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

August 20, 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: Jon Beck, Ward Burroughs, Richard Gemperle, Tim Johnson, Dino Rossini and Wes Sperry.

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

Others Present: Brad Abraham – landowner representative**,** Ken Braden (on-line) – landowner, Alison Bryson – landowner, Rosie Burroughs – landowner, Cheri Escobar – landowner, Alberto Flores – public, Chase Hurley – landowner representative, Blanca Lozano – MAC Board Delhi, John Mandoncon – landowner, Brooke Marchy – Waterford Irrigation, Matt Nunes – landowner representative, Ron Nydam – Waterford Irrigation, Michelle Reimers - Consultant, Bill Reichle - landowner, Hayde Sanchez, MAC Board Delhi, Chad Tienken – Davids Engineering (on-line), Karen Whipp – Board Secretary, Sarah Woolf- General Manager, Dennis Yotsuya – landowner, and Jeanne Zolezzi (on-line) – Legal Counsel.

Item 2 **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

Item 3 **Consent Agenda**
It was moved by Member Wes Sperry, seconded by Member Richard Gemperle, and **carried unanimously** to approve the consent agenda.

Item 4 **Infrastructure Reimbursement Program for 2026-2027**
Sarah Woolf, General Manager, reviewed three projects, including the Espinosa project that is completed and the board authorized for this month. Ms. Woolf is working with other landowners to finalize information for their projects and bring the list of projects that are moving forward to the board in October. **This item was for information only.**

Item 5 **Projects**

a. TID Replenishment Water
    i. Replenishment Water Use YTD– The General Manager reported Approximately 6,100 acre-feet of Replenishment Water has been used by landowners to date. **This item was for information only.**
    ii. Monte Vista Recharge- The General Manager reported the pond has taken approximately 151 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 1,700 acre-feet, plus excess flood flow water. **This item was for information only.**

c. EARI Pipeline Next Steps – Chad Tienken, Davids Engineering, reported work has begun on the 100% design and permitting. His team, Sarah Woolf and Michelle Reimers met with Turlock Irrigation District (TID) staff for their quarterly meeting. TID is reviewing the CEQA document and the 60% design. Landowner meetings have just begun.

a. d. Sand/Mustang Creek Recharge Development – There was nothing new to report this month. **This item is for information only.**

Item 6 **Update on East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

b. Groundwater Use Fee True Up Schedule and Unpaid Invoices —The General Manager gave a brief update on 71 unpaid true-up invoices that were placed on the county tax roll. Once paid they are removed from county tax roll. **This item is for information only.**

c. ETSGSA Management and Staffing changes – The General Manager reported on the two positions that are being discussed. One is a general manager and the other position is a landowner liaison to assist them with the Groundwater Accounting Platform and GSA programs and projects. **This item is for information only.**

d. EWD Reimburse from ETS GSA for Infrastructure– There was nothing new to report this month. **This item is for information only.**

Item 7 **Other Business**

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

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the regular meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Item 8 **Closed Session**

Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the closed session at 9:50 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: Appropriative Water Right
Agency Negotiator: Sarah Woolf
Negotiating Parties: SWRCB
Under Negotiation: Water Right

Chairman Tim Johnson closed the Closed Session at 10:15 a.m.
Chairman Tim Johnson opened the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Item 9 **Adjournment**

Chairman Tim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:33 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.

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