# EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

**March 12, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:31 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and David Nielsen. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Tri-District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, legal Counsel Aubrey Mauritson (via teleconference), and landowner Milo Gorden.

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 February 19, 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 February 12, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson and unanimously carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Ms. Daniel presented February's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $367,619.61. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Crosson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the expenditures for February as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Nos. 1562 through 1613, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for February, noting cash deposits of $45,793.20. As of February 28, the District's ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, and Bank of Sierra 5015 amounting to $876,054.89 and $44,079.62, respectively. All banking accounts amounted to $920,134.51, a decrease of $316,821.88 from the previous month's ending balances. February's investments totaled $2,550,174.90, with total District funds amounting to $3,470,309.41. Investments were earning interest between 3.25% and 3.87%. On motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Crosson 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."

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

Mr. Kilgore presented the proposed 2026 Budget for adoption. Mr. Kilgore noted there remains uncertainty regarding water revenue due to the volatileness of the inflow and storage of Millerton. After reviewing forecasted expenses and capital improvements, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2026 Budget with the understanding that water revenue projections may require revision.

2026 GROWER ALLOCATION AND WATER RATE

Based on the current Bureau allocation of 100%, Mr. Kilgore recommended setting the 2026 grower allocation to 1.13 acre-feet per acre and setting the water rate at $297 per acre-foot. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen and unanimously carried, the Board approved the initial 2026 grower allocation and water rate as recommended, subject to future adjustments to surface water supplies.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 473 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in February for irrigation and recharge. The 2024-2025 water deliveries totaled 12,645 acre-feet. The Average precipitation recorded in February was 2.07 inches, for a season total of 11.05 inches. On March 12th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 3,411,868; 389,943; 1,789,637 and 54,141 acre-feet, respectively.

The Bureau has indicated concern with Millerton and upper lakes being closed to capacity and the rapid run-off due to the extreme temperatures they may need to react, which potentially could reduce the current Class 1 allocation of 100%. The Rivers Restoration Administrator will be considering to release Unreleased Restoration Flows and is expected to provide notification by the end of the month. Mr. Kilgore informed the Board of his intent, absent objections, to establish a September 1 deadline for return of unused 2026 water allocation and to limit carryover to 5% of allocation. After a brief discussion, the Board expressed no objections.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported Staff continues to repair or replace broken meters and performing other routine maintenance activities. 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 to develop a construction schedule.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Mr. Kilgore announced that FWA is accepting resumes for the Chief Operating Officer position and the deadline to submit was March 6, 2026, The FWA Board of Directors at its February 19th Board meeting approved the Golden Mussel control plan and budget. The District provided support letters for FWA's grant application to obtain funds to support the San Joaquin Vally Golden Mussel Watercraft Inspection Program, the Friant-Kern Canal Flood Safety Improvement Equipment Project and additional stream gauge on the San Joaquin River.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported the EKGSA continues to evaluate the impacts of subsidence to the basin. The Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on March 13.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 1:32 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened back to Open Session at 1:44 p.m.

Reportable Action: The Board reviewed the Stipulation to Amend Settlement – San Joaquin Rivers Restoration Program, Paragraph 20. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Stipulation Agreement as revised.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 3:37 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District's Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager