EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

May 8, 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 and Bill Morgan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Morgan stated he felt the water rate was too high, and that other Districts' water rates are much lower.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kilgore reported Director Ferrara attended the East Kaweah GSA Board meeting on April 28, 2025. No other meetings were attended by Directors.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara called for the acceptance of the Agenda. Mr. Kilgore requested to Move Agenda Item 8: Consider Approving District Employee Handbook to after Closed Session. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Agenda was approved with the revised Agenda order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the April 24, 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 April's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $230,190.14, collectively. There was no Petty Cash reconciliation for the month of April. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Board approved the expenditures for April as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Bank of Sierra, #1129-1180 inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for April, noting deposits of $117,261.22. As of April 30th, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, Bank of Sierra 5015, and Bank of America of $300,255.04, $3,100.59, and $697.83, respectively.

All banking accounts amounted to $304,053.46, a decrease of $114,302.90 from the previous month's ending balances.

April investments totaled $3,040,915.14, an increase of $1,735.52. Total District funds amounted to $3,344,968.60. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson, 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 220 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in April for irrigation demands. 2025 water deliveries to date totaled 222 acre-feet. The District transferred 113 acre-feet to Hills Valley for the Drought Pool contribution they made on behalf of the District. Precipitation in April averaged 0.16 inches, with a seasonal total of 9.28 inches. As of May 8th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 4,379,001, 445,130, 1,625,058 and 150,196 acre-feet, respectively.

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore requested to revise the 2025 adopted Budget. Budgeted expenses declined and water availability increased from 95% to 100%. After discussions, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board revised the adopted 2025 Budget, with the authority to reduce the water rate if additional water becomes available. A copy of which is included herewith as Exhibit "C."

WATER ALLOCATION

With the revised water availability, Mr. Kilgore recommend increasing the grower allocation from 1.0 to 1.03 acre-feet per acre. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board revised the grower allocation to 1.03 acre-feet per acre.

WATER RATE

Mr. Kilgore recommend revising the 2025 water rate from $326 to $304 per acre-foot. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board revised the 2025 water rate to $304 per acre-foot.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported on the proposed Caltrans activities on the 3-line that runs parallel with Highway 198. Legal counsel and the District Engineer have been engaged to assist with a cease-and-desist order or facilitate negotiations to replace the line.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

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

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore provided an update of the EKGSA activities and the pending schedules to complete directives identified in the submitted Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the basin. The EKGSA continues to evaluate future funding options for the Mitigation Program and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan cost overruns. There were no updates were provided on the Yokohl Project.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened at to Closed Session at 3:32 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened back to Open Session at 4:09 p.m.; There were no recordable actions taken in Closed Session.

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Mr. Kilgore presented the revised employee handbook for approval. After discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Ward, and carried the Board approved the employee handbook as presented. Notably, adding two holidays, longevity benefits and retirement benefits.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:11 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager