

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

September 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by General Manager Gene Kilgore at 1:32 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and Ralph Fuller. Others Present were Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Brooke Shaw, West Water Research (Via Telephone), Christina Sanger, landowner.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Ferrara called for public comments, none were presented.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

President Ferrara asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kilgore requested to add Resolution 2022-2 that formalized the Board authorizing the District designated officers to be signatory to the District's Local Agency Investment Fund. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Agenda was approved with addition of Resolution 2022-2.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Ferrara called for the approval of the September 8, 2022, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Fuller, and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES:

Ms. Rossman presented the Accounts Payables and Payroll in the amount of \$193,179.23 and \$31,170.35, respectively. Total expenditures for Board review amounted to \$224,349.58.

Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Fuller, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Warrants/Accounts payables as presented and ordered payments warrants #39960 through #39986, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Rossman reviewed the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$183,797.83 and disbursements of \$300,000. It was further reported that as August 31, 2022, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$665,023.57 and \$132,992.48, respectively, amounting to \$798,016.05. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$2,671,236.61, for total funds amounting to \$3,469,252.66. Petty cash reimbursement amounted to \$14.95 for reimbursement for Board meeting refreshments. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Fuller, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B."

INVESTMENTS:

Mr. Kilgore presented the transfer of \$400,000 from Bank of American SGMA account to L.A.I.F for ratification. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the transfer.

Mr. Kilgore presented the change in investments by recommendation of Kings Capitol to transfer two (2) investments with lower earning to other investment instruments earning higher yields. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the transfers.

WATER SUPPLY:

Manager Kilgore reported no change to the Bureau 2022 water allocation of 30 percent. Mr. Kilgore presented the projected September Friant water schedule for the Board to review. Mr. Kilgore reported that the Bureau is allowing up to 10 percent of a contractor's contract water amount to be rescheduled (carry-over) to 2023. The potential carry-over for the District could be up to 1,110 acre-feet. Millerton capacity, as of September 13, 2022, was recorded at 265,043 acre-feet, roughly 50% of capacity.

Mr. Kilgore reported that August Friant deliveries for month was 1,551 acre-feet, of which, 429 acre-feet was from District allocation. Remaining Friant water to be delivered amounts to 4, 147 Acre-feet, of which 2,888 acre-feet is allocated water, 516 acre-feet is URF water, and 743 Acre-feet is transferred in water.

The District recorded 0.11 inches of rainfall for the month of August, for a season total of .11 inches. Last year's 2021-2022, June-July, total recorded rainfall was 9.41 inches.

Mr. Kilgore reported that the Bureau's and District's August delivery meter readings were relatively close in during this period, but staff is continuing to monitor.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore reported that staff continues to repair leaks as they are identified and replace faulty valves.

Mr. Kilgore presented the 2022 Budget, there were no concerns presented.

Mr. Keller continues to work through details with Southern California Edison and the Bureau to make the necessary repairs on the 3 line.

There was no update provided for the 5-year Water Management Plan update.

Mr. Kilgore provided information on the Water Blueprint group, which he has been involved with to identify project opportunities for his former District. He recommended his continued involvement with the group to determine if there would be opportunities for the District to be a participant in bringing additional water to the District's growers. The Board had no reservations to Mr. Kilgore's continued involvement.

Mr. Kilgore provide the Board with legislation that Friant has flagged for review. The legislation to be watched was AB2108 (Rivas), AB 2201 (Bennett), ACA 13 (Mathis) and SB 1205 (Allen). Also, provided for review was Newsom Administration document that was released on August 11th, titled "California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future".

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1. He highlighted there were no change orders for the month and the project was on schedule. The Canal is scheduled to be dewatered on November 15, 2022, south of Tipton and put back in service on February 1, 2023.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Friant Water Authority's (FWA) legal counsel, in conjunction with other non- Friant member's legal counsel, is drafting a coordination agreement that will allow for Friant-Kern contractors to meet with FWA on issues affecting all Friant-Kern Canal contractors for better unity in addressing the issues.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Kilgore provided the draft Recharge, and Grower Carryover Policies. After discussions, the Board instructed staff to finalize the policies with revisions and have legal review to finalize the language for the Board to adopt at the next Board meeting.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore reported the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Committees continue to work on the Rules and Regulations for the Board to consider for adoption and next years proposed allocation.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Kilgore submitted Mr. Vink's summary of South Valley Water Association activities, highlighting meetings with Ernest Conant regarding operation matters and Senator Padilla's staff to update them on Delta and Friant operations.

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Kilgore present a proposal to add Classic PPO plan benefit as another option to the current medical benefit plan. The Plan would provide less out of pocket expense for medical related cost to the employees compared to the current plan. The Classic PPO Plan premium would be a higher cost then the current plan, but Mr. Kilgore suggested that the reduction in current year Advantage PPO plan premiums could offset most of the increased premium. The Board deferred and instructed staff to clarify the spreadsheet including actual current costs,

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:06 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore
Secretary/Manager