EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

September 17, 2026

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 Joseph Ferrara, Keith Cosart, Bob Ward, and Greg Crosson. Director David Nielsen was absent. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Operations Lead Cole Cardoza, TDWA Special Projects Administrator Cohen Hunter, and grower Milo Gorden.

PUBLIC COMMENT
President Ferrara opened the floor for public comment; none were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Kilgore reported that Director Ferrara attended the EKGSA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held on August 14, 2026, and the Special TAC meeting held on August 28, 2026. Directors Ferrara and Cosart attended the FWA Board Meeting held on August 27, 2026. Director Nielsen attended the special East Kaweah GSA Board meeting held on September 10, 2026.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
No changes were requested, and the agenda was accepted as posted and presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
President Ferrara called for the approval of the August 13, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

President Ferrara called for the approval of the August 27, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Mr. Kilgore presented August's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $279,512.61. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Board approved the expenditures for August as presented and ordered payments of warrants, Bank of Sierra, #1791 and #1808 - #1858 and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for August, noting cash deposits of $1,119,552.89. As of August 31st, the District's ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra, and Bank of Sierra 5015 amounting to $1,234,581.00 and $12,088.77, respectively.

Mission Bank MM and Stifel accounts totaled $1,009,205.38 and $566,993.65, respectively, representing increases of $2,599.25 and $1,415.09, respectively, from the previous month's ending balances. August's investments totaled $2,089,846.53, at the time of reporting, interest earned was not available for LAIF. Total District funds amounted to $3,336,516.30. Investments continue to earn interest between 3.25% and 3.81%. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Board approved the Financial Reports as presented and ordered to be placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B."

Ms. Rossman reported the 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.

Mr. Kilgore reviewed budget variances and anticipated overages.

2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Kilgore presented the District's 2024 and 2025 financial audits prepared by Adaire & Evans for the Board's review and consideration of acceptance. Following discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Crosson and carried, the Board accepted the 2025 Financial Audit as presented.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et. seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in a District's code. Mr. Kilgore presented the District's Conflict of Interest Code for the Board's consideration and adoption. Following discussion, a motion to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Code was made by Director Crosson and seconded by Director Cosart. The motion carried, and the Board adopted the Conflict-of-Interest Code as presented.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 3,117 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply in August for irrigation demands. The District sold 1,000 acre-feet of Class 1 Supply to Kern-Tulare Water District. The remaining District water supply balance was 7,719 acre-feet. The Average precipitation recorded in August was 0.03 inches, for a season total of 0.03 inches. On September 17th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton, San Luis, and Kaweah were 2,521,826; 228,760; 1,397,244 and 21,67 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore deferred discussions regarding the District's Reserve Policy. Phases 1 and 2 of the Paregien Project have been completed, and staff continue to develop a plan to pump water into the project if floodwater becomes available. Mr. Kilgore reported that staff continue to utilize the pilot program with WildEye Company and are monitoring its effectiveness and potential benefits to District operations. Mr. Kilgore deferred the District boundary update to a future meeting. Following discussion, the Board provided directions to begin negotiations with Fresno Irrigation District; however, no final authorization or commitment to extend the agreement was granted at this time.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Cardoza provided a report, accompanied by photographs, highlighting staff maintenance activities at 3E-1, 2D-13, 1C-14, 2D-26, and 3A-11. Mr. Cardoza also presented a list of sixty-six (66) failed meters requiring replacement. He reported that the E1, E5, and E6 moss screens have been malfunctioning and that staff plan to remove and repair them during the maintenance period. Mr. Kilgore deferred the GIS mapping update to a future meeting. Mr. Hunter presented an update on the District's Golden Mussel Vulnerability Assessment Report. He reported that water sample results from Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies were acceptable. Samples collected from a local ditch showed elevated results; however, additional sampling is required to determine whether a trend exists and whether further action may be necessary.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Staff reported that forecasts indicating the potential development of a strong El Niño have increased. In anticipation of possible weather-related impacts, staff are developing strategies to complete much-needed canal maintenance work during the upcoming dewatered period while maintaining the ability to restore water deliveries quickly should conditions require. FWA staff also reported that algae growth has been exceptionally severe this year. As a result, staff have begun evaluating potential causes, including environmental conditions and the effectiveness and frequency of current treatment measures, to determine whether operational adjustments may be necessary. Additionally, FWA staff reported that the Phase 2A Canal Subsidence Repair Project continues to move forward through the bid solicitation and evaluation process. FWA staff reported that the Bureau of Reclamation and FWA is preparing a formal response to the State Water Resources Control Board's August 2026 Draft Water Quality Control Plan (Plan). The responses will be submitted in the form of a letter addressing the Plan and its potential impacts on water operations, water supply reliability, and project beneficiaries. Staff indicated they will continue to monitor developments related to the proposal and provide updates to the Board as additional information becomes available. FWA staff

and representatives from the three Districts also continue to meet to develop an alternative to the adopted Cost Recovery Method for the Phase 1 Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

EKGSA remains concerned that GKGSA's continued allocation of overdraft creates a material risk to the overall sustainability of the Kaweah Subbasin. Mr. Kilgore reported that the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) is considering revisions to its credit transfer policy.

YOKOHL CREEK PROJECT

Mr. Kilgore reported that the construction design documents and project specifications have been made available to prospective contractors interested in submitting bids for the project.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:31 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 3:50 p.m. No reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 3:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District's Board of Directors is scheduled for October 15, 2026.

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager