

**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, March 27, 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 February 27, 2025 East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Action to accept the Treasurer's Report and monthly budget report.
- c. Action to approve the payment of the March 2025 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.

**4. EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY 2023-2024
FISCAL AUDIT**

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Independent Auditor, Kip Hudson will present the audit to the board for review, to be considered for adoption during the April 24, 2025 Board Meeting.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED GROUNDWATER USE FEE

Update on status, timeline and inquiries received from notified parties. Update regarding submittal of AB 2257 Objections due by March 26, 2025.

6. GROUNDWATER ACCOUNTING PLATFORM

Update on the development of a groundwater use internet portal in the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Update on outreach and office hours scheduled for March 27, 2025 from 12:00 to 2:30 or by appointment.

**7. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PUMPING MANAGEMENT
FRAMEWORK**

Update regarding the approach, agenda, and schedule for Phase 2 of Rules & Regulations development, including credits, transfers, project prioritization and project funding.

8. PROCUREMENT POLICY

Overview of proposed Procurement Policy to be considered for adoption during the April 24, 2025 Board Meeting.

9. PROJECT UPDATES

- a. Discussion and update regarding subregional project planning groups.
- b. Discussion and update regarding project planning activities.

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- 10. UPDATE ON MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (MLRP) BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION**
 - a. Update regarding the status of MALRP plan development.
 - b. Update on four MLRP Pilot Projects, two in each of the Priority Action Areas in the GSA.
- 11. FY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

Review and discussion of the Draft 2024 Annual Report. Potential action to approve submittal of the report to DWR by April 1, 2025.
- 12. FY2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW** pages 56-59

Review and discussion of the FY2024/2025 budget status and proposed re-allocation of funds between tasks. Potential action to approve reallocation of funds in the budget.
- 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. PRIORITY ACTION AREA PLANS** pages 60-88
 - a. Update regarding the updated Priority Action Area Plans for the Cortez Incipient Subsidence Priority Action Area (PAA) and the ETSGSA-08 PAA and outreach activities for the Priority Action Areas.
 - b. Review and consider taking action on finding of Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Categorical Exemptions with respect to the proposed Priority Action Area Plans.
 - c. Review and possible action to adopt the updated Priority Action Plans for the Cortez Incipient Subsidence Priority Action Area (PAA) and the ETSGSA-08 PAA.
- 15. 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. Update regarding the Groundwater Monitoring Program.
 - b. Tracking of Grant Pursuits.
 - c. Well permit consistency determinations.
 - d. Key communications with stakeholders, agencies, project partners and others.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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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18. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled board meeting is the Proposition 218 Groundwater Use Fee Public Hearing and Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 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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