AGENDA #5a

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

October 12, 2023

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. Directors present were Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, Greg Crosson, and David Nielsen. Directors absent: Joseph Ferrara. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc., and Landowner Milo Gordon.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> Vice President Crosson opened the floor for public comments, none were presented.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

No announcements were made.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Vice President Crosson made a call to accept the Agenda. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Crosson called for the approval of the September 14, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented. Absent: Director Ferrara.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Mr. Kilgore presented September's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to \$8888,455.07. Petty cash expenses amounted to \$349.01. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board approved the September expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40409 through #40453, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for September, noting receipts of \$704,359.73. It was further reported that as of September 30, 2023, the District had an

active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,288,876.38 and \$7,701.87, respectively, amounting to \$1,296,578.25. Also submitted for review was September's report of investments amounting to \$3,794,887.62, for total District funds amounting to \$5,091,465.87. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B".

2023 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore reviewed the 2023 adopted budget and explained any outstanding variances.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported September's Friant deliveries totaled 3,196 acre-feet. Roughly 242 acre-feet were recharged by both growers and the District. The District recorded no rainfall in September. Annual precipitation recorded to-date totaled 0.80 inches. As of October 14th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,268,253 acre-feet, 172,836 acre-feet and 1,609,547 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Yokohl Creek Rehabilitation Project performed by Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District.

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the easement conflict with the Yokohl Landing project and the parties are negotiating costs to move the line.

2021 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Kilgore distributed the 2021 financial audit for review and acceptance. On motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the audit was approved as presented.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, as well as Phase 2+ study. Scheduled meetings continue for the San Joaquin River Restoration Plan update in 2026. Work continues amongst all parties to develop an operational plan. Mr. Kilgore reminded the Directors that were interested in attending the Friant off-site meeting that it will be November 14-16.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported that legal counsel is drafting the lease agreements for the two approved recharge lease projects.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore presented an update on the negotiations with Greater Kaweah GSA to modify

their 2024 pumping allocations as well as continuing to work through the coordination agreement.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the transfer of the Fish Bio studies, developed by the South Valley Water Authority, has been negotiated. A meeting is scheduled at the end of October to finalize the details of the transfer of information.

<u>CLOSED SESSION</u> Convened to closed session at 3:14 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened to open session at 3:30, no recordable action was taken closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Crosson adjourned the Board meeting at 3:31 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore Secretary/Manager