

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

April 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:31 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Keith Cosart, and Greg Crosson. Director Fuller present Via Telephone. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc. representative, Aaron Henderson with AgriCare, and Landowner Christina Saenger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Hornung stated the letter sent to growers provided good information and he appreciated the communication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda. Mr. Kilgore made a request to delete Agenda Items 7b. and 8, due to insufficient information of the groundwater credit purchase proposal. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Agenda was approved with the deletions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the March 13, 2023, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Ms. Rossman presented the Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$37,031.32 and \$205,974.26, respectively. Expenditures for Board review amounted to \$243,005.58. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts Payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40171, #40173 through #40211, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Rossman presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$133,137.56. It was further reported that as of March 31, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,671,259.12 and \$103,139.09, respectively, amounting to \$1,774,398.21. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,652,298.41, for total District funds amounting to \$4,426,696.62. Petty Cash reimbursement amounted to \$33.37. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Financial Reports and Petty Cash expense were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B".

WATER SUPPLY

The District's 2023 Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) initial Class 1 and Class 2 remains at 100% and 70%, respectively. Mr. Kilgore reported March Friant deliveries totaled 90 acre-feet, of which roughly 13 acre-feet was for District recharge and 77 acre-feet was grower irrigation/recharge. The District recorded an average of 7.63 inches of precipitation for the month of March. As of March 31st, the season rainfall recorded amounted to 20.85 inches. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches.

As of April 13th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 4,087,820 acre-feet, 208,804 acre-feet (UcS) and 2,021,105 acre-feet, respectively. It is anticipated that San Luis would be in flood release by the end April. Reported, as of April 12th, snow water content percent of April 1st average was approximately 300% for the Southern area.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that staff, along with contractors, are repairing water leaks throughout the District. Mr. Keller provided an update that he had been in contact with the BOR and Southern California Edison has all the permitting necessary to relocate the power pole near Line #3. Mr. Kilgore provided a brief explanation for the formation of the Exeter Irrigation District Financing Corporation. The Board gave directions to draft the documentation necessary to dissolve the Company. Mr. Kilgore provide a brief update on the collaboration with Cal Gap to be the third party to facilitate funding opportunities for the District's growers.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, (MRCCP) Phase 1 at the Deer Creek siphon was inundated during flooding that occurred early March. Dewatering of the site has begun; however, the extent of the damage remains unknown, and the extent of

the project delay is yet to be determined. Mr. Kilgore reported that Friant Water Authority's continues to work through potential cash flow issues for the MRCCP. Mr. Kilgore provided the draft language of the Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Correction Phase 2 Plus Study agreement. After discussion, the Board agreed to move forward as a participant.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported that options are continuing to be evaluated for recharge projects, either by lease or collaborations. The KEX-R4 Site is being used again for recharge purposes.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported that the EKGSA will be sending out growers' statements for their review.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided a memo from the South Valley Water Authority of their current activities. A draft letter was provided for consideration that promoted contractor participation in the WIIN Act consultation process on Long-Term Operation of the CVP. The Board instructed staff to submit the letter to the BOR Regional Director Earnest Conant.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:30 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in the closed session.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to open session at 4:23

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:24 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore
General Manager