

EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

150 South E Street
Exeter, California

May 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by Vice President Crosson at 1:30 p.m. Director present via telephone, Joe Ferrara with advanced notification and postings to meet requirements. David Nielsen also called in. Directors present were Greg Crosson and Keith Cosart. Director Bob Ward was absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Lisa McEwen-press, and Craig Hornung-grower.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Vice President Crosson called to accept the Agenda. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ferrara and carried, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Crosson called for the approval of the April 23, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Mr. Kilgore presented the April's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to \$168,894.93, collectively. Petty Cash expenses amounted to \$101.93. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cossart, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried, the Board approved April's expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40712 - #40754 inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for April, noting receipts of \$251,496.03. As of April 30th, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$544,081.27 and \$721,845.45, respectively. Both banking accounts amounted to \$1,265,926.72, an increase of \$82,601.10 from the previous month's ending balances. Investments amounted to \$3,397,761.64 for total District funds amounting to

\$4,663,688.36. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cossart, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit “B.” Mr. Kilgore provided the Grower Delinquent Accounts summary showing delinquent balances for 2021, 2022, and 2023 amounted to \$2,365.13, \$4,640.22, and \$9,890.94, respectively. Property liens have been filed on delinquent accounts.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported the Bureau announced Uncontrolled Season on May 2, 2024, and a second and third block of Unreleased Restoration Flow (URF) “Block B & C” amounting to 542 acre-feet, respectively was made available. Delivery of Block B and C must be taken by May 14th and May 24th, respectively. The District delivered 984 acre-feet in April for irrigation demands and recharge. Average precipitation and snowpack to-date in the Tulare Basin and Southern Sierra recorded was 88% and 77%, respectively. In April, the District recorded an average rainfall of 0.71 inches. Annual precipitation recorded to date totaled 11.43 inches. Average rainfall in May, as May 9th, was .70 inches. As of May 9th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 4,388,100 acre-feet, 510,428 acre-feet and 1,371,052 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported staff is coordinating with Kaweah Pump to address delivery capacity issues. Staff are coordinating with contractor to repair four (4) leaking lines.

Mr. Kilgore reported the System Modification Agreements have been finalized and are waiting on having it recorded.

2024 REVISED BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore requested the Board to consider revising the preliminary 2024 budget revenue component and maintenance expenses. After discussion, the Board deferred action until the June Board meeting.

2024 WATER RATE

After discussion, with the potential for additional water being allocated, the Board deferred action until the June Board meeting.

2024 GROWER ALLOCATION

After discussion, with the potential for additional water being allocated, the Board deferred action until the June Board meeting.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Mr. Kilgore presented for adoption, Resolution 2024-02, setting the Board election through the Tulare County, on November 5, 2024. Seats up for election are Joseph Ferrara, C. Robert Ward, and David Nielsen.

TRI-DISTRICT EMPLOYEE SHARING AGREEMENT

Mr. Kilgore presented the administrative consolidation agreement that was approved by the Tri-District Board for ratification. On motion of Director Cossart, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried, the Board ratified the agreement as presented.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reiterated his recommendation to the Board, that they consider joining Friant Water Authority. The District's associate member agreement is subject to expire June 30, 2024. The Board requested a cost breakdown and effect on the 2024 Budget.

Mr. Kilgore reported on the status of the drought pool pilot program and that there may be an opportunity to purchase less expensive water from Stone Corral ID to cover the District's pro-rate share of the pool obligations.

Mr. Kilgore reported the permanent plugs in the middle reach canal project were scheduled to be installed in the later part of May.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported that there was nothing new to report on the proposed projects.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore reported the GSA's staff and consultants continue to collaborate on the deficiencies in the three GSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported no current reportable activity.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene to Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Crosson adjourned the Board meeting at 2:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager