

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

December 8, 2022

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, Keith Cosart, Greg Crosson, and Ralph Fuller. Others Present were Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc representative, Douglass Jackson, Christina Sanger, landowner, and Mark Rip, landowner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments, none were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kilgore announced the tour of the Friant Canal Middle Reach Correction Project scheduled for December 16, 2022. Mr. Kilgore reported Director Ferrara attended the Friant Retreat held through November 15-17, 2022.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the November 10, 2022, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, both Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Ms. Rossman presented the Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$17,605.32 and \$116,777.09, respectively. Total expenditures for Board review amounted to \$134,382.41.

Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40051 through #40073, 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 \$351,367.23. It was further reported that as of November 31, 2022, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,166,426.11 and \$30,255.21, respectively, amounting to \$1,196,681.32.

Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,633,902.74, for total funds amounting to \$3,830,584.06. Petty Cash reimbursement amounted to \$14.95, refreshments for the Board meeting. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously 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

Manager Kilgore presented the projected December Friant water schedule for Board review.

Mr. Kilgore reported that November Friant deliveries totaled 233 acre-feet, all was from District allocation. Remaining Friant water to be delivered amounted to 1,359 Acre-feet, which was all allocated water, and 950 acre-feet was scheduled to be carried over. The District recorded an average of 0.73 inches of precipitation for the month of November. As of November 31st, the season's rainfall recorded was 0.84 inches. As of December 8th, precipitation for December amounted to approximately 1.55 inches with a total accumulation of approximately 2.39 inches, as of December 8, 2022. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches.

As of December 7th, reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 1,409,577 acre-feet, 296,826 acre-feet and 519,411 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported staff is repairing meters and other routine maintenance. Mr. Kilgore has received notice that Southern California Electric has received permits to perform the relocation of the power pole adjacent to Line #3 and is scheduled for late February.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore supplied an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1. The Canal, south of Tipton, was dewatered on November 15, 2022, and will be put back in service on February 1, 2023. A tour of the project was scheduled for December 16, 2022.

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant- Kern Canal Phase 2+ study and the discussions held on November 15-17, 2022, Friant Retreat. The study looked at repairing current canal constraints to

add additional flow capacity. The increased capacity would include additional diversions for future project development and to maximize conveyance of uncontrolled season releases. The improvements would mostly benefit those with Class 2 water supply. Mr. Kilgore reported that the Friant Retreat discussions were very insightful and beneficial, so to focus all Friant contractors to a common resolve on issues impacting all CVP contractors.

Mr. Kilgore recommended appointing a director to serve as a representative to the Friant Water Authority Board for associate member meetings. On motion by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Crosson, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Director Cosart and the remaining Directors as alternates.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Kilgore provided the draft of Recharge and Grower Carryover Policies for final review; the Board had no further comments. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Recharge Policy. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Carry-over Policy.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore presented a preliminary request to consider a venture by AC Foods/CVC to develop recharge projects and two sites, identified as KEX and R4. Although terms needed to be drafted for review, AC Foods requested a commitment by the Board so local staff could promote the projects to their stakeholders. The Board expressed interest and directed Mr. Kilgore to move forward and notify AC Foods of the Boards interest in the projects.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore presented the East Kaweah GSA (EKGSA) 2023 budget that was adopted at its December 12, 2022, Board meeting. Mr. Kilgore highlighted the estimated governance cost to the District of approximately \$41,000. The District contributes 1/7th to the EKGSA governance budget, which for 2023 was set at approximately \$284,000.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that he would be submitting 2021-2022 surface water deliveries to the water dashboard by the end of December, as required by EKGSA.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Alex Peltzer provided a brief report on the SVWA trip to Washington D.C.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:35 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to open session at 4:23 p.m.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY MANAGERS REVIEW

The Board was overall pleased with Mr. Kilgore's performance. The main goals and objectives were to focus on the District's sustainability requirements by developing recharge projects and developing ventures with other water purveyors to potentially bring water to the area during dry years.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:38 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore
Secretary/Manager