

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

May 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:34 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Keith Cosart, and Bob Ward. Director David Nielsen was absent. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Tri-District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, and Milo Gorden.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Director Crosson's mother Frances Crosson. Mr. Kilgore reported Director Cosart attended the FWA Operation & Maintenance Committee meeting held April 28, 2026. Director Ferrara attended the FWA Board Meeting held on April 30, 2026. Director Ferrara attended the EKGSA Board Meeting held on April 27, 2026. Director Ferrara attended the EKGSA Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on April 10, 2026, and May 8, 2026

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

No changes were requested, and the agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the April 9, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Ms. Daniel presented April's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to \$239,519.84.

Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Board approved the expenditures for April as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Bank of Sierra, #1657 through 1678, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for April, noting cash deposits of \$181,321.45. As of April 30th, the District's ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, and Bank of Sierra 5015 amounting to \$707,959.36 and \$3,018.79, respectively. All banking accounts amounted to \$710,978.15, a decrease of \$42,557.10 from the previous month's

ending balances. April's investments totaled \$2,433,142.69 with total District funds amounting to \$3,144,120.84. Investments were earning interest between 3.25% and 3.81%. on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Financial Reports as presented and ordered to be placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B."

Ms. Rossman reported the Grower Delinquent Accounts summary showing delinquent balances for 2022, 2023 and 2024 amounting to \$2,325.90, \$2,313.50, and \$11,682.19, respectively. As previously reported, property liens have been filed on all other delinquent accounts.

2026 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore proposed amending the 2026 Budget, noting that when the Board adopted the original budget at the March meeting, it did so with the understanding that water-revenue projections might require revision. The amended budget incorporated a more realistic forecasts for water-sales and revenue. Following discussion, on a motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Crosson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved amending the 2026 Budget as presented.

2026 GROWER ALLOCATION AND WATER RATE

Mr. Kilgore recommended revising the 2026 grower interim allocation from 1.04 to 1.12 acre-feet per acre and setting the water rate from \$325 to \$295 per acre-foot. Following discussion, on a motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to set the 2026 grower allocation and water rate to 1.12 acre-feet per acre at \$295 per acre-foot, respectively.

FISCAL YEAR AMENDMENT

Mr. Kilgore recommended amending the District's fiscal year from a calendar-year cycle to a March–February cycle to better align with the Bureau of Reclamation's water year and better reflect the District's operational expenses. After discussion, on a motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved changing the District's fiscal year to run from March through February.

RESOLUTION 2026-2 ACWA/JPIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Mr. Kilgore presented a comparison of the costs and coverage provided under the District's current Workers' Compensation policy and the ACWA/JPIA Workers' Compensation Program. Following discussion, on a motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-2 authorizing the District's participation in the ACWA/JPIA Workers' Compensation Program.

RESOLUTION 2026-3 CONSENT TO SELF-INSURE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITIES

Mr. Kilgore presented Resolution No. 2026-3, authorizing the filing of an application for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure as a public agency employer with the California Department of Industrial Relations. On motion by Director Crosson and seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2026-3 was adopted, authorizing the submission of the application to the California Department of Industrial Relations

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 550 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in April for irrigation demands. Average precipitation recorded in April was 1.69 inches. Total precipitation recorded for the season was 12.74 inches. On April 9th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 4,119,221; 492,055; 1,632,243 and 165,459 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that Staff continue to perform routine maintenance activities. Leaks are being repaired by outsourcing. An update was provided on the Water Blueprint's Unified Water Plan. Mr. Kilgore presented Adair & Evans's audit engagement letter for the District's fiscal year 2025 and that Staff is scheduled to meet with them on June 2, 2026. Mr. Kilgore reported he was renewing the Warren Act Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and that there is a \$5,000 dollar retainer for the BOR to review the agreement. Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Paregien Property Project stating biological and cultural training was scheduled for May 15, 2026, to be performed by Provost & Pritchards biologist. Mr. Kilgore reported discing was completed due to the potential fire hazard that existed. Mr. Kilgore reported on the two grant funding opportunities, WaterSmart and Google, the Board had previously approved. Due to a lack of an efficiency plan, there was a possibility the District's applications would not score high enough to get the grants awarded. Upon consultation with Provost & Pritchard, the applications were not submitted.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Mr. Kilgore provided brief updates regarding the Friant-Kern Canal subsidence correction project near Belmont and ongoing Golden Mussel eradication efforts. He reported that the Friant Water Authority (FWA) received grant funding for the installation of three subsidence monitoring stations at Mile Markers 98, 103, and 112. Mr. Kilgore further advised that the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) received \$235 million in federal funding through the One Big Beautiful Bill to assist with subsidence repair costs. FWA is coordinating with SLDMWA to ensure that subsidence repair charges are accurately allocated and applied to FWA.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported the EKGSA has determined to temporarily postpone the proposed Prop 218 Election to re-evaluate costs and revenues. The EKGSA continues to coordinate with Mid and Greater GSAs regarding overdraft and subsidence concerns.

YOKOHL CREEK PROJECT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Mitigated Negative Declaration, the revised Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the Notice of Determination for approval. On motion by Director Crosson and seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration, the revised Monitoring and reporting Program, and the Notice of Determination.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 2:55 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened back to Open Session at 3:39 p.m. There were no recordable actions taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 3:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District's Board of Directors is scheduled for June 11, 2026.

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager