharge pipeline has been installed, and water is flowing into the pond.
- Davids Engineering has completed the 60% design of a Pipeline to deliver TID Replenishment Water to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek areas from the TID Main Canal to help address the groundwater water levels in ETSGSA. A workshop to review the design is being discussed. The draft CEQA document is almost ready for review. *(see map on page 2)*
- A well-attended meeting was held at Cortez Hall May 12, for Sand Creek and Mustang Creek landowners to discuss the pipeline. **A Project interest Form** is available at <https://www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com>.

#### ❖ Merced Irrigation District

- MID has released water for the 2026 irrigation season. Landowners are taking water.

#### ❖ ETS GSA 2025 Water Year Summary-

- Developed & initiated implementation of Groundwater Accounting Rules and Regulations
- Developed & implemented the first-ever Groundwater Use Fee Program in 2025, including Deposit and True-Up invoicing
- Managed approximately 104,00 irrigated acres through the Groundwater Accounting Platform, a grower-facing online portal used to monitor: Evapotranspiration (ET); Precipitation; Surface Water Deliveries; Fallowing, Cover cropping
- Conducted:  
2 Grower Workshops; 8 Walk-in Help Sessions; Over 250 Grower Help Tickets

#### 2025 Demand Reduction Results

- Exceeded the 2025 groundwater use reduction target (10%) by more than 20,000 acre-feet
- Achieved a total estimated demand reduction of over 32,000 acre-feet
- Over 10,400 acres of irrigated cropland were fallowed in 2025, resulting in an estimated groundwater pumping reduction of approximately 29,700 acre-feet
- More than 27,000 acres were cover cropped during the wet season, resulting in an estimated groundwater pumping reduction of over 4,800 acre-feet



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## Important Dates and Upcoming Meetings

**Memorial Day**  
May 25

**ETS GSA Board Meeting**  
May 28, 9:00 am.  
Cortez Hall

**ETS GSA TAC Meeting**  
June 9, 12:00 p.m.  
Turlock Irrigation District

**EWD Board Meeting**  
June 18, 9:00 a.m.  
Cortez Hall

**Father's Day**  
June 21

**ETS GSA Board Meeting**  
June 25, 9:00 am  
Cortez Hall

Stay informed! The board members encouraged landowners in Eastside Water District to attend the ETS GSA board meetings regularly and provide input. Find out more about the GSA at <https://www.turlockgroundwater.org>

If you want to receive agendas for Eastside Water District and the ETS GSA and other updates, email Karen Whipp at [kareneastsidewater@att.net](mailto:kareneastsidewater@att.net). to be added to our email list. Be sure to visit the EWD website at [eastsidewaterdistrict.com](http://eastsidewaterdistrict.com) for additional information.

