# EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

**September 12, 2024**

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, Keith Cosart, Bob Ward, and Greg Crosson. Director(s) absent: David Nielsen. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Tri- District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel and Growers Craig Hornung and Milo Gordon.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Kilgore announced Director Cosart attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting on August 29, 2024, and Director Ferrara attended the East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on August 9th and 23rd. Mr. Kilgore introduced Janice Daniel as the Tri-District Water Authority Controller.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
President Ferrara called to accept the Agenda. No revisions were requested, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
President Ferrara called for the approval of the August 8, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented. Director Crosson abstained; Director Nielsen was absent.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Ms. Rossman presented August's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $235,804.09 collectively. There was no Petty Cash expense to report. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board approved August's expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40852-40882 inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Ms. Rossman presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for August, noting deposits of $250,000 and receivables of $275,297.92. As of August 31st, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of $352,123.95 and $25,234.76, respectively. Both banking accounts amounted to $377,358.71, an increase of $34,493.83 from the

previous month's ending balances. Investments amounted to $3,179,895.42 for total District funds amounting to $3,557,254.13. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart, 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, and 2023 amounted to $2,365.13, $4,640.22, and $7,772.51, respectively. Property liens have been filed on delinquent accounts. Mr. Kilgore reviewed the budget variances; the board had no concerns.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported the District delivered 2,696 acre-feet of Class 1 in August for irrigation demands. Water deliveries to-date totaled 13,083 acre-feet, leaving a balance of 4,048 acre-feet to be delivered by February 2025. There was no recordable precipitation in August. As of September 12th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 2,907,443 acre-feet, 260,693 acre-feet and 976,035 acre-feet, respectively. Mr. Kilgore reported that there may be a possible 3-5% increase of Class 1 allocation, Bureau staff is evaluating conditions to order to make the recommendation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The leaks at Kaweah Avenue and Marinette Avenue have been repaired and put back into service. Staff have been inspecting air vents for proper operations. The District will be posting two job opportunities for Field Operations.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported pump stations required to complete phase 1 of the middle reach correction project is currently being re-designed. Friant's legal issues with the East Tule GSA remains a point of discussion. Friant Contractors requested Fraint staff to consider other alternative ways to budget for legal costs associated with East Tule GSA other than placing the cost in the OM&R budget. The legal and management committees have been established to coordinate with Friant to coordinate River Restoration discussions.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore presented the KEX-R4 property Lease Agreement for approval. Two items were brought to the attention of management, one being the wind machine located on the property and the other was wells that are on the property. Mr. Hornung reported he would have the wind machine removed and provide the District with a waiver letter for the wells. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried, the Board approved the Lease Agreement contingent on receiving the liability waiver letter for the wells. Director Cosart abstained from the vote.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Hornung provided an update of the EKGSA activities on addressing the State's two (2) additional deficiencies of interconnected surface water and water quality. Mr. Kilgore reported that he had been informed by the Greater Kaweah GSA grant administrator that the quarterly activity report for the Yokohl Project is delinquent. The Board instructed staff to meet with the project consultant to remedy the issues.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

There were no reportable activities.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:00 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 4:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager