

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

**July 13, 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, and Greg Crosson. Director Ralph Fuller absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc., Aaron Henderson with AgriCare, and growers Christina Saenger, Milo Gorden, and Bruce Wileman.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Wileman expressed that staff was doing an exceptional job and operations has been better than in the past. Ms. Saenger echoed the sentiment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda. Director Crosson highlighted the next board meeting date was incorrect. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Agenda was accepted as presented with the correction of changing the date to August 8, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Ferrara called for the approval of the May 11, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Minutes were approved with the correction of changing the next Board meeting date to June 13, 2023.

**WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES**

Ms. Rossman presented May's Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$26,045.02 and \$135,224.73, respectively. Expenditures for Board review amounted to \$161,266.75. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Board approved the May Warrants/Accounts Payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40253 through #40276, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

June's Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$32,355.33 and \$155,921.94, respectively. Expenditures for Board review amounted to \$188,277.27. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board approved the June Warrants/Accounts Payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40277 through #40299, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

#### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Rossman presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for May, noting receipts of \$117,453.29. It was further reported that as of May 31, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,520,312.43 and \$62,566.84, respectively, amounting to \$1,582,879.27. Also submitted for Board review was May's report of investments amounting to \$2,665,035.52, for total District funds amounting to \$4,247,914.79. June's financials noted receipts of \$133,737.53. It was further reported that as of June 30, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,404,049.96 and \$24,289.57, respectively, amounting to \$1,428,339.53. Also submitted for Board review was June's monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,664,737.04, for total District funds amounting to \$4,093,076.57. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, 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 AMENDMENT

Mr. Kilgore presented the amended 2023 Budget for approval. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the 2023 Budget was amended to reflect the change in water rates from \$60 to \$125 and increase in expenses.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported May and June's Friant deliveries totaled 2,429 and 3,537 acre-feet, respectively. The District recorded .08 inches of precipitation in the month of May and none in June. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the season rainfall recorded amounted to 20.93 inches. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches.

As of July 13<sup>th</sup>, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 4,138,841 acre-feet, 522,792 acre-feet (UcS & Spilling) and 1,945,077 acre-feet, respectively.

### 2023 ALLOCATION

Mr. Kilgore suggested not setting the grower allocation since the canal was scheduled to be dewatered from mid-November to February 1<sup>st</sup> and there was enough water supply to meet growers' demands. Any excess water could be recharged by the District on the growers behave. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Board approved not setting the allocation rate.

### 2023 WATER RATE

After discussions, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Board set the 2023 water rate at \$125.00 per acre-foot.

### INVESTMENT IN STIFEL SMART RATE PLAN

Mr. Kilgore presented the terms and interest rate of 4.5% of Stifel's Smart Rate Plan and suggested depositing \$500,000, which would be FDIC insured. Mr. Kilgore suggests the signers be Directors Ferrara and Crosson, as well as Ms. Rossman and Mr. Kilgore. After discussions, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Board approved investing \$500,000 in the Smart Rate Plan and adopted Resolution 2023-1.

### MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that water leaks continue to plague the District, but with the help of multiple contractors and staff, majority of the lines are back in service. Mr. Kilgore reported that he and Mr. Brogan have been in discussions with the Bureau to finalize the amount to be paid by the District. A meeting has been scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> to get a resolution.

### FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, (MRCCP) Phase 1 is back to full construction mode.

Mr. Kilgore reported he submitted additional data for the Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Correction Phase 2 Plus Study and meeting are scheduled to get additional clarity of the needs of the contractors.

### RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported that options are continuing to be evaluated for recharge projects, either by lease or collaborations. The KEX-R4 Site is being used again for recharge purposes, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, the District will contribute the water supply and the groundwater credit will be split 50/50. The Board instructed staff to develop a procedure to sign-up grower parcels for recharge projects.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported that the EKGSA is continuing to work on the groundwater sustainability plan and the coordination with the other GSAs. There still remains a disconnect between the GSA's in regards to allowable groundwater extractions as well as minimum thresholds and subsidence.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided a memo from the South Valley Water Authority of current activities. Also, regarding the restructuring of the group, a new budget and a scope of work was developed and submitted. After discussions, the Board had no concerns with the new structure and projected activities.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:30 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in the closed session.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to open session at 4:20

2023 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Kilgore requested to increase office manager, Selena Rossman's hourly rate to \$35.00 and field technician, Alex Cortez's hourly rate to \$23.00 to be effective July 1, 2023. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Board approved the increase in hourly rates.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager