

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

**May 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Joe Ferrara at 1:34 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Ralph Fuller, Bob Ward, and Keith Cosart (Via Telephone). Others Present were Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Alex Peltzer, Douglas Jackson, Allan Lombardi, Craig Hornung (Via Telephone), and Dave Tomlinson (Via Telephone).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Ferrara asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Hornung questioned when the Board meetings would go back to in person meetings for the public. Director Ferrara suggested that contingent on infection rates, it is anticipated that the meetings could be opened as soon as the June 2022 Directors meeting. Hearing no other comments, the public comment period was closed.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

President Ferrara solicited any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Manager Kilgore request to add employee Joshua Outten to the Close session regarding compensation. On motion of Director, Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Agenda was approved with addition.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Ferrara called for any corrections to the Minutes of the April 14, 2022, Board meeting. Hearing none, on motion of 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 Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Board approved the warrants/accounts payable as presented and ordered that they be paid warrants #39798 through #39843, 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 \$383,268.03 and disbursements of \$242,799.77. It was further reported that the District had an active bank balance of \$1,187,390.12 at Bank of the Sierra and \$58,106.46 at Bank of America ending April 30, 2022. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit “B.”

WATER SUPPLY:

Manager 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 was in jeopardy. A recent Bureau report indicated allocation to be 10% contingent upon San Joaquin River hydrology and projected runoff. The current forecast using 90% and 75% exceedance only generates 1% and 9 % Friant allocation, respectively. Currently, no Delta Operation Plan has been finalized. The second block of Unreleased Restoration Flows (URF) amounting to roughly 30,000 acre-feet was expected to become available, but for exchange agreements. It is thought that there may be some URF water available to be purchased after all the exchange agreement have been received. Millerton, as of May 12, 2022, was recorded at 370,042 Acre-feet, 71% of capacity. No change to the District allocation or water rate was recommended at the present time.

The District recorded an average of 0.28 inches of rainfall for the month of April, for a season total of 9.49 inches.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Kilgore presented for review and recommended for adoption a new “District Investment Policy” to assist with investing funds. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the new investment policy.

Mr. Kilgore introduced a potential recharge project in cooperation with a local business. An access agreement was drafted and submitted for review by the business owner. The agreement would allow for soil testing to determine permeability, installation of a temporary conveyance pipe and the construction of small levees around the project site, if the project was deemed adequate for percolation. Once the agreement has been vetted by the business owner, staff will present agreement to the Board for authorization.

Mr. Kilgore reported on the progress that has been made regarding the repair procedures for leaking pipeline that is located on the State of California’s property and within Southern California Edison’s (SCE) easement, which encroached on the Bureau of Reclamation easement. SCE has presented the District’s

engineering consultant, Dennis Keller, with a proposed repair procedure. There are some concerns with the proposal that Mr. Keller will work through with SCE, but after some years there is a plan.

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

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

The Board had directed management to coordinate with Director Cosart to finalize the draft Water Banking Policy. Mr. Kilgore stated he had not had opportunity to schedule a meeting with Director Cosart but will set before the end of May.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

The EKGSA continued to draft responses and make corrections to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that was submitted to DWR. The EKGSA deadline to revise the GSP is July 27, 2022. Continued efforts are being made to finalize the Water Dashboard, as well as, cleaning up the language to the proposed Rules and Regulation Policy.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Kilgore reported he is scheduled to take a tour of the Delta and exchange contractor pumping plants. sponsored by the SVWA.

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, and Conference with labor negotiator, Gene Kilgore, Government code 54957.6, consideration of compensation for Terry Willis and Joshua

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION:

Moved into open session at 3:22, there was recordable action taken regarding the legal matters discussed.

The Board, on motion of Director Fuller, seconded by Director Ward and carried the Board, approved promoting Terry Willis from an hourly to salary at an annual salary of \$83,200 and authorized Mr. Kilgore to offer Mr. Outten the Deputy Superintendent title and hourly rate increase to \$30 per hour, contingent upon Mr. Outten commitment to stay at the District. Effective on the full next pay period.

Ayes: Fuller, Ward, Cosart, Crosson

Noes: None

Absent: Ferrara

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Director Fuller, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, Vice-President Crosson adjourned the Board meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore  
Secretary/Manager