

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

**September 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:32 p.m. Director's present were Joe Ferrara, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, Greg Crosson, and David Nielsen. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Aubrey Mauritson-legal counsel, Landowner Christina Saenger, Lisa McEwen, with SJV Water and Aaron Henderson, with Agri-Care.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments. Aaron Henderson presented a potential opportunity to partner with his clients on a potential recharge facility. Management was directed to evaluate the project and provide a recommendation to the Board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Kilgore congratulated and welcomed David Nielsen, who was appointed to the Division 4 Director position and welcomed Aubrey Mauritson to the District.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Ferrara called for the approval of the August 10, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented. Abstain: Directors Nielsen and Crosson.

President Ferrara called for the approval of the September 5, 2023, Board Special Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented, with the correction of an additional posting location, Exeter Golf Course, announcing the vacancy of the Division 4 representative.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Mr. Kilgore presented August's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to 568,022.50. Petty cash expenses amounted to \$90.64. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the August expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40345 through #40408, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for August, noting receipts of \$619,579.92. It was further reported that as of August 31, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,234,471.39 and \$90,349.07, respectively, amounting to \$1,324,820.46. Also submitted for Board review was August's report of investments amounting to \$3,783,565.56, for total District funds amounting to \$5,108,386.02. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously 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 2023 adopted Budget and explained any outstanding variances.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported Class 1 allocation was final at 100 percent and residual Class 2, preliminarily, remains at 15 percent. Mr. Kilgore reported August's Friant deliveries totaled 4,075 acre-feet. Roughly 265 acre-feet was recharged by both growers and the District. The District recorded no rainfall in July. Precipitation recorded in August averaged 0.80 inches. As of September 14<sup>th</sup>, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,429,490 acre-feet, 263,401 acre-feet and 1,690,830 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board he would be attending the ACWA conference in November. The Bureau payment discrepancies have been resolved as of August 2023. Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the easement conflict with the Yokohl Landing project.

2021 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Kilgore distributed the 2021 financial audit for review and acceptance. President Ferrara requested time to review and deferred acceptance and instructed staff to put on next month agenda.

YOKOHL CREEK REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Yokohl Creek Rehabilitation project for authorization to financially partner with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD) and landowners adjacent to the creek. The District's cost of the partnership would not exceed \$66,000, which equates to 25% of the project total cost of \$254,000. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized participation with KDWCD on the project.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project. 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 presented, for adoption, Resolution 2023-01 approving the Cooperative Agreement for Water Quality Guidelines. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution 2023-1.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore had nothing to update.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore presented an update of EKGSA potential 2024 groundwater allocation and possible revenue streams that may be required to support the EKGSA's well mitigation program.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided Mr. Vink's written summary of the South Valley Water Authority's activities.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 3:47 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened to open session at 4:30, no recordable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:31 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager