

**EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**



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

**Thursday, February 22, 2024– 9:00 a.m.**

**CORTEZ HALL  
12937 North Cortez Avenue  
Turlock, California 95380**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Ward Burroughs, Eastside Water District Chairman

Tim Johnson, Eastside Water District Alternate and Treasurer

Dirk Ulrich, Ballico-Cortez Water District and Vice Chairman

Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Alternate

Lloyd Pareira, Merced County

Lacey McBride, Merced County Alternate

Hicham ElTal, Merced Irrigation District

Matt Beaman, Merced Irrigation District Alternate

Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County

Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Alternate

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it be placed on a future agenda.



**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Action to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular board meeting, including the Special Board meeting item within the regular board meeting.

**4. TREASURY REPORT, PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CASH FLOW ANALYSIS**

Action to accept:

- a. The Treasurer's Report, monthly budget report;
- b. Transfer **\$8,793.83** for the Land IQ's invoice for February 2024 from the Eastside Water District Loan Fund into the General Fund; and
- c. Approve the payment of the February 2024 bills as presented.

In addition, presentation and discussion of the FY 2023/2024 budget status and cash flow analysis. The Board may consider directing staff to prepare a supplemental loan agreement with Eastside Water District to cover potential shortfalls. If directed, staff would prepare a supplemental loan agreement for consideration at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

**5. PROPOSITION 218 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Consultants and staff will provide a brief update on the status of the mailing of the ballots, outreach efforts, and comments received from voters.

**6. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PROPOSITION**

**218 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Discussion and possible action to direct finalization of Policies, Rules, and Regulations to support the Proposition 218 Benefit Assessment Program, including definitions of irrigated and non-irrigated parcels, calculation of benefit assessment amounts, and appeals procedures.

**7. MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM SUPPORT CONTRACTS AND FINANCE WORKFLOWS**

Discussion on planning and implementation of the MLRP Block Grant program. Staff will provide an update on the contracts with the GSA's MLRP teaming partners and the Request for Proposals for a consultant to manage the MLRP plan development process.

**8. GROUNDWATER USE PORTAL DEVELOPMENT**

Staff and TAC members will provide an update on the presentations of the respondents to the Interview Invitation/Request for Qualifications for the Development of Software to Support the Implementation of a Pumping Management Framework in the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency held February 6, 2024.

**9. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE IN RESPONSE TO DWR DETERMINATION LETTER**

Staff and TAC members will provide an update to the board regarding development of GSP updates to address deficiencies identified in the letter received from the DWR that finds the Turlock Subbasin GSP incomplete. Presentation and discussion will include a summary of the deficiencies and the proposed actions to address them, and the schedule and budget for the work. Information will be provided for discussion regarding proposed updates to the projects and management actions in the GSP.

In addition, staff requests the board retroactively approve the cost of the Scope of Work for the deficiencies of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.



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

At this time, Board members will discuss and, may take action on other GSP matters of concern, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a. Schedule for Implementation Support Activities
- b. Tracking of Grant Pursuits
- c. Update on Replenishment Water
- d. Update on Groundwater Monitoring Program

**11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – BAKER MANOCK & JENSEN**

Lauren Layne/Kaitlin Bursey will provide a report to the board on legal items that could affect the agency and its member entities. Discussion item only.

**12. 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.

**13. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case).

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled board meeting is on Thursday, March 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

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