

**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, January 23, 2025 – 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

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes) to address the Board on any item not on the agenda, but within the subject matter of the Board’s jurisdiction. The Board is prohibited from taking action on public comments and as appropriate, matters raised during this period may be referred to appropriate parties or added to the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting (Gov. Code § 54954.3(a)).

Members of the public may directly address the Board on any item of interest to the public within the Board subject matter before or during the Board consideration of the item. Members of the Public will be given up to three minutes (3 minutes).

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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- a. Action to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Board Meeting.
- b. Action to accept the Treasurer's Report and monthly budget report.
- c. Action to transfer \$42,200 from Eastside Water District Loan 2 into the General Fund for December 2024 bills.
- d. Action to approve the payment of the January 2025 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.
- e. Recommend action to approve proposed revisions to the ETS GSA Conflict of Interest Code to amend the GSA Coordinator title from “GSA Coordinator” to “General Manager”, and authorize submission of the revised Conflict of Interest Code to the FPPC.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED GROUNDWATER USE FEE

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- a. Review and discuss the upcoming next steps in the Prop. 218 process for the proposed Groundwater Use Fee.
- b. Review and consider taking action to accept updated Cost of Service Study for proposed Groundwater Use Fee.
- c. Review and consider taking action to set AB 2257 and Proposition 218 public hearing dates related to the proposed Groundwater Use Fee on April 8, 2025 and direct staff to mail notices.

5. 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).

6. ADOPTION OF POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PUMPING MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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- a. Review and discuss updates to the draft Rules and Regulations, including (1) a Pooling Management Zone map; and (2) Rules and Regulations associated with groundwater extraction from wells operated by small community and non-community, transient and non-transient water systems.
- b. Review and consider taking action on finding of Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Statutory and Categorical Exemptions with respect to the proposed Rules and Regulations.
- c. Review and consider adopting Resolution to adopt proposed Rules and Regulations and CEQA Findings.
- d. Review upcoming Phase 2 of Rules and Regulations development, including credits and transfers.



7. WELL MITIGATION PROGRAM

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- a. Review and discuss the Turlock Subbasin Well Mitigation Plan.
- b. Review and discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“WTSGSA”) Adopting the Well Mitigation Program.
- c. Review and consider taking action on finding of Notice of Determination for the Turlock Subbasin Well Mitigation Plan in compliance with the Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (“PEIR”) under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).
- d. Review and consider taking action to approve a Resolution Adopting a Memorandum of Understanding Adopting the Well Mitigation Program, Adopting the Turlock Subbasin Well Mitigation Implementation Plan, and Adopting Certain Findings Pursuant To The California Environmental Quality Act.

8. GROUNDWATER ACCOUNTING PLATFORM

Update on the development and use of the Groundwater Accounting Platform in ETSGSA.

**9. UPDATE ON MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM
(MLRP) BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION**

Review the status of MALRP preparation. Comments to DOC regarding proposed grant guideline amendments. Presentation regarding ongoing and planned stakeholder outreach and community engagement efforts.

10. PROJECT UPDATES

- a. Review and discuss project programs to expand surface water delivery by TID (Replenishment Water) and MID (around Dry Creek and the Northside Canal Service Area).
- b. Responses to the Open Call for Project Concepts issued on November 19, 2024.
- c. Discussion regarding next steps.

11. 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. Tracking of Grant Pursuits
- b. Well permit consistency determinations
- c. Update regarding the Groundwater Monitoring Program, including presentation of the results of the fall 2024 groundwater monitoring event, status of groundwater elevation and SMC updates, status of groundwater levels in Priority Action Areas, and progress of TSS well installation.
- d. Key communications with stakeholders, agencies, project partners and others.
- e. Other GSP implementation matters.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled board meeting is the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall.

Any materials related to items on this agenda distributed to the Board of Directors of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority before the public meeting is available for inspection by contacting the Board Secretary at 209.626.5523 or kareneastsidewater@att.net.

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