

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

**January 11, 2024**

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. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and Greg Crosson. Director David Nielsen was absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc., and Milo Gordon 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 December 8, 2023. Director Ferrara attended the East Kaweah GSA Board of Directors meeting on December 1, 2023, and the South Valley Water Association meeting on December 8, 2023.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Agenda was accepted as presented, with spelling correction on Item12b heading.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the December 14, 2023, 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 December Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to \$247,044.31. There were no Petty Cash expenses. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Board approved the December expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40503 through #40528 and #40535 through #40557, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for December, noting receipts of \$515,440.32. Also, as of December 31, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,992,098.60 and \$373,547.35, respectively, amounting to \$2,367,645.95. Investments amounted to \$3,591,693.12, for total District funds amounting to \$5,957,339.07. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Crosson, 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 the 2023 adopted budget and discussed outstanding variances that had not been previously reviewed.

### WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported no Friant deliveries in December. In December, the District recorded an average rainfall of 1.21 inches. Annual precipitation recorded to date equals 2.61 inches. As of January 11<sup>th</sup>, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,153,066 acre-feet, 250,186 acre-feet and 1,183,968 acre-feet, respectively.

### MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on pump station refurbishments, with a focus on stations E-1 and E-2. Canal screens have been pulled, inspected, and repaired. The screens are scheduled to be re-installed no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the easement conflict with the Yokohl Landing project and reported the draft agreement has been given to the developer for execution.

### 2024 DRAFT BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore presented the draft 2024 budget for review. After discussion, the Board instructed Mr. Kilgore to include reserve funds that were meant to cover capital maintenance expenses, as well as recharge projects. Mr. Kilgore was also going to re-evaluate energy expenses. Due to the uncertainty of water sales revenue the Board deferred adopting the 2024 Budget until February's meeting.

RESOLUTION 2024-01

Mr. Kilgore presented the District's request for a Section 215 Bureau of Reclamation water contract for water year 2023/2024. On motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board adopted Resolution 2024-01 approving execution of the contract when provided by the Bureau.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided additional information regarding the structure and cost savings to the three Districts if administrative personnel were employed by the Tri-District Water Authority. The Board agreed that a controller and special project manager were necessary to allow for the efficient use of time for management. Mr. Kilgore requested time to collaborate with legal counsel to make the conversion seamless.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore presented the 6-month extension to the Associate Member Agreement for execution. On motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board authorized execution of the Agreement.

Mr. Kilgore presented the First Amendment to the Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flow in the lower San Joaquin River for execution. On motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board approved the amendment.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that subsidence continues to be an issue with the Phase 1 canal correction and that the Phase 2 Plus study is not looking favorably. Mr. Kilgore stated if the cost/benefit ratio does not improve, he will recommend terminating the District's involvement in the study.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported the land lease agreement for the KEX project is still being reviewed by AC Foods. Mr. Kilgore reported he has been in discussions with another landowner on a potential 7-acre storage/recharge site and when additional information is available, and if the project is viable, he would present a proposal.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Hornung provided a brief update on the coordination going on between the three GSAs. Mr. Kilgore stated that the technical advisor committee was scheduled to meet to evaluate the average annual decline scenarios that are being evaluated to assist in setting minimum thresholds within the sub-basin.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported no current reportable activity.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:39 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened to open session at 4:05, no recordable action was taken closed session.

EMPLOYEE SALARY COMPENSTION ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Kilgore requested a 7.45% payroll increase to be distributed as determined by management. After deliberations, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board authorized the increase of 7.45%.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:19 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager