

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



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

Thursday, November 21, 2024 – 11:00 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

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)).

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AGENDA ITEMS

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 October 24, 2024, 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 November 2024 bills, including MLRP grant bills as presented.

4. PARCEL RECLASSIFICATION FOR FY 2023/2024 SGMA OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Update regarding the supplemental Fiscal Year 2023/2024 assessment, applications to recategorize parcels from irrigated to non-irrigated status and non-irrigated to irrigated status, and classification corrections of other parcels.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED GROUNDWATER USE FEE

Update regarding the status of development of a Groundwater Use Fee, outcome of November 19 workshop and outreach to small farm owners.

6. REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Information regarding Eastside Water District plans for development of replenishment water conveyance and infrastructure and plans to hire a Project Manager to help implement this plan on behalf of the GSA. Discussion regarding coordination of activities and potential adoption of a repayment agreement.

7. GROUNDWATER ACCOUNTING PLATFORM AND FEE CALCULATOR PROPOSAL

Update on the development of a groundwater use internet portal in the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Update on the fee calculator app for inclusion in the portal and the outcomes during the workshop on November 19, 2024.

8. POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS SUPPORTING THE PUMPING MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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Presentation and discussion regarding of the draft Rules and Regulations document. Presentation and discussion regarding Pooling Management Zones.

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

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Update on the status of Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan (MALRP) development. Discussion regarding preliminary incentive payment recommendations included in the fee calculator module of the Groundwater Accounting Platform and proposed eligibility start date.

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. Tracking of Grant Pursuits
- b. Project updates; Call for submittal of Project Concepts
- c. Update regarding the Groundwater Monitoring Program

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11. 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).

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.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled board meeting is the Special Board Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2024, 11:00 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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