

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

November 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by General Manager Gene Kilgore at 1:30 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and Greg Crosson. Director Ralph Fuller was absent. Others Present were Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc representative, Dennis Keller, engineering consultant, Alex Peltzer, legal counsel and Christina Sanger, landowner.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda. On a motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Agenda was approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kilgore announced a tour of the Friant Canal Middle Reach Correction Project was scheduled for November 18, 2022. Also reported was the Friant Retreat, scheduled for November 15-17 and Director Ferrara will be attending along with Mr. Kilgore.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Ferrara called for the approval of the October 13, 2022, Board meeting Minutes and the October 21, 2022, Special Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and carried, both Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES:

Ms. Rossman presented the Payroll and Accounts Payables in the amount of \$18,156.35 and \$91,783.86, respectively. Total expenditures for Board review amounted to \$109,940.21.

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 #40024 through #40050, 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 \$304,428.98 and disbursements of \$150,000.00. It was further reported that as of October 31, 2022, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$815,058.88 and \$164,637.62, respectively, amounting to \$979,696.50. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,631,521.26, for total funds amounting to \$3,611,217.76. Petty Cash reimbursement amounted to \$12.95, snacks, for the Board Meeting. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Financial Reports and Petty Cash were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit “B.”

WATER SUPPLY:

Manager Kilgore presented the projected November Friant water schedule for Board review.

Mr. Kilgore reported that October Friant deliveries totaled 833 acre-feet, of which 653 acre-feet was from District allocation. Remaining Friant water to be delivered amounted to 1,612 Acre-feet, which is all allocation water. As of November 10th, the District had delivered 88 acre-feet.

The District recorded an average of 0.73 inches of precipitation for the month of October. As of October 31st, the season’s rainfall recorded was 0.84 inches. Precipitation recorded in 2021-2022, June-July, was 9.41 inches.

As of November 10th, reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 1,404,409 acre-feet, 317,187 acre-feet and 493, 798 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore reported the Kaweah and St. Johns Rivers Association sent letters to the Kaweah Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (KBGSA) referencing that some groundwater being extracted may belong to surface water appropriators and any allocation of groundwater should be based on the Water Accounting Framework that was agreed on by the three KBGSAs.

Mr. Kilgore presented a recommendation to allocate monthly system loss water to those who irrigated during the period based on their delivered water percentage. There was no dissension to the recommendation.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Mr. Keller continues to coordinate the repair schedule of the 3 Line with Southern California Edison, Bureau of Reclamation and Cal Trans.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant- Kern Canal Phase 2+ study. The study looked at repairing current canal constraints to add additional flow capacity. The increased capacity would include additional diversions for future project development and to maximize conveyance of uncontrolled season releases.

Mr. Kilgore supplied an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1, highlighting there were 5 change orders amounting to \$231,241. However, the project remains on schedule. The Canal, south of Tipton, is scheduled to be dewatered on November 15, 2022, and put back in service on February 1, 2023.

Mr. Kilgore announced that judgement of the Del Puerto case was not in the Friant contractor's favor.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board he had submitted a letter of support for the Bureau's request to solicit funds from the 2023 Aging Infrastructure Account Funds to be used for extraordinary maintenance projects for the Central Valley Project and related infrastructure.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Kilgore provided the draft of Recharge and Grower Carryover Policies for final review; the Board had no further comments. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board approved the policies contingent upon legal counsel's final review.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore reported that the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency at its October 19th Board meeting was asked to amend the 2023 allocation. The request was to add a Tier 2 allocation and reduce the fee structure, however, the Board declined the request.

Dennis Keller reported on the grant status of the Yokohl project, as well as the details of the project. He indicated that state and federal environmental studies may need to be performed and a discharge permit may be required by the state as well.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Kilgore provided Mr. Vink's summary of South Valley Water Association activities, highlighting the Exchange Contractors ongoing potential contract negotiations with the Bureau, discussions held with legislators and a planned trip to Washington DC on December 4-7th to meet with legislator's staff to elevate awareness to California's water issues.

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:17 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore
Secretary/Manager