EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

April 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:30 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Bob Ward, and Keith Cosart. Director David Nielsen was absent. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Tri- District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, Growers Craig Hornung, Milo Gorden, Dwayne Spalding, and Fabian Acevedo

PUBLIC COMMENT
President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments. Growers Craig Hornung, Milo Gorden, Dwayne Spalding and Fabian Acevedo introduce themselves at the request of Mr. Kilgore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Kilgore reported Director Cosart attended the Friant Water Authority (FWA) Board meeting held on March 27, 2025.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
President Ferrara called for the acceptance of the Agenda. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Agenda was accepted as posted.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
President Ferrara called for the approval of the March 20, 2025, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Ms. Daniel presented March's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $323,441.32, collectively. February and March Petty cash disbursements reconciliation amounted to $229.89 and $167.41, respectively. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Board approved the expenditures for March as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Bank of Sierra, #1072-1128 inclusive, with #1072 being voided, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for March, noting deposits of $439,966.13 as of March 31st, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, Bank of Sierra 5015, and Bank of America of $385,543.34, $32,115.19, and $697.83, respectively.

All banking accounts amounted to $418,356.36, an increase of $116,819.67 from the previous month's ending balances.

March investments totaled $3,039,179.62, an increase of $10,777.95. Total District funds amounted to $3,457,535.98.

Mr. Kilgore presented a Summary Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement against Charles Schwab Corporation regarding the merger with TD Ameritrade. The plaintiff alleged that the merger decreased competition among brokers, resulting in plaintiffs making less money. To settle the claim in the lawsuit, Schwab agreed to implement an antitrust compliance program to be designed by a third-party consultant. Settlement class members will not receive any payments.

Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered to be placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B."

Ms. Rossman provided the Grower Delinquent Accounts summary showing delinquent balances for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 amounting to $2,365.13, $4,640.22, $4,621.62, and $16,600.88, respectively. Property liens have been filed on delinquent accounts.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered two acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in March for pipe filling. 2025 water deliveries to date totaled two acre-feet. The Bureau allocation remains at 100% Class 1 and no Class 2. The Settlement Restoration Program offered 10,000 acre-feet of Unreleased Restoration Flow (URF), to be delivered by May 2nd, of which the District allocation was 154 acre-feet. The District transferred the 154 acre-feet to Kawha Delta Water Conservation District to be delivered to Consolidated Peoples Ditch Company (CPDC) for recharge. CPDC will transfer 77 acre-feet of groundwater credits back to the District. Another Block of URF water may come available in June. Precipitation in March averaged 3.56 inches, with a seasonal total of 9.12 inches. Mr. Kilgore reported that there remains a slight chance that Millerton could go into Uncontrolled Season, dependent upon temperature, inflow and demands. The risk for San Luis Reservoir to spill is no longer a threat and the contributions made to the Drought Pool remains protected. As of April 24th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 4,376,617 acre-feet, 411,109 acre-feet, 1,749,157 and 134,058 acre-feet, respectively.

WATER ALLOCATION

With the revised Bureau allocation of 90% to100% and the additional water supply from Tri-District Water Authority, Mr. Kilgore recommended revising the initial grower water allocation of .68 acre-feet per acre to 1.0 acre-feet per acre. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board revised the grower allocation to 1.0 acre-feet per acre.

WATER RATE

On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board set the 2025 water rate at $326 per acre-foot.

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore presented two options for the 2025 Budget for adoption, one with an additional 750 acre-feet of water from Tri-District Water Authority (TDWA) and one without an additional water supply. After a lengthy discussion On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board adopted the 2025 Budget with the additional TDWA water supply.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported on the status of the Paregien Property Project and the grant funding for the removal of the walnut orchard. Conveyance lines continued to be repaired for leaks. The Bureau reported a new round of funding has been made available under the Aging Infrastructure Account. The FY 2026 Aging Infrastructure Account application period will be open June 2 - July 18, 2025. If the District qualifies, staff will apply for the funds to offset the District's replacement costs.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported that Stone Corral Irrigation District (SCID) has declined to take current or future delivery of their allocation of the Fresno Irrigation District (FID) water purchase. SCID has negotiated their own water purchase with FID and no longer will be participants in the sharing of the FID water purchase.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Mr. Kilgore reported FWA continues to develop options for the middle reach pumping stations.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore and Craig Hornung provided updates of the EKGSA. The biological and cultural inspection has been completed, and reports are anticipated to be completed by the end of May.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened at to Closed Session at 3:25 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened back to Open Session at 4.01 p.m., There were no recordable actions taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Crosson adjourned the Board meeting at 4:04 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager