

**Minutes of the Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting of the
Eastside Water District Board of Directors
and
Ballico Cortez Water District Board of Directors**

July 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Eastside Water District Board Vice- Chairman Wes Sperry called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA, 95380.

Directors Present: Jon Beck, Ward Burroughs, Richard Gemperle, Dino Rossini and Wes Sperry.

Directors Absent: Cody Alldrin, Carl Evers, III, and Tim Johnson, Todd Turley.

Others Present: Emalie Brasil – Water Wise -, Alison Bryson – landowner, Rosie Burroughs – landowner, Trevor Cordova – landowner, Cheri Escobar – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Chase Hurley – landowner representative, Blanca Lozano – MAC Board Delhi, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Al Rossini – landowner, Hayde Sanchez, MAC Board Delhi, Ray Veldhuis – landowner, Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, and Jeanne Zolezzi – Legal Counsel.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** Hayde Sanchez, MAC Board Delhi, talked about the proposed community park in Delhi.

Item 3 **Consent Agenda for Eastside Water District**
It was moved by Member Dino Rossini, seconded by Member Jon Beck, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Item 4 **Consent Agenda for Ballico Cortez Water District**
No action by Eastside Water District.

Item 5 **Eastside Water District**
It was moved by Member Ward Burroughs, seconded by Member Wes Sperry, and carried unanimously to authorize the General Manager to sign the new five-year agreement with Stanislaus County to collect assessments.

Item 6 **Ballico Cortez Water District Resolutions**
No action by Eastside Water District.

Item 7 **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2025-2026 - Eastside and Ballico**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reported the Escobar/Bryson project was being completed and the board had authorized the final payment this month. Ms. Woolf is working with another landowner to finalize information for his project and bring it to the board in August. **This item was for information only.**

Item 8

Projects

- a. TID Replenishment Water
 - i. Replenishment Water Use YTD– The General Manager reported Approximately 4,100 acre-feet of Replenishment Water has been used by landowners in EWD and Ballico Cortez Water District to date. **This item was for information only.**
 - ii. Monte Vista Recharge- The General Manager reported the pond has taken approximately 115 acre-feet this month. **This item was for information only.**
- b. Merced Irrigation/Dry Creek
 - i. MID has released water for the 2026 irrigation season. To date landowners have taken 1,500 acre-feet. **This item was for information only.**

Item 9

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 gave a brief update on 71 unpaid invoices true-up invoices. If not paid by August 9, their debt will be placed on the county tax roll. **This item is for information only.**
- b. ETSGSA Management and Staffing changes – The General Manager reported that two job descriptions for support staff have been posted. There were 81 applicants. Mike Tietze, General Manager, ETS GSA, is reviewing the applications. **This item is for information only.**
- c. EWD Reimburse – The General Manager reported that EWD is submitting invoices to the GSA for reimbursement for MID transfer water and Sidegates. **This item is for information only.**
- d. MLRP Grant Update – The General Manager reported the MLRP grant ends March 2027. Non-construction projects will be funded first. The Department of Conservation will continue funding in April 2027 under a new program to complete the construction projects. **This item is for information only.**

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Other Business

There was no other business to discuss. **This item was for information only.**

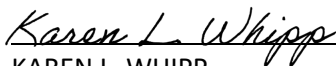
Item 11

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Wes Sperry adjourned the meeting at 9:36 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.

July 16, 2026



KAREN L. WHIPP

EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK