

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

**February 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:34 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and Greg Crosson. Director Fuller was absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc. representative, Grower Christina Saenger, Aaron Henderson with AgriCare.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kilgore announced the hiring of a new field operations employee, Anthony Franco.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the January 12, 2023, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

President Ferrara called for the approval of the January 30, 2023, special Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the special meeting Minutes were approved as presented. Director Crosson abstained.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Ms. Rossman presented the Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$39,185.91 and \$225,240.05, respectively. Total expenditures for Board review amounted to \$264,425.96. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40108 through #40148, 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 \$338,083.33. It was further reported that as of January 31, 2022, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,992,17.68 and \$113,042.21, respectively, amounting to \$2,105,241.89.

Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,659,238.63, for total funds amounting to \$4,764,498.52. Petty Cash reimbursement amounted to \$252.99. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, 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

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) called for Uncontrolled Season (UcS) releases to be stopped. In addition, the BOR increased the 2022 allocation from 35% to 50%. The projected February Friant water delivery schedule was presented for Board review. Mr. Kilgore reported January Friant deliveries totaled 399 acre-feet, all were from Class 2 Uncontrolled Season allocation. Growers took delivery of approximately 234 acre-feet for irrigation and recharge. The District recharged 165 acre-feet for the month. The District transferred 100 acre-feet to Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD) for recharge. The remaining Friant water to be delivered in February amounts to 51 acre-feet of Class 1 to be used in the District and 3,500 acre-feet to be delivered to KDWCD for recharge benefits. As of February 16<sup>th</sup>, the District has recharged approximately 295 acre-feet and growers have used 390 acre-feet, totaling roughly 685 acre-feet. Daily deliveries amounted to 25 cfs. The District recorded an average of 5.05 inches of precipitation for the month of January. As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, the season's rainfall recorded was 9.64 inches. As of February 16<sup>th</sup>, precipitation amounted to approximately .57 inches, with a total accumulation of approximately 10.21 inches. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches. As of February 16<sup>th</sup>, reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 1,995,141 acre-feet, 430,871 acre-feet (UcS) and 832,411 acre-feet, respectively. Reported, as of February 16<sup>th</sup>, snow water content percent of April 1<sup>st</sup> average was approximately 166% for the Southern area. The initial 2023 allocation was announced by the BOR, which set Class 1 at 100%, Class 2 at 20% and Unreleased Restoration Flows was made available to Class 2 contractors, amounting to 2,129 acre-feet for the District.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that staff continue to repair faulty meters and perform other routine maintenance so to be ready for the irrigation 2023 season. Southern California Edison has delayed the relocation of the power pole near the 3 Line due to the extreme weather issues impacting the region.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1. Also reported, was the canal was put into pro-rate status due to work on the Powerhouse and the bypass gates that were being worked on.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported he continues to develop options for recharge projects. A meeting was held with JR Shannon to discuss an opportunity to collaborate on a project. The Board instructed Mr. Kilgore to seek better terms.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported that EKGSA staff and consultants are preparing for the submittal of the 2025 Plan update. Also reported, was the District's engineering consultants concerns of the hydrogeologist that was hired by the EKGSA.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

No activities were reported.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 4:01 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to open session at 4:38

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:39 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager