

Revised Meeting Minutes

**Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
Of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability  
Agency**

**October 27, 2022, 9:00 a.m.  
Held in person and via ZOOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Chairman Ward Burroughs called the meeting to order at 9:03a.m.

**Board Members Present: Roll Call-** Chairman, Ward Burroughs (Eastside Water District), Matt Beaman (Merced Irrigation District–Alternate), Christy McKinnon (Stanislaus County–Alternate), Lloyd Pareira (Merced County), and Dennis Yotsuya on-line arrived at 9:15 a.m. (Ballico Cortez Water District-Alternate).

**Board Members Absent:** Vito Chiesa (Stanislaus County), Hicham El-Tal (Merced Irrigation District), and Vice-Chair Dirk Ulrich (Ballico Cortez Water District).

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Ward Burroughs asked that **Item 3d** be pulled from the Consent Agenda and acted on as a separate item.

Member Lloyd Pareira moved, seconded by Alternate Member Christy McKinnon to approve Consent Agenda, which included:

- a. Adopt Resolution AB 361 Brown Act Provisions extending remote meetings during Covid emergency.
- b. Action to approve minutes of the September 22, 2022 East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency board meeting, with amendment to the minutes that Member Lloyd Pareira attended the board meeting arriving later in the meeting.
- c. Action to adopt F and M Bank Resolution to add Board Chairman, Ward Burroughs and Treasurer, Tim Johnson as signatories with the other board members.

**The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, and Alternate Member Christy McKinnon – Yes.**

- d. Following a report from staff, Member Lloyd Pareira moved, seconded by Alternate Member Matt Beaman to approve the transfer of funds from the Prudent Reserve to increase the budget for ISA9-Well Registration and Management (satellite and GIS data) to alleviate temporary cash flow issues pending receipt of Proposition 218 assessment funds. **The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, and Alternate Member Christy McKinnon – Yes.**

**4. TREASURY REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Member Lloyd Pareira moved, seconded by Alternate Member Matt Beaman to accept the Treasury Report and approve the payment of bills for October 2022. The motion passed unanimously. **The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, and Alternate Member Christy McKinnon – Yes.**

5. **NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER BOARD MEETINGS**

*Alternate Member Dennis Yotsuya joined the meeting on-line.*

It was moved by Alternate Member Matt Beaman, seconded by Member Lloyd Pareira to cancel the regularly scheduled Thursday, November 24, 2022 and Thursday, December, 22, 2022 board meetings and schedule a special board meeting for Thursday, December 8, 2022. **The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, Alternate Member Christy McKinnon - Yes, and Alternate Member Dennis Yotsuya –Yes.**

6. **GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM UPDATES**

Mike Tietze, GSA Coordinator/General Manager presented two proposals to the board for the groundwater monitoring program: 1) Provost and Pritchard, and 2) GeoSystems Analysis, Inc. with Baskan and Associates. Following the presentation and discussion, it was moved by Member Lloyd Pareira, seconded by Alternate Member Matt Beaman to contract with Provost and Pritchard for an amount not to exceed twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000.00). **The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, Alternate Member Christy McKinnon - Yes, and Alternate Member Dennis Yotsuya –Yes.**

7. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING AND UPDATES**

Mike Tietze, GSA Coordinator/General Manager presented the following:

- a. Gave a brief review of the proposed schedule for implementation of activities through March 2023. The next workshop will be December 13. **This item is information only.**
- b. The October 18 Management Action Workshop on water use accounting, groundwater extraction fees, and the use of ET Data was well attended. There were 20 on-line attendees and approximately 100 in-person attendees. There will be a follow-up email next week thanking people for attending the workshop. **This item is information only.**

*Alternate Member Dennis Yotsuya left the meeting.*

- c. Proposals from joint subbasin technical consultants:

- Subbasin groundwater model update proposal. The cost of this proposal is \$53,000. It is not in the ETS GSA budget. This is for model refinements to recalibrate and update the baseline. It will also be used to run water budgets. Alternate Member Matt Beaman moved, seconded by member Lloyd Pareira to approve the Subbasin Groundwater Model Update Proposal, with a request that this proposal be included in the SGMA grant proposal. The motion passed unanimously. **Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, and Alternate Member Christy McKinnon – Yes.**
- MT Exceedance Management Action Development proposal. The cost of this proposal is \$15,000. It is in the ETS GSA budget-ISA5 for \$25,000. Alternate Member Matt Beaman moved, seconded by member Lloyd Pareira to approve the MT Exceedance Management Action Development Proposal. **The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, and Alternate Member Christy McKinnon – Yes.**
- Annual Report Preparation proposal. The cost of this proposal is \$83,000. It is in the ETS GSA budget under ISA1 and ISA6 for \$55,000. The proposal includes compiling data, updating the model, preparing hydrographs, contour maps, water budgets, 3 presentations, Fall and Spring uploads, and the draft and final report. Staff was directed to take this item back to the Technical Advisory Committee and discuss budget costs.

- d. A follow-up call is scheduled for November for the regional coordination on vadose zone infiltration wells. **This item is information only.**
- e. Sarah Woolf gave an update on the Highline Canal Project that Wood Rodgers is conducting. Staff is continuing to find additional landowner information. Sarah and Brian Powell, Wood Rodgers, attended a Ballico Cortez Water District (BCWD) and Eastside Water District board meetings to discuss the project and get information. Following the meetings, she and Brian Powell met landowners. More landowner meetings are planned for November. **This item is information only.**
- f. Julianne Phillips is updating the postcards for the December workshop. Flyers are also being prepared. She will also be preparing an Op Ed from the board chairman Eastside Water and Ballico Cortez Water Districts Board Chairmans. **This is item information only.**

**8. RECORD RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY**

Following a brief review and discussion, Alternate Member Matt Beaman moved, seconded by Member Lloyd Pareira to adopt the Record Retention and Destruction Policy. The motion passed unanimously. **Roll Call Vote: Alternate Member Matt Beaman - Yes, Chairman Ward Burroughs-Yes, Member Lloyd Pareira-Yes, and Alternate Member Christy McKinnon – Yes.**

**9. ROUND 2 SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROPOSAL**

Mike Tietze, General Manager, reviewed the current status and approach to the submittal of the application to the Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant. He reviewed the 5 Priorities and what was included in each priority. The ETS/WTS GSAs will apply for the maximum 20 million dollars. The proposal is due November 30. Following the presentation, Alternate Member Matt Beaman moved, seconded by Alternate Member Christy McKinnon to adopt Resolution 2022-13, to support the designation of the WTS GSA to submit the application for the grant on behalf of the ETS GSA and the WTS GSA. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- a. Water Accounting Framework: Lauren Layne reported that the Ad Hoc Committee found a path to move forward and everyone is continuing to work together on the Water Accounting Framework. The legal component will be discussed in closed session. **This item was information only.**
- b. Legislative: Ms. Layne reported that sending out an email on recent changes to the Brown Act. **This item was information only.**

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Legislative Body.

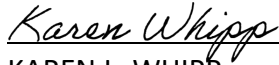
There were no comments from the board.

Regular Session was closed at 11:20 a.m.

- 12. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**  
Closed Session opened at 11:28 a.m. Board members and staff had conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case). No reportable action was taken coming out of closed session. Closed session closed at 12:04 p.m.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**  
Chairman Ward Burrough reconvened Regular Session at 12:05p.m.  
Chairman Ward Burroughs moved to adjourn October 27, 2022 meeting at 12:06 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency of Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

October 27, 2022



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BOARD SECRETARY