

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

**February 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:31 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Keith Cosart, Greg Crosson, and David Nielsen. Director Bob Ward was absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, and Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc., and Christina Saenger, Landowner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Kilgore announced Director Cosart attended the Friant WA Board of Directors meeting on January 19, 2024. Director Ferrara attended the East Kaweah GSA Board of Directors meeting on January 22, 2024. Conflict Forms 700 are due by April 1, 2024.

**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 accepted as presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Ferrara called for the approval of the January 11, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

**WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES**

Mr. Kilgore presented January Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to \$188,390.58. Petty Cash expenses amounted to 11.61. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, and carried, the Board approved the January's expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40558 through #40607, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for January, noting receipts of \$37,440.69. As of January 31, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,778,025.27 and \$144,873.65, respectively, amounting to \$1,932,898.9 a decrease of \$150,949.89 from previous month's ending balance. Investments amounted to \$3,369,455.99, for total District funds amounting to \$5,292,345.91. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, and carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B." Ms. Rossman presented the Grower Delinquent Accounts summary showing delinquent balances for 2021, 2022, and 2023 amounted to \$3027.23, \$5,251.53, and \$22,496.22, respectively. Property liens have been filed on delinquent accounts for the years 2021 and 2022. Within the next month, liens will be filed on 2023 delinquent account properties.

### WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the 2023/2024 CVP allocation is tracking between 60-70 percent. The Friant-Kern Canal was put back in service on February 1, 2024. In January, the District recorded an average rainfall of 1.98 inches. Annual precipitation recorded to date equals 4.59 inches. As of February 8<sup>th</sup>, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,787,557 acre-feet, 300,360 acre-feet and 1,262,771 acre-feet, respectively.

### MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that locks were being stolen from line E1. The maintenance performed on the pumping plants has been completed and the motors are being evaluated for proper operation. Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the easement conflict with the Yokohl Landing project and reported the draft agreement is still under review by Smee Homes.

### 2024 DRAFT BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore presented the draft 2024 budget for review and requested the Board adopt the 2024 budget as presented subject to revisions. After discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board adopted the 2024 Budget as preliminary.

### TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported he has met with legal counsel and preliminarily, the Tri-District Water Authority Board may need to approve amending the TDWA Joint Powers Agreement that all three Districts have executed.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore asked the Board to consider a potential timeline to consider if or when the District may join Friant Water Authority. Mr. Kilgore reported the contractors have the plugs in place and water is being shunted around a section of the new canal to allow the contractor to complete placing the concrete liner. The Phase 2 Plus study has been put on hold, indefinitely.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported that no communications have been received from AC Foods regarding the land lease agreement for the KEX project and other projects continue to be evaluated. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss the viability of the Rocky Hill Yokohl project.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported the technical advisor committee was scheduled to meet to discuss surface water credits and if the credits are before or after the groundwater cap of 2.50 acre-feet per acre. Mr. Hornung provided a brief assessment of activities among the 3 Kaweah GSAs. An engineering study has begun on the Yokohl Creek recharge project. When completed the data will be used to draft a design for Board approval.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported no current reportable activity.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:10 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened to open session at 3:44, no recordable action was taken closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 3:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager