

EASTON COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM AUTHORITY

**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

5:00 PM

Washington Unified School District Office

Conference Room

7950 South Elm Avenue

Fresno, California

- A. CALL TO ORDER **Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm**
- B. FLAG SALUTE **Flag Salute was led by Chairperson Steve Barra**
- C. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

**Present at the Meeting**

Steven Barra, Chairperson, Washington Unified School District

James Dack, Vice Chairperson, Washington Colony Elementary School District

Eddie Ruiz, Director, Washington Unified School District

Marty Hartwig, Director, Easton Community

Pete Mathew, Washington Colony Elementary School District Representative, attending in place of Director Martinez-Morris.

Staff:

**Present at the Meeting**

Jesus Cruz, Superintendent, Washington Colony School District

Randy R. Morris, Secretary, Easton Community Water System Authority

Chris Vaz, Controller, Easton Community Water System Authority

Sal Fonseca, District Services Specialist II, Washington Unified School District

Elizabeth Fernandez owner of Easton Apartments

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Approved:**    **1st**    **Eddie Ruiz**  
                         **2<sup>nd</sup>**    **Marty Hartwig**  
                         **Vote: 4-0**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Provides an opportunity for the public to address the Board of Directors on items within the Board's jurisdiction and which are not already on the agenda. For items on the agenda, the public will be provided an opportunity to address the Board as each item is brought up for discussion. A maximum of two minutes shall be allotted to each speaker unless waived by the Board. Any person who wishes to speak during this time should rise and be recognized by the presiding officer. Speakers state their name and the subject of their remarks.

**Mr. Morris introduce Mrs. Fernandez landowner of a 12 unit apartment complex south of Washington Union High School. Mr. Morris proceeded to pass an area map that shows the property. Mrs. Fernandez ask for the opportunity to speak to the ECWSA board about some of the challenges their facing with water. Mrs. Fernandez also voiced their interest in connecting to the ECWSA water pipeline. She also added that a number of their tenants are families and students of the surrounding schools.**

**Mr. Morris went over the current ECWSA policy that allows residents of the community to connect to the pipeline and informed Mrs. Fernandez that nobody outside of the two school districts are currently connected and anticipate fairly significant amount of time before that comes to process.**

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1. CONSENT AGENDA

F.1.a. Approve June 24, 2021 Minutes

**Approved:**    **1<sup>st</sup>**    **Eddie Ruiz**  
                         **2<sup>nd</sup>**    **James Dack**  
                         **Vote: 4-0**

G. DISCUSSION

G.1 American Union - Feasibility Study

**Mr. Morris gave an update on the American Union Feasibility Study; drilled a test well at American Union first around of 500 ft water samples came back positive [contaminants] and the second around drilled 700 ft and are**

waiting the water samples results. Mr. Morris gave a couple of options if the test well at American Union is not successful including a treatment facility or running a four mile water pipeline from Washington Union High School to site.

G.2 Public Accessibility to System

Item G.2 is a standing agenda item and was combined with item G.4.

G.3. Financial Activity Reports

Mr. Fonseca presented two previous years of Financial Activity and cover the current expenditures incurred up to the 3rd quarter of the 2022 fiscal year. Mr. Vaz added that the district is continue to isolate the cost related to the well system, going forward the district will try to merge the two PG&E meters onto one bill, also Mr. Vaz anticipates starting next July the ECWSA will have it's own bank account information. Current financials are reporting an audited under the school district.

G.4. Status of Application Process – Self Help

Mr. Vaz gave an update of the application status and clarify that the purpose of this application is the first step feasibility of connecting residents. The application in in review status and has been assigned a project number and project manager at the State.

G.5. Engineering Services

Mr. Vaz discussed the previous RFQ for engineering services. There will be new RFQ for engineering services put together and post in the next 2 to 3 weeks, the proposals will be presented in the January meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 5:25 p.m.  
Approved: 1<sup>st</sup> Eddie Ruiz  
2<sup>nd</sup> James Dack  
Vote: 4-0

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: January 27, 2022

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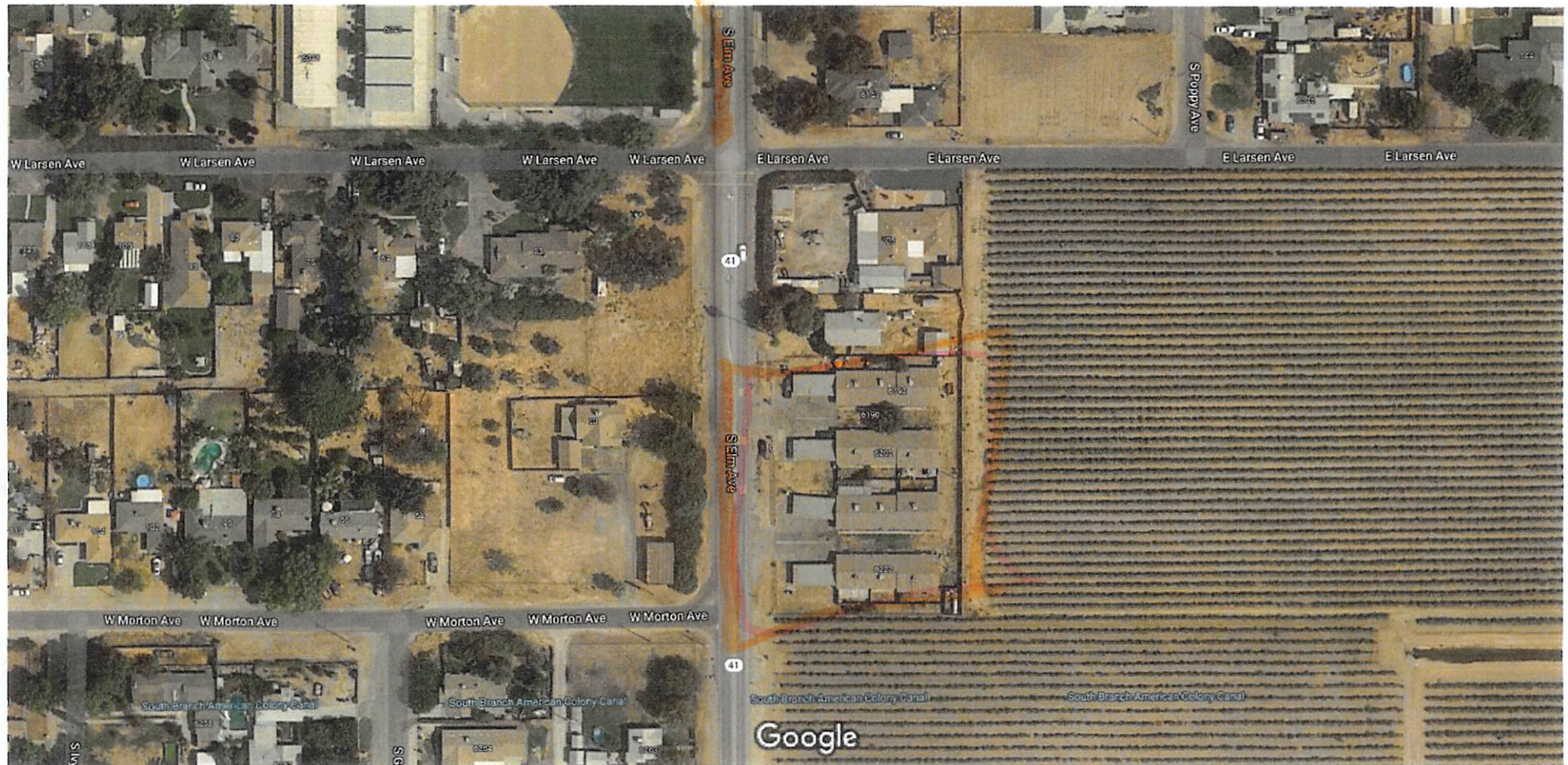
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Chairperson



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