

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

May 21, 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, Jon Beck, Ward Burroughs, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, and Dino Rossini (on-line), Wes Sperry, and Todd Turley.

Directors Absent: Carl Evers, III.

Others Present: Ken Braden – landowner (on-line), Rosie Burroughs (landowner), Alberto Flores – public, Chase Hurley – landowner representative (on-line), Blanca Lozano – MAC Board Delhi, Matt Nunes – landowner representative, Kathie Johnson – landowner, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Hayde Sanchez, MAC Board Delhi, Brittney Schortzmann – landowner representative (on-line), Chad Tienken – Davids Engineering (on-line), Sarah Woolf- General Manager, Dennis Yotsuya – landowner, and Jeanne Zolezzi – Legal Counsel.

Just Cause Circumstance

Board Member, Dino Rossini informed the board that he was caring for a family member and could not attend the meeting in person. He made a request to attend the meeting remotely. At the board meeting Member Rossini, 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 Wes Sperry, seconded by Member Jon Beck and carried** to allow Member Dino Rossini to attend the meeting as voting board member. **Abstain-Dino Rossini.**

Item 2

Public Comment:

Landowner Rosie Burroughs commented on the dust created by all land fallowing and the effects on the air quality. She asked if something could be done.

Item 3

Consent Calendar for Eastside Water District

It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Jon Beck, and carried unanimously to approve the consent calendar. **Roll Call Vote: Cody Alldrin - Yes, Jon Beck - Yes, Ward Burroughs – Yes, Richard Gemperle - Yes, Tim Johnson - Yes, Dino Rossini – Yes, Wes Sperry Yes, and Todd Turley - Yes.**

Item 4

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Eastside Water District Budget

Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reviewed the proposed 2026-27 budget. There was discussion regarding the budget. The budget will be brought back to the board for action at their June meeting. **This item was for information only.**

Item 5

Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026

Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported there were no new projects or Sidegates this month. Ms. Woolf is working with a landowner to finalize information for his project. **This item was for information only.**

Item 6

Projects

- a. TID Replenishment Water – The General Manager reported landowners are taking water. **This item was for information only.**
 - i. Monte Vista Recharge- The General Manager reported the pond has been full for about a month. It has been taking approximately 1 acre-ft of water a day in recharge. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. EARI Pipeline to Sand Creek and Mustang Creek from the Main Canal – Chad Tienken, Davids Engineering, gave an update on the completed 60% design. The draft CEQA document is almost complete. Staff is initiating tribal and agency consultations. Plans were made to have a workshop following the July joint EWD/BCWD board meeting. **This item was for information only.**
 - iii. Sand and Mustang Creek Landowner Meeting –Sand and Mustang Creek landowners had a well-attended meeting May 12 at Cortez Hall to discuss the EARI Pipeline and potential projects. A project form has been prepared for landowners to submit. A link to the form is posted on the Eastside Water District website. At least one project has been submitted to Davids Engineering through this format. **This item was for information only.**
- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek
 - i. Monitoring Sites on Dry Creek –The GSA has received the permit to install a gauging station. They are working to get the station installed. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Ongoing project development on private parcels along Dry Creek –There is more water than usual in Dry Creek. The General Manager is investigating where it is coming from. **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 – Summary Report – The General Manager reported on the appeals that will be coming before the board. The General Manager also reported that landowners who have not paid their true-up invoices by a certain date will have their debt placed on a tax roll. **This item is for information only.**
- b. Summary document for 25/26 WY – The General Manager reported that Michelle Reimers, EARI consultant prepared a 2025 Water Year Summary handout that shows successful activities, programs and results. **This item is for information only.**
- c. ETSGSA Management and Staffing changes – The General Manager, reported on staff changes, which included hiring a local General Manager and a local staff person to assist landowners with the Groundwater Accounting Platform. **This item is for information only.**
- d. 2026/2027 Budget – The General Manager, reported the budget will be reviewed and discussed, with possible action at the May board meeting. **This item is for information only.**

Item 8

Other Business

One of the Eastside Water District board members asked if there might be interest in Ballico Cortez Water District becoming part of Eastside Water District. **This item was for information only.**

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Item 9

Closed Session

Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 11:11 a.m.

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case.

No action was taken.

a. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS**

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.8

Property: Bledsoe and Keyes Road

Agency Negotiators: Sarah Woolf, Tim Johnson, Jeanne Zolezzi

Negotiating Parties: Landowners

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 11:18 a.m.

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 11:19 a.m.

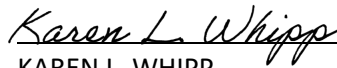
Item 12

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 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.

May 21, 2026



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK