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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT E-NEWS
NOVEMBER 2026

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

At the November 19, 2026, Eastside Water District board meeting, we discussed:

- Projects:
  - Approximately **10,000 acre-feet** of Replenishment Water has been used by landowners in EWD and Ballico Cortez Water District to date. Be sure to report your use in the Groundwater Accounting Platform when you receive your statement from TID.
  - The Monte Vista Recharge pond has taken approximately **180 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 Environmental document has been prepared. (*information below*)
  - Landowner's bids for several projects for Replenishment Water were reviewed and discussed. 5 Sidegates have been approved and 4 pipeline projects were approved to be installed this winter.
  - **A Project interest Form** for Sand Creek and Mustang Creek Landowners is available at https://www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com.
- Merced Irrigation District
  - Landowners have taken all of the purchased **1,700 acre-feet** of water. There will be a **Dry Creek Landowner** meeting in **early to mid-December. Scheduling will be done after Thanksgiving.**





ADOPTION OF AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Eastside Water District (EWD), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in partnership with the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETSGSA will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION AN INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** at its regularly scheduled **EWD Board meeting Thursday, December 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM**. The meeting will take place at Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA. 95380**.**

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Important Dates and Upcoming Meetings

Thanksgiving
November 26

ETS GSA TAC Meeting
December 8, 12:00 p.m.
Turlock Irrigation District

EWD Board Meeting
December 17, 9:00 am
Cortez Hall

ETS GSA Board Meeting
December 17, 11:00 am
Cortez Hall

Christmas
December 25

Merced Irrigation District
Invites Growers to Appreciation Lunch
December 10, 2026 11:30 am

Merced County Fairground Pavillion Hall
900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced

RSVP by November 27 to Kristine Morris
kmorris@mercedid.org or 209-354-2863

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.

