

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

**August 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:30 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Bob Ward, and Keith Cosart. Director Greg Crosson absent One Vacant Seat. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Legal Counsel Alex Peltzer, Trelawney Bullis, Milo Gorden, and Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District General Manager, Shane Smith and Engineering Technician/Projects Manager, Chad Kilgore.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments. Shane Smith, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD) General Manager, presented a letter of appreciation to the Board for allowing District staff to assist KDWCD during the March 2023 flood event. Chad Kilgore, KDWCD Engineering Technician/Projects Manager presented staff with a 2023 commemorative coin reflecting the flood events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda. Mr. Kilgore requested to add agenda item 11a: Greater Kaweah GSA Reimbursement Agreement. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Agenda was accepted with the addition of Agenda Item 11a.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Mr. Kilgore presented July's Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$31,629.49 and \$834,406.30, respectively. Payables accounted for \$500,000 being transferred to Stifel

Investments. Expenditures for Board review amounted to \$161,266.75. Petty Cash expenses amounted to \$37.90. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board approved the July Payroll and Accounts Payables as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40300 through #40344, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit “A”.

#### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for July, noting receipts of \$108,991.50. It was further reported that as of July 31, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,313,641.51 and \$108,884.75, respectively, amounting to \$3,491,730.47. Also submitted for Board review was July’s report of investments amounting to \$2,665,035, for total District funds amounting to \$4,914,256.73. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit “B”.

#### 2023 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore reviewed 2023 adopted Budget and explained any variances.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the uncontrolled season releases from Millerton ended on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The Bureau’s allocation of Class 1 remained at 100 percent and residual Class 2 was tentatively set at 15 percent, but there is a possibility the allocation could be decreased down to either 10 or even 5 percent. Mr. Kilgore reported July’s Friant deliveries totaled 4,423 acre-feet. The District recorded no rainfall in July. The 2022-23 precipitation recorded amounted to 20.93 inches.

As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,769,994 acre-feet, 454,922 acre-feet and 1,815,496 acre-feet, respectively.

#### MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that he and Mr. Brogan had met with the Bureau on July 19<sup>th</sup> to review discrepancies regarding water payments. The District has received the Bureau’s accounting spreadsheet, which Mr. Brogan was currently comparing with his audit.

#### FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided an update Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, where significant progress has been made and that concrete lining is beginning to be placed. Also, meetings have been scheduled to discuss the San Joaquin River Restoration Plan update in 2026.

Friant continues to work with the Bureau and the Exchange Contractors to develop an operational plan. Mr. Kilgore outlined Friant's request to have the Boards adopt a resolution accepting the Water Quality Plan that had already been approved. Mr. Kilgore stated he had concerns with the resolution's wording and had asked legal counsel for an opinion.

#### RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported that lease agreements are being drafted for AC Foods/CVC and Stuller Projects.

#### SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore provided a summary of the activities of EKGSA, noting final invoices were being sent to growers for the 2022 year. Mr. Kilgore discussed the letter sent by the East Kaweah GSA to the Mid and Greater Kaweah GSAs discussing the perception of the lack of coordination within the mitigation plan and the Feedback received from the Mid and Greater Kaweah GSAs. Mr. Kilgore presented the Greater Kaweah GSA Reimbursement Agreement for the Yokohl Creek Recharge.

Project. On motion by Director Cossart, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Board approved the reimbursement, contingent upon legal counsel review.

#### SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the South Valley Water Authority of current activities and Mr. Vink's outline of a One Water Network narrative.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:00 p.m.

#### RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened to open session at 4:40, no recordable action was taken closed session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:41 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager