

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

**August 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by General Manager Gene Kilgore at 1:34 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and Ralph Fuller. Others Present were Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Brooke Shaw (Via Telephone) and Alex Peltzer, legal counsel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Ferrara called for any public comment. No comments were presented.

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

President Ferrara called for the approval of the July 14, 2022, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Fuller, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Ayes: Directors Fuller, Ward, and Cosart

Nays: None

Abstain: Directors Ferrara and Crosson

Absent: None

**WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES:**

Ms. Rossman presented the Accounts Payables for review to the Board. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #39924 through #39959, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Rossman reviewed the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$71,828.91 and disbursements of \$570,431.71. It was further reported that as of July 31, 2022, the District had an active ending bank balance in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$781,225.74 and \$57,342.06, respectively, amounting to \$838,526.96. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,671,152.73, for total funds amounting to \$3,509,679.69. Petty cash reimbursement amounted to \$65.00, for reimbursement for staff Department of Transportation medical examination. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, 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:

Manager Kilgore reported that the Bureau increased Friant water allocation to 30% on July 20<sup>th</sup> and the District revised its allocation to growers to .41 acre-feet per acre. Also, total Unreleased Restoration Flows (URF) equated to roughly 9% allocation, which provide the District with a total combined allocation of roughly 39%. The District delivered roughly 776 acre-feet in July. Mr. Kilgore provide the current 2022 project water schedule for the Board to review. Mr. Kilgore reported that it was unknown, at the present time, if carry-over water would be allowed due to the Middle-Reach Capacity correction work. The southern portion of the canal is scheduled to be dewatered on November 15, 2022; thus, Millerton may need to be at or near low pool to buffer any winter storm events.

Mr. Kilgore reported the current District allocation was increased from 0.29 to 0.41 acre-feet/Acre. After review, the water rate remained at \$423 per acre-foot with the contingency of using reserve funds to offset costs.

Millerton capacity, as of August 11, 2022, was recorded at 262,340 acre-feet, roughly 50% of capacity. The District recorded 0.11 inches of rainfall for the month of July, for a season total of .11 inches. Last year's 2021-2022, June-July, total recorded rainfall was 9.41 inches.

Mr. Kilgore reported that the Bureau's and District's July delivery meter readings were relatively close in during this period, but staff will continue to monitor.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore reported that lines 3 and 6 had been down due to significant leaks and is currently waiting on the contractor to schedule the repair.

Mr. Kilgore presented the revised 2022 Budget, which included an increase of water costs due to previous years delinquencies. After discussion, Board took no action to revise the water rate.

Mr. Keller continues to work through details with Southern California Edison and the Bureau to make the necessary repairs on the 3 line.

There was no update provided for the 5-year Water Management Plan update.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that he would be getting involved with the Water Blueprint foundation that is engaged in finding ways to bring water to the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Kilgore provided a brief report on the Del Puerto hearing he attended on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1. The canal will be dewatered on November 15, 2022 and put back in service on February 1, 2023.

Friant staff is engaged with the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) on two issues. The San Luis Transmission Project seems to be losing support due to the roughly 40 years of payback. There are, however, two financing options that is being considered (1) public-private partnership with an interested solar developer and (2) possible Federal appropriations through Western Area Power Administration. The second issue is the San Joaquin River release to Mendota pool. Friant is engaged with SLDMWA in discussions on how releases are to be administered under the Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies.

Mr. Kilgore reviewed the Friant-Kern Canal Water Quality Guidelines and Cooperative Agreement with the Board and recommended acceptance and execution of the agreement. Mr. Kilgore reiterated that if the Board, at any time, after the execution of agreement did not like the administration of the agreement could terminate said agreement. Mr. Peltzer advised the same and provide the history of the work that had been done to get to the agreement. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Crosson, and unanimously carried the Board approved executing the Water Quality Guidelines and Agreement, contingent upon legal counsel review of the final draft.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Kilgore provided comments to the draft Banking, Recharge, and Grower Carryover Policies. After discussions, the Board instructed staff to finalize the policies to be considered by the October Board meeting.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore reported on the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan was submitted by the July 27<sup>th</sup> deadline and now waits review by the Department of Water Resources' staff. Committees continue to work on the Rules and Regulations for the Board to consider for adoption.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Peltzer reported on the SVWA activities provided by Dan Vink from his August Home Board Update report, highlighting meetings with congressman and staff over water related issues and the Delta and the River Restoration Program. Continuing to coordinate with FWA's legal counsel to draft a Joint Defense Agreement so both the Friant and South Valley group can meet to discuss certain issues affecting all Friant Contractors.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Director Fuller, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, General Manager Kilgore adjourned the Board meeting at 3:37 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore  
Secretary/Manager