

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

Thursday, July 23, 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 for the June 25, 2026, East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Action to accept the Treasurer's Report and monthly budget report.
- c. Action to approve the payment of the July 2026 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.
- d. Action to authorize General Manager to sign the new five-year agreement with Stanislaus County to collect assessments.

6. **EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY 2024-2025 FISCAL AUDIT (5 minutes)**

Review and consider the acceptance of the 2024-2025 ETS GSA Fiscal Audit.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 SGMA OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GROUNDWATER USE FEES (5 -10 minutes)**

- a. The Board will hold a Public Hearing to set the SGMA Operational Assessment amounts for Non-Irrigated and Irrigated parcels pursuant to the FY 2026-2027 Budget and Engineer's Report.
- b. The Board will hold a Public Hearing to set the Groundwater Use Fees for Irrigated parcels pursuant to the FY 2026-2027 Budget Cost of Service Study to implement PMAs.

8. **RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSITION 218 OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT FEES (10 minutes)**

- a. Action to adopt Resolution 2026-02 Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.
- b. Action to adopt Resolution 2026-03 authorizing the Collection of Unpaid Groundwater Use Fees by placement on the County Tax Rolls for Merced and Stanislaus Counties for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- c. Action to adopt Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Groundwater Use Fees for the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

9. **GROUNDWATER USE FEE UPDATE (5 minutes)**

- a. Update on the status of True Up Invoices, including modified invoices, notices of non-payment and help requests (summary provided in the agenda packet).
- b. Discussion regarding policy for late fees for next year and future years groundwater use fees.

10. **RULES, REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES (20 minutes)**

- a. Presentation and discussion regarding proposed revisions to the ETSGSA Rules and Regulations.
- b. Review and consider taking action on finding of Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Categorical Exemptions with respect to proposed revisions to the Phase 3 Rules and Regulations.
- c. Action to adopt Resolution 2026-05 adopting the revisions to the Phase Three (3) Rules and Regulations (Provided in Agenda Packet)

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- d. Implementation Guidelines for the Use of Meter and Electrical Consumption to Calculate Consumed Groundwater Use proposed to be adopted by GSA staff (Provided in Agenda Packet)
 - e. Implementation Guidelines for the Calculation of Recharge proposed to be adopted by GSA staff (Provided in Agenda Packet)
- 11. MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (15 minutes)**
- a. Update regarding the status of pilot projects.
 - b. Updated implementation schedule, funding, and selection of additional projects based on discussions with the Department of Conservation.
- 12. INCENTIVIZED FALLOWING PROGRAM**
- Update regarding the status of implementation of the Incentivized Fallowing Program for RP 2026 (Provided in Agenda Packet).
- 13. PROJECT UPDATES (5-10 minutes)**
- Updates regarding the GSP Agricultural Recharge Project (TID Replenishment Water) project and the Dry Creek/MID projects.
- 14. OTHER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS (5-10 minutes)**
- At this time Board members may discuss and take action on other GSP matters of concern, potentially including but not limited to (Updates/Status Reports provided in Agenda Packet, as applicable):
- a. Update on GAP and Project Technical and Help Desk Support
 - b. Update of Groundwater and Subsidence Monitoring Program
 - c. Current grant opportunities
 - d. Staff augmentation, capacity development, and management planning
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. ADJOURNMENT**
- The next scheduled board meeting is the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 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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