

EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
150 South E Street
Exeter, California
February 10, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

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.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ferrara, Crosson, Fuller, Ward, Cosart

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Board Advisor Dale Brogan (by telephone), Office Manager Selena Rossman, Dan Vink (by telephone), Aaron Henderson (by telephone)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried the agenda was approved as mailed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried the Minutes of the January 13, 2022, Board Meeting were approved.

WARRANTS

Upon a motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried warrants #39675 through #39721, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A" were approved.

Upon a motion by Director Fuller, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried the Petty Cash reimbursement of \$81.27 was approved.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

The Secretary and Treasurer report was submitted to the Board for review, copies of which are included, herewith, as Exhibit "B."

MANAGERS REPORT

There was nothing new to update on the Edison power pole issue.

WATER SUPPLY

It was reported that the District delivered 259 acre-feet of water for the month of January and received no rain for the same month.

Consultant Brogan reported on current water conditions, noting that plans have been made to end the 2021 water year with the maximum amount of carryover allowed by the Bureau of Reclamation and assuming those with remaining water will use their full amount prior to the end of February. Further reported were conditions of the San Joaquin River watershed and the status of forecasting the 2022 water supply. Concerns remain whether Friant Contractors will have a water supply declaration prior to the beginning of the new water year.

Consultant Brogan further reported on the status of 2021 water year payments made to the Bureau. It was reported that payments made are currently being reconciled to those that were required with corrections documented. It is expected to have those corrections will be ready for Board review and payment at the March board meeting.

The Board reviewed the 2021 water rates and discussed potential rates for the 2022 water year. It was decided that any potential discussion on revising the water rate for 2022 would be deferred to the March board meeting, with the hope that a Friant allocation will have been made by that time.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Board reviewed a draft water banking policy for the District as presented by Director Cosart. The Board was encouraged to review the policy in preparation for potential adoption at the March board meeting.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

The Board discussed recent activities of the East Kaweah GSA, noting the process to be used to determine total water use and available supply for each grower in the District.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

SVWA Executive Director Dan Vink reviewed recent activities of the Association. Included in this report were current discussions regarding the potential reopening of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program in 2026. It was noted that this will be the first opportunity for the restoration program to be analyzed for effectiveness in achieving its goals.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board was advised that in accordance with the Tri-District Water Authority agreement, the District is to appoint of two board members and one alternate board member to serve on the TDWA board of directors. It was the consensus of the Board that President Ferrara and Director Crosson would remain as the District's representatives to the TDWA board with Director Cozart serving as the alternate director.

CLOSED SESSION

President Ferrara moved the Board into closed session to discuss existing litigation: City of Fresno vs. the United States, and Friant Water Supply Protection Association vs. Del Puerto Water District et.al., per Government Code 54956.9. Following closed session, President Ferrara brought the Board back into open session and reported that there was no reportable action from the closed session.

OTHER ITEMS

There was nothing new to report on the Five-Year Water Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion presented by Director Ward and seconded by Director Fuller, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors will be held Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Selena Rossman
Office Manager