

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

**May 11, 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, and Greg Crosson. Director Cosart present Via Telephone. Director Ralph Fuller absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc. representative, Aaron Henderson with AgriCare, and growers Christina Saenger and Mike Brownfield.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Brownfield provided a presentation of the importance of grower recharge projects and encouraged the development of recharge projects within the District.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Kilgore announced that Director Cosart attended the April 27<sup>th</sup> Friant Board meeting.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda. Mr. Kilgore made a request to delete Agenda Item 7b. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Agenda was approved with the deletion.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Ferrara called for the approval of the April 13, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

**WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES**

Mr. Kilgore presented the Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$23,840.78 and \$155,464.72, respectively. Expenditures for Board review amounted to \$243,005.58. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts Payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #40212 through #40252, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$281,600.02. It was further reported that as of April 30, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,802,859.14 and \$73,833.59, respectively, amounting to \$1,876,692.73. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,659,729.71, for total District funds amounting to \$4,536,422.44. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B".

### WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported April Friant deliveries totaled 684 acre-feet. The District recorded no precipitation for the month of April. As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, the season rainfall recorded amounted to 20.85 inches. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches.

As of May 13<sup>th</sup>, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 4,453,295 acre-feet, 144,632 acre-feet (UcS) and 2,010,073 acre-feet, respectively, with San Luis in flood release. Reported, as of April 12<sup>th</sup>, snow water content was approximately 239% of average to date for the Southern area. May water deliveries totaled 403.46 acre-feet. Rainfall as of May 11<sup>th</sup> averaged .07 inches, amounting to a season total rainfall of 20.92 inches.

### MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that water leaks throughout the District are becoming more frequent and it is getting difficult to get them repaired in a timely manner. Erosion, due to flood waters from Yokohl Creek, damaged E3 Line and it is scheduled for repair. The Edison pole at Line 3 finally was moved on May 7, 2023.—The Board gave directions, at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, to draft the documentation necessary to dissolve Exeter Irrigation District Financing Corporation, but after further review, staff was directed to delay until future direction was given.

### FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, (MRCCP) Phase 1 at the Deer Creek siphon was inundated during flooding that occurred early March. The extent of the damage remains unknown. The contractor and Friant are evaluating potential financial assistant programs including FEMA assistance. The extent of the project delay, due to flooding, is expected to be less than 60 days.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Friant Water Authority's continues to work through potential cash flow issues for the MRCCP. A letter was drafted and will be delivered to Friant outlining the payment process that would be acceptable to the District.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Lindmore Irrigation District withdrew from participation in the Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Correction Phase 2 Plus Study Agreement, which increased the District's funding contribution by approximately \$500. The Board agreed to remain in the Agreement and pay the increase.

#### 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.

#### SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported that the EKGSA will be sending out Growers' Statements for their review.

#### SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided a memo from the South Valley Water Authority of their current activities. A draft letter was provided for consideration that promoted contractor participation in the WIIN Act consultation process on Long-Term Operation of the CVP. The Board instructed staff to submit the letter to the BOR Regional Director Earnest Conant.

#### 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 4:23

#### ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:24 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