

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

June 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Joe Ferrara at 1:31 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, Greg Crosson (Via Telephone) and Ralph Fuller (Via Telephone). Others Present were Gene Kilgore, Alex Peltzer, Selena Rossman, and Douglas Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Upon motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Ferrara asked for approval of the minutes from the May 12, 2022, Board meeting. On motion by Director Fuller, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Rossman presented the accounts payable for review to the Board. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the Board approved the warrants/accounts payable as presented and ordered that they be paid warrants #39844 through #39886, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Rossman reviewed the Financial Statements and reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$129,153.62 and disbursements of \$126,328.46. It was further reported that the District had an active bank balance of \$1,162,930.97 at Bank of the Sierra and \$81,778.00 at

Bank of America ending May 31, 2022. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments. Mr. Kilgore recommended transferring \$500,000 to the L.A.I.F. Account. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B." and to transfer the funds to L.A.I.F.

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore provided an update to the status of the 2022 water supply. It was noted that the initial water supply declaration of 15 percent Class 1 is firm and there is a potential of an additional of declaration of 5%. The second block of Unreleased Restoration Flows (URF) amounting to roughly 30,000 acre-feet became available, but for exchange agreements only. Millerton, as of June 9, 2022, was recorded at 367,589 Acre-feet, roughly 71% of capacity. The District allocation was increased from 0.13 to 0.24 acre-fee per acre and the water rate remained at \$423 per acre-foot.

The District recorded zero inches of rainfall for the month of May, for a season total of 9.49 inches.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore reviewed and presented a proposed revised 2022 Budget, which included the revised Friant allocation. The Board deferred adopting the revised Budget at this time. Mr. Kilgore also informed the Board that he would be filling at least one field vacancy in the next few months.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Southern California Edison (SCE) has presented the District's engineering consultant, Dennis Keller, with a proposed repair procedure. However, there were some construction issues with the proposal. Mr. Keller is continuing to work through details with Southern California Edison and the Bureau in regards to addressing the construction set back issues.

No update was provided for the 5-year Water Management Plan update.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Kilgore reported that he had met Director Cosart to review the rough draft of the banking and recharge facility policy. Mr. Kilgore stated he would review and add additional information if need and provide a draft proposal in the few months.

Also, Directors Ferrara and Cosart met with staff to discuss drafting a potential policy to allow growers to carry over Friant water. Mr. Kilgore will be drafting the comments and the proposal for the Board to consider at a future Board meeting.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

The EKGSA continues to work on the deficiencies, outlined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP is required to be resubmitted to DWR by July 27, 2022. Continued efforts are being made to finalize the Water Dashboard. There was discussion that a column for surface water deliveries should be added. The EKGSA staff is continuing to clean up the language to the proposed Rules and Regulation Policy.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Kilgore reported on his tour of the Delta and exchange contractor pumping plants.

CLOSED SESSION:

President Ferrara moved the Board into closed session to discuss existing litigation: City of Fresno vs. the United States, Friant Water Supply Protection Association vs. Del Puerto Water District et.al., per Government Code 54956.9.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION:

Moved into open session at 3:15, there was recordable action taken regarding the legal matters discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 3:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors will be held Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore
Secretary/Manager