

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

March 16, 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 Fuller was absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc. representative, Aaron Henderson with AgriCare, and Growers Christina Saenger, and Alen Becker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments; none were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara made a call to accept the agenda. Mr. Kilgore made a request to add a Closed Session Item, regarding one potential lawsuit issue. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the agenda was approved with the addition.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the February 16, 2023, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Ms. Rossman presented the Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$23,751.90 and \$343,145.64, respectively. Expenditures for Board review amounted to \$366,897.54. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40150 through #40172, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Rossman presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$145,948.88. It was further reported that as of February 28, 2022, the District had an

active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,688,121.56 and \$196,144.67, respectively, amounting to \$1,884,266.23.

Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,652,298.41, for total funds amounting to \$4,536,564.64. Petty Cash reimbursement amounted to \$63.95. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and 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".

2023 ANNUAL BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore presented the 2023 District Budget for review and consideration. After discussions, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the budget with approved with an amendment to increase the water purchase line item. Any budget deficiency would be taken from reserves. Initial water rates were set at \$60 from March 1st to June 30th and \$115 for July 1st to February 28, 2024.

WATER SUPPLY

The District ended the 2022 season with the final allocation from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for Class 1 water at set 50%. Mr. Kilgore reported February Friant deliveries totaled 1,431 acre-feet, of which 495 acre-feet was from Class 2 Uncontrolled Season allocation, 885 acre-feet of transferred in water to offset recharge programs and 51 acre-feet of Class 1. The District transferred 3,500 acre-feet to Kaweah Delta Water Conservation in exchange for 1,700 acre-feet of groundwater recharge credit. Total surface water delivered to KDWCD for the groundwater credit exchange program was 3,600 acre-feet, of which 1,800 acre-feet of groundwater credit will be transferred to the District from KDWCD. Growers took delivery of approximately 1004 acre-feet for irrigation and recharge. The District recharged 427 acre-feet for the month.

The District recorded an average of 3.58 inches of precipitation for the month of February. As of February 28th, the season rainfall recorded amounted to 13.22 inches. As of March 16th, precipitation amounted to approximately 5.60 inches, with a total accumulation of approximately 18.82 inches. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches.

As of March 16th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,192,000 acre-feet, 403,000 acre-feet (UcS) and 1,673,000 acre-feet, respectively. Reported, as of February 16th, snow water content percent of April 1st average was approximately 261% for the Southern area.

The initial 2023 Class 2 allocation was revised from 20% to 70%, which reflected the better hydrologic condition. Unreleased Restoration Flows continued to be made available to Class 2

contractors, amounting to an additional 1,891 acre-feet providing a total of 4,020 acre-feet of URF water to be delivered by May 28th. Mr. Kilgore also reported that due to the hydrologic conditions the District would not be able to take delivery of the Recaptured water he committed the District to before the extremely wet period began. However, he was able to transfer most of the water, but the District would still be out and be responsible for the Recaptured water not transferred.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that staff continue to repair faulty meters and perform other routine maintenance so to be ready for the irrigation 2023 season. No new information was provided by Mr. Keller regarding Southern California Edison relocating the power pole near Line #3, staff will continue to track. Mr. Kilgore requested the background of the Exeter Irrigation District Financing Corporation and the desire to keep the corporation valid. The Board deferred action until more was known about the formation.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1 at the Deer Creek was inundated by flood flows through Deer Creek. The extent of the damage has not been identified, as a majority of the siphon remains underwater.

Mr. Kilgore also informed the Board of Friant Water Authority's potential cash shortfall associated with the Eastern Tule GSA non-payments for the Middle Reach Correction Project.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported he continues to develop options for recharge projects.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported that the EKGSA has hired a hydrogeologist to help with the deficient Groundwater Sustainability Plan and to coordinate with the Mid and Greater Kaweah GSAs.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided a memo from the South Valley Water Authority of their current activities.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 4:14 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in the closed session.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to open session at 4:41

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore
Secretary/Manager