AGENDA #5a

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EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

December 12, 2024

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. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Bob Ward Keith Cosart, and David Nielsen. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Legal Counsel Aubry Mauritson, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Tri- District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, Grower Craig Hornung and from the public, Sharon Plum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments, Sharon Plum voiced concerns of flooding, infrastructure damage and water quality due to hydraulic fracturing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS,

Mr. Kilgore reported Director Ferrara attended the East Kaweah GSA Board meeting on December 6, 2024.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara called for the acceptance of the Agenda. Mr. Kilgore requested to add agenda Item 5b: Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes held on December 5, 2024. On Motion by Director Crosson and seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried the agenda was approved with the addition of Item 5b.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the November 14, 2024, Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Crossen and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented. President Ferrara called for the approval of the December 5, 2024, Special Board meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Nielsen and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Ms. Daniel presented September's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $1,297,393.72 collectively, and of which, $967,000 was for the purchase of the Paregien Property. Petty cash expenditures amounted to $57.65. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crossen, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Board approved November's expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #41033-41065 inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for November, noting deposits of $1,078,570.42, including receivables of $878,564.00. As of November 30th, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of $614,606.75 and 17,801.95, respectively. Both banking accounts amounted to $632,408.70, a decrease of $218,232.00 from the previous month's ending balances. In October, investments were reported at 3,315,269.29, however the amount was double stated by $243,000.00. Actual investments should have been reported at $3,072,269.29. November investments totaled $3,176,107.13, an increase of $1,918.58. Total District funds amounted to $3,808,515.83. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crossen, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously 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, and 2023 amounted to $2,365.13, $4,640.22, and $4,069.83, respectively. Property liens have been filed on delinquent accounts. Mr. Kilgore reviewed the current budget variances not previously reported.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 181 acre-feet of Class 1 in November for irrigation demands. Irrigation deliveries to date totaled 15,542 acre-feet, leaving a balance to be delivered of 1,952 acre-feet. Precipitation in November totaled 1.97 inches, with a seasonal total of 2.04 inches. As of December 12th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 2,785,647 acre-feet, not reported, not reported and 28,321 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that staff continue to work on pipeline repairs and routine facility maintenance. Mr. Kilgore reported that the District had been notified that Southern California Edison (SCE) will begin charging to hold utility poles. Mr. Kilgore stated he will be coordinating a meeting with SCE to educate them on the District's easements and that they are encroached in said easements at the first of the new year.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the Authority has not received Stone Corral Irrigation District's acknowledgement letter regarding the Employee Cost Share Agreement for the Financial Officer that was hired on August 19, 2024. Once received, the Authority will formally approve Stone Corral's request to terminate and withdraw from Tri-District Water Authority.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the FWA off-site meeting held on the week of November 18, 2024.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore and Mr. Hornung provided an update of the EKGSA activities. Mr. Kilgore emphasized that the next major milestone will be the introduction of management zones within the EKGSA. Mr. Kilgore requested from Keller Engineering a construction schedule for the Yokohl Project.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported a meeting was scheduled for December 16, 2024, to finalize 2024 expenditures and discuss potential for future activities.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 2:50 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:54 p.m.

No recordable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager