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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT E-NEWS AUGUST 2026

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

At the August 20, 2026, Eastside Water District board meeting, we discussed:

❖ Projects:

- Approximately **6,100 acre-feet** of Replenishment Water has been used by landowners in EWD and Ballico Cortez Water District to date.
- The Monte Vista Recharge pond has taken approximately **151 acre-feet**.
- Davids Engineering is working on the **100%** design of the EARI Pipeline Project 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. The next step will be the release of the Environmental documents and an opportunity to comment at the October 15 Joint EWD-BCWD Board meeting. *(map on page 2)*
- **A Project interest Form** for Sand Creek and Mustang Creek Landowners is available at <https://www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com>.

❖ Merced Irrigation District

- To date landowners have taken all but **2.7 acre-feet** of its purchased **1,700 acre-feet** of water.

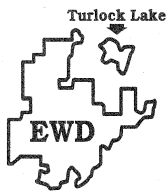
❖ ETS GSA 2025 Water Year Summary-

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

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 to be added to our email list. Be sure to visit the EWD website at eastsidewaterdistrict.com for additional information.



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Important Dates and Upcoming Meetings

ETS GSA Board Meeting

August 27, 9:00 am.
Cortez Hall

Labor Day

September 7

ETS GSA TAC Meeting

September 8, 12:00 p.m.
Turlock Irrigation District

EWD Board Meeting

September Meeting - Cancelled

ETS GSA Board Meeting

September 24, 9:00 am
Cortez Hall

We're sorry if you missed the

EARI Landowner Workshop

If you have questions about the
pipeline, contact Sarah Woolf,
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DAIRY WATER REUSE

Did you know?
California
dairies recycle
and reuse the
same water an
average of **four**
times.



Facts source Dairy Cares, CA Farm Water Coalition, CA Depart. of Food & Ag.

