

**EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
150 South E Street  
Exeter, California  
April 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Joe Ferrara at 1:30 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Via Telephone, Ralph Fuller, and Keith Cosart. Directors absent Bob Ward. Others Present were Dale Brogan, Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, and Douglas Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Ferrara asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, the public comment period was closed.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

President Ferrara asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. Hearing none, on motion of Director, Cosart, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Ferrara asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the March 10, 2022, Board meeting. Hearing none, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

General Manager Gene Kilgore presented the accounts payable for review to the Board. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Board approved the warrants/accounts payable as presented and ordered that they be paid warrants #39754 through #39797, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

General Manager Gene Kilgore reviewed the Financial Statements and reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$160,915.70 and disbursements of \$283,468.06. It was further reported that the District had an active bank balance of \$1,129,122.09 at Bank of the Sierra and \$148,813.34 at Bank of America ending March 31, 2022. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B."

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Brogan provided a report to the Board regarding the status of the 2022 water supply. It was noted that the initial water supply declaration of 15 percent Class 1 remains subject to change as a number of issues remain to be resolved over the next few weeks, including a potential release from Millerton Lake to the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors, planned delta exports, San Luis Reservoir operations, and continued refinement of the San Joaquin River hydrology and projected runoff. The current forecast using 90% and 75% exceedance only generates 1% and 9 % Friant allocation, respectively. Which leads to questions on how the Bureau remains firm on the 15% declaration. Currently, no Delta Operation Plan has been finalized. Also, incorrectly administered, the Bureau increased its initial scheduled water from 200,000 to 452,000 acre-feet for the exchange contractors. However, due to holding to monthly flow maximums and the channel capacity limitation of 1210 cubic feet per second, the exchange contractors may not be able to take delivery of the volume allocated by the Bureau, thus Friant contractors may be able to purchase some water back. There are discussions that potentially 40-70,000 acre-feet of Unreleased Restoration Flows may become available in the next few weeks.

Mr. Brogan also reviewed final delivery numbers for the 2021 water year, and reconciled water payments made to the Bureau of Reclamation for the 2021 water year. Mr. Brogan also verified the District's 2021 carry-over water was protected.

It was also reported that the District recorded 1.62 inches of rain for the month of March, for a season total of 9.21 inches.

MANAGERS REPORT:

No report was provided.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

The Board directed management to coordinate with Director Cosart to finalize the draft Water Banking Policy for the District as presented by Director Cosart. After which, refer the policy to District Counsel Alex Peltzer for review and comment.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Craig Hornung provided an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan that was submitted to DWR. DWR determined most GSA's plan were incomplete and gave the GSA 180 days to correct. The EKGSA deadline was July 27, 2022. Mr. Hornung stated that the GSA should develop an education campaign to help growers with understanding the future groundwater extraction limitations.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

Craig Hornung provided a summary of the growers visit, coordinated by Mr. Vink, to Ernest Conant's office in Sacramento. Mr. Conant, although sympathetic to the growers' frustrations, reiterated there was nothing his office can do and that the Friant contractors needed to prevail at the April 28<sup>th</sup> hearing.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY:

Nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION:

President Ferrara moved the Board into closed session to discuss existing litigation: City of Fresno vs. the United States, Friant Water Supply Protection Association vs. Del Puerto Water District et.al., per Government Code 54956.9, discuss Real Property Negotiations, per Government Code 54956.8, and discussed clerical support, per Government Code 54957.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION:

Back into open session, the Board authorized Mr. Peltzer to draft and submit a letter in support of Friant Water Authority's comment letter to the State Water Resource Control Board supporting the Bureau's Notice of Petition for temporary change involving up to 76,069 acre-feet of water under existing license and permits.

The Board instructed management to negotiate with Sunkist Growers Inc. regarding the development of a test recharge facility on their property.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS:

The Board, on motion of Director Fuller, seconded by Director Cosart and carried the Board approved the permanent full time Clerical Support position with starting wage of \$18.00 per hour plus benefits.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller and carried, President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:05 p.m.