

EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150 South E Street
Exeter, California
March 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Joe Ferrara at 1:30 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Ralph Fuller, Bob Ward, and Keith Cosart. There were no directors absent. Others Present were Dale Brogan, Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Dan Vink, and Alex Peltzer, Bryce McAteer and Ken Stutsman joined the meeting by telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Ferrara asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, the public comment period was closed.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

President Ferrara asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, on motion of Director, Crosson, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Ferrara asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the February 10, 2022, Board meeting. Hearing none, on motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart 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 #39722 through #39753, 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 \$43,550.17 and disbursements of \$52,304.39. It was further reported that the District had an active bank balance of \$1,268,206.39 at Bank of the Sierra and \$141,113.92 at Bank of America ending February 28, 2022. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments and year-to-date 2022 budget report. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director

Crosson and unanimously carried, the financial reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit “B.”

MANAGERS REPORT:

No report was provided.

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Brogan provided a report to the Board regarding the status of the 2022 water supply. It was noted that the initial water supply declaration of 15 percent Class 1 remains subject to change as a number of issues remain to be resolved over the next few weeks, including a potential release from Millerton Lake to the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors, planned delta exports, San Luis Reservoir operations, and continued refinement of the San Joaquin River hydrology and projected runoff.

Mr. Brogan also reviewed final delivery numbers for the 2021 water year, including February recharge operations and the amount of project water that was carried over to the 2022 water year. Also reviewed were reconciled water payments made to the Bureau of Reclamation for the 2021 water year.

It was also reported that the District recorded 1.88 inches of rain for the month of February.

The Board further discussed the projected water supply for 2022 water year with regard to setting an initial allocation and water rate. Following that discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Board set the initial 2022 water rate at \$423 per acre-foot with an initial water allocation of .13 acre-feet per acre, both subject to change as water supply conditions mature through the water year.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

The Board reviewed a draft water banking policy for the District as presented by Director Cosart. It was suggested that the policy be modified to reflect that banking credits will be the net amount recharged after evaporation is considered. With that modification, it was the consensus of the Board to refer the policy to District Counsel Alex Peltzer for review and comment.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Director Ferrara reported on the recent activities of the EKGSA noting monthly reports that will be provided to landowners by the GSA are still under development. Other items that Director Ferrara reported the GSA is working on include refining Land IQ monthly evapotranspiration numbers and a “dashboard” that can be used by growers for on-farm decision-making as it relates to implementing SGMA. It was also

reported that the GSA will hold a landowner's meeting on April 25th, 2022, to receive landowner input on groundwater allocation rules and regulations for the 2021-22 allocation.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

SVWA Executive Director Dan Vink and District Counsel Alex Peltzer reported on recent activities of the Association, particularly in the area of the 2022 water supply allocation and the potential release of San Joaquin River water to the Exchange Contractors. Mr. Vink also discussed the potential reopening of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program in 2026. It was noted that this will be the first opportunity for the restoration program to be analyzed for effectiveness in achieving its goals.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY:

President Ferrara and Mr. Brogan reported the status of the Authority, noting the selection of Gene Kilgore as the new General Manager for the Authority and its three member districts. It was reported that Mr. Kilgore will begin his new position on April 1, 2022.

Attorney Peltzer reported on recent conversations held with representatives from Association of California Water Agencies-Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA-JPIA) regarding liability coverage for the Authority. It was reported that after initially denying coverage due to specific wording within the Authority's Joint Powers Agreement, a resolution of those concerns was reached. The resolution included a change to the Joint Powers Agreement that redefines liability responsibilities between TDWA, and its member districts as defined in sections 8.2 and 8.3. A recommended change to those two sections were reviewed by Mr. Peltzer with the Board. Following that review, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amendment as included in the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement dated March 10, 2022.

CLOSED SESSION:

President Ferrara moved the Board into closed session to discuss existing litigation: City of Fresno vs. the United States, and Friant Water Supply Protection Association vs. Del Puerto Water District et.al., per Government Code 54956.9. Following closed session, President Ferrara brought the Board back into open session and reported that there was no reportable action from the closed session.

OTHER ITEMS:

There was nothing new to report on the Five-Year Water Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no remaining items on the agenda, President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:40 p.m.