

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

January 12, 2023

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, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc representative,

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Hornung provided information on Carlee Branco, with Cal G.A.P., including her background and ability to apply for grant funding, especially that of the State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program (SWEEP). Due to the fact farmers can no longer apply directly, Mr. Hornung asked if the District would consider being the lead administrating agency for the SWEEP grant funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kilgore asked the Board to join him in congratulating Directors Cosart, Crosson and Fuller on their re-election to the District Board.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the December 8, 2022, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Ms. Rossman presented the Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$21,638.19 and \$80,654.78, respectively. Total expenditures for Board review amounted to \$102,292.97.

Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller,

and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40074 through #40107, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit “A”.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$939,408.83. It was further reported that as of December 31, 2022, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,955,834.94 and \$77,962.24, respectively, amounting to \$2,033,797.18.

Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,636,806.11, for total funds amounting to \$4,670,603.29. Petty Cash reimbursement amounted to \$480.56. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller, 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 January Friant water schedule for Board review.

Mr. Kilgore reported that December Friant deliveries totaled 28 acre-feet, all were from District allocation. The remaining Friant water to be delivered amounted to 1,321 acre-feet, which was all allocated water, and 950 acre-feet was scheduled to be carried over before the additional allocation of 5%.

On January 1, 2023, the Bureau of Reclamation declared Uncontrolled Season for Millerton and increased the District’s 2022 allocation from 30% to 35% and made available 200,000 acre-feet of uncontrolled season water to contractors. The new allocation provided a recharge collaboration with Consolidate Peoples consisting of approximately 3600 acre-feet. Also, the District would maximize potential carry-over water of 1,110 acre-feet if the uncontrolled season was lifted before February 28th.

Snowpack was reported at 222% of normal for the date and 97% for the April 1st average.

The District recorded an average of 3.98 inches of precipitation for the month of December. As of December 31st, the season’s rainfall recorded was 4.82 inches. As of January 11th, precipitation amounted to approximately 4.23 inches with a total accumulation of approximately 9.05 inches for the season. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches.

As of January 9th, reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 1,995,141 acre-feet, 430,871 acre-feet and 832,411 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported the Bureau of Reclamation and District's consultant have reconciled the water deliveries and final schedules are being drafted. Staff continues repairing and replacing meters and other perform 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, but due to the rain, pole replacement has been postponed. Replacement date has not been determined.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Director Fuller nominated Director Ferrara as president and Director Crosson as Vice President, with General Manager Kilgore serving as Board Treasurer and Secretary. on by motion Director Fuller, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the District officers were appointed as nominated.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1, at the Deer Creek siphon became inundated by flood flows through Deer Creek. However, no structure damage occurred to the project.

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant- Kern Canal Phase 2+ study. The study will look at repairing current canal constraints. The Board requested more details of the study and potential participation costs of the study.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported negotiations are ongoing, however, AC Foods currently has placed one parcel on the Market.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported the EKGSA continues to negotiate with the Mid and Greater Kaweah GSA over pumping allocation. The EKGSA is preparing for the annual update reported to be submitted April, 2023.

Mr. Kilgore reported 2021-2022 District surface water deliveries were submitted on December 29, 2022, to the Provost and Pritchard, as required by EKGSA.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

No Activities were reported.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:50 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to open session at 4:13 p.m.

2023 EMPLOYEE SALARY COMPENSATION

On a motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a payroll increase of 12.87% to be distributed to employees as recommended by Mr. Kilgore.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:14 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager