EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

April 9, 2026

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, Keith Cosart, and David Nielsen. Director Bob Ward was absent. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Tri-District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, Water Analyst Iona Ibanez, landowners Craig Hornung and Milo Gorden. Lisa McEwen with SJV Water.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Kilgore reported Directors Cosart and Ferrara attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting held on March 26, 2026. Director Ferrara attended the EKGSA Technical Advisory Meeting held on March 13, 2026. Superintendent Russ Bryant's last day was April 3, 2026, the District wished him well on his new adventure. Administration announced the hiring of Iona Ibanez as the District's new Water Analyst. The Board and Staff welcomed her to the District.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
President Ferrara called for the approval of the March 12, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Ms. Daniel presented March's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $206,924.26. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Board approved the expenditures for March as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Bank of Sierra, #1614 through 1656, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for March, noting cash deposits of $40,285.16. As of March 31st, the District's ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, and Bank of Sierra 5015 amounting to $744,407.82 and $9,091.09, respectively. All banking accounts amounted to $753,498.91, a decrease of $166,635.60 from the previous month's

ending balances. March's investments totaled $2,556,960.43, with total District funds amounting to $3,310,459.34. Investments were earning interest between 3.25% and 3.87%. On motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Board accepted the Financial Reports as presented and ordered to be placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B."

Ms. Rossman reported that a grower has paid their 2024 assessment and associated late fees and presented the revised Grower Delinquent Accounts summary showing delinquent balances for 2022, 2023 and 2024 amounting to $2,325.90, $2,313.50, and $11,682.19, respectively. As previously reported, property liens have been filed on all other delinquent accounts.

2026 BUDGET

At the March Board meeting, the Board adopted the 2026 Budget with the understanding that water revenue projections may require revision. Mr. Kilgore presented the proposed amended 2026 Budget for approval that included reduction in water allocation and an increase in water cost per acre. Mr. Kilgore noted there remains uncertainty regarding water revenue due to the volatileness of the inflow and storage of Millerton and Lake Kaweah. The Board deferred amending the 2026 Budget until the May Board meeting.

2026 GROWER ALLOCATION AND WATER RATE

Based on the likelihood that the Bureau may reduce its allocation below 100%, Mr. Kilgore recommended revising the 2026 grower approved allocation from 1.13 to 1.04 acre-feet per acre and amending the water rate from $295 to $325 per acre-foot. The Board deferred revising allocation and the water rate until the May Board meeting.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 410 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in March for irrigation demands. There was no precipitation recorded in March; total precipitation recorded for the season was 11.05 inches. On April 9th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 4,115,676; 428,848; 1,795,481 and 112,786 acre-feet, respectively. The Bureau currently remains at 100% allocation, but it could be reduced to 85% if current forecasted storms do not produce anticipated inflows.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported Staff continues to repair or replace broken meters and performing other routine maintenance activities. Leaks are being repaired by outsourcing. Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Paregien Basin Project and stated that he has been in communication with staff from Kaweah Delta Water Conservation and construction could start anytime between 4-6 weeks. Also, due to the fire hazard, discing is scheduled to begin by the end of April. Mr. Kilgore reported on two

grant funding opportunities; one with the Bureau of Reclamation through their WaterSMART grant program and the second with Google Water Replenishment grant program. Both grants were for $125,000, with the WaterSMART grant requiring matching funds. Mr. Kilgore presented Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group's (P&P) Consultant Services Agreement and their WaterSMART and Google Water Replenishment Grant applications writing agreements in the amount of $30,000 for both grant applications. The Board had no objections to pursuing the grants.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Mr. Kilgore provided updates on the Middle Reach Correction Project, highlighting the Phase I Replacement Pump Stations Project consisting of five (5) new pump stations, one (1) for Teapot Dome Water District and four (4) for Sausalito Irrigation District. Construction bids are out for proposals. Also, discussed was Phase 2A canal raise of approximately 2.6 miles that is slated for construction. Funding for both construction projects will come from the $200 million provided by the Big Beautiful Bill. A settlement stipulation with the three Districts has been reached to stay further litigation, so that FWA and the District can re-negotiate the Cost Recovery Method that was previously approved. Lastly FWA is monitoring the 2024 Biological Opinion lawsuit that has been brought against the Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported the EKGSA will be requesting to move forward with a Prop 218 Election to cover administration and potential well mitigation costs in accordance with its submitted Groundwater Sustainability Plan to the Department of Water Resources. The proposed rate is not to exceed $38 dollars per acre. Also, Land IQ has launched its new Dashboard to assist growers with irrigation management. They have held multiple webinars to assist growers with signing up and navigating through the Dashboard.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:13p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened back to Open Session at 3:46 p.m. There were no recordable actions taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 3:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District's Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026.

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager