EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

October 16, 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, 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 that Director Cosart attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting held on September 25, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
President Ferrara called for the approval of the September 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crossen, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Ms. Daniel presented September's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $297,683.55, collectively. There was no Petty Cash reconciliation for the month of September. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Board approved the expenditures for September as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Bank of Sierra, #1367-1411, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Ms. Daniel presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for September, noting cash deposits of $1,252,219.11. As of September 30th, the District had active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, and Bank of Sierra 5015 amounting to $1,497,630.51, and 102,556.33, respectively. Bank of America account was closed August 31, 2025. All banking accounts amounted to $1,600,186.84, an increase of $954,529.28 from the previous month's ending balances.

September's investments totaled $2,469,683.73, with total District funds amounting to $4,069,870.57. Mr. Kilgore discussed budget variances. 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 reported a grower paid their 2024 taxes. She also provided 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. Property liens have been filed on all other delinquent accounts.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 2,108 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in September for irrigation demands. The 2024-2025 water deliveries to date totaled 10,621 acre-feet. Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that he would be increasing grower allocation by .08 acre-feet per acre for a total year allocation of 1.11 acre-feet per acre, due to better delivery percentages and the purchase of Unreleased Restoration Flow water. The Bureau approved 10 percent carryover Friant Division wide. The Board directed staff to inform growers that they could carryover up to 30 percent of their current remaining account balances. Precipitation recorded in September was .39 inches. On October 16th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 2,618,937; 251,667; 1,082,520; and 16,216 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported the 2024 Financial Audit would be completed and presented at the November Board meeting. Also, Smee Homes is meeting with staff to schedule the replacement of the pipeline per the agreement.

Mr. Kilgore presented aerial photographs of the Paregien property showing the trees removed and being chipped.

PAREGIEN RECHARGE BASIN DEVELPOMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Kilgore presented the agreement between the District and Farmers Ditch Company defining the cost share and the operation and maintenance of the Paregien Project. After discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the agreement was approved.

RECAPTURE WATER AGREEMENT

Mr. Kilgore presented the water purchase agreement between Westside Mutual Water Company and Wonderful Nut Orchards, LLC and the District. The District desires to transfer San Joaquin River Restoration Flow Recapture/Recirculation water in excess of its Drought Pool obligations to the contracting parties. After discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the agreement was approved.

YOKOHL CREEK RECHARGE PROJECT

Mr. Kilgore requested the Board to consider providing notice of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Yokohl Creek Recharge Project. After discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and carried, the Board approved filing the notice. The Board set the Public Hearing date to consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration on December 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board of the offsite meeting that will be held from November 18-20, 2025, at Merryman's Station in Exeter. All are encouraged to attend to learn of all issues impacting Friant. Also, Friant is seeking new legal counsel to replace Don Davis who resigned. Pumping at O'Neal pumping station reduced due to maintenance outage to perform transformer rehabilitation. The outage could have potential impacts on San Luis by reducing the amount of water that can have been stored for next year's operations.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore distributed the State Water Resources Control Board's flyer announcing the December 2, 2025, meeting to consider referring the Kaweah Sub-basin back to Department of Water Resources and encouraged those to either attend in Sacramento or via Zoom.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 2:36 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened back to Open Session at 2:44 p.m.; There were no recordable actions taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 2:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager