# EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

**January 12, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:33 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and David Nielsen. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore and Tri-District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Kilgore reported Director Ferrara attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting held on December 12, 2025, and the East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on January 9, 2026.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
President Ferrara called for the acceptance of the Agenda. The Agenda was accepted as posted.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
President Ferrara called for the approval of the December 11, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented. Directors Cosart and Nielsen abstained.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Ms. Daniel presented December's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $1,592,688.46, of which $1,338,750 was the final 2025 water payment to Fresno Irrigation District. There was no Petty Cash reconciliation for the month of December. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen and unanimously carried, the Board approved the expenditures for December as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Bank of Sierra, #1493 - 1531, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for December, noting cash deposits of $938,761.90. As of December 31st, the District had active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, and Bank of Sierra 5015 amounting to $1,025,523.52, and $59,221.40, respectively. All banking accounts amounted to $1,084,244.92, a decrease of $654,681.71 from the previous month's ending balances.

December's investments totaled $2,456,060.20, with total District funds amounting to $3,540,305.12. Mr. Kilgore discussed budget variances. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen and unanimously 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." Mr. Kilgore presented the Grower Delinquent Accounts summary showing delinquent balances for 2022, 2023 and 2024 amounting to $2,325.90, $2,313.50, and $12,098.37, respectively. As previously reported, property liens have been filed on all other delinquent accounts.

2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Kilgore presented the District's 2024 completed Financial Audited. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the 2024 Financials as presented.

MISSION BANK MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Mr. Kilgore recommended opening a Money Market Account with Mission Bank to reinvest the funds that matured from the District's Treasury Bonds investment of $950,925.97. After discussion, on motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Crosson, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the opening of the Money Market Account and to deposit up to $1,000,000.00 into the account. The Board also authorized General Manager Kilgore and Directors Crosson, Ferrara and Nielsen to be account signatories.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 204 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in December for irrigation demands. 2024-2025 water deliveries totaled 11,895 acre-feet. Mr. Kilgore reported due Bureau concerns regarding the potential to encroach in the Top of Conservation space, the Bureau announced a 10% Class 2, effective January 1, 2026. On January 9, 2026, the Bureau announced, effective January 9 through January 31, a 5% Class 2 Uncontrolled Season block. Precipitation recorded in November was 2.15 inches, for a season total of 4.64 inches. On January 12th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 3,746,965; 399,144; 1,487,536 and 36,178 acre-feet, respectively.

DRAFT 2026 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore presented the draft 2026 Budget for review and discussion. Mr. Kilgore stated the proposed 2026 Budget will be on the February Agenda for approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported Staff has been repairing or replacing broken meters and performing other routine maintenance to the pumping stations. Mr. Kilgore reported that there are invoicing discrepancies with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding water delivery reconciliation. Staff are working with the Bureau to remedy and will provide future updates.

PAREGIEN PROJECT

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Paregien project and reminded the Board of the upcoming hearing to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration that will be held on February 12, 2026.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Mr. Kilgore reported that Friant staff have been evaluating for the presents of the Golden Mussel, which is highly evasive species that can create maintenance issues on pumping stations and pipelines. Also, investigating means to eradicate or at least manage its presents in the system.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported that the three Kaweah Sub-basins GSAs continue to collaborate to address issues that have been identified during the drafting of the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability plans. The hearing date to adopt the CEQA mitigated negative declaration for the Yokohl Creek Recharge Project was postponed from January 12, 2026, and on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board rescheduled the hearing for February 12, 2026.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:16 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened back to Open Session at 3:32 p.m.; There were no recordable actions taken in Closed Session.

2026 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a 3% increase of base payroll to be distributed by the general manager, effective January 1, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 3:39p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District's Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager