

***EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY JOINT  
POWERS AUTHORITY***

County of Tulare  
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Teapot Dome Water District  
Vandalia Water District  
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**Meeting of the  
Executive Committee**

Thursday, August 3, 2017  
Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

City of Porterville  
Coleman Conference Rm.  
291 N. Main St.  
Porterville, California

-----AGENDA-----

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call ( all attendees)
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Public Announcement
  - a) On August 3, 2017 the Eastern Tule GSA and Farm Bureau will be hosting Grower Meeting on Groundwater Sharing from 4pm to 6pm at the Porterville City Council Chambers at 291 N. Main Street – Michael Young, professor at the University of Adelaide in Australia is the presenter. Flyer is attached.
- V. Open issues
  - a) Minutes – Approval of Executive Committee minutes for July 6, 2017 meeting.
  - b) Ad Hoc Committee Report – Progression of Groundwater Sustainable Plan/ Water Allocation System and next steps.
  - e) Budget – Discussion and progression toward a FY 2017/2018 fiscal budget.

## VI. New business

- a) Agenda for August 17, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b) Discuss Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement MOU.

## VII. Other Business

- a) Open Discussion

## VIII. Adjournment

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## **Eastern Tule GSA and Farm Bureau to host Grower Meeting on Groundwater Sharing**

An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Porterville City Hall Council Chambers at 291 N. Main Street in Porterville, to provide outreach on a groundwater “sharing” model that the Eastern Tule GSA is studying for implementation as part of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) laws.

Mike Young, a professor of Environmental and Water Policy from the Centre for Global Food and Resources at the University of Adelaide in Australia, and Bryce McAteer, a recent graduate of Duke University, are currently traveling throughout California to assist communities and GSAs in learning more about this conceptual model for a groundwater “sharing” program.

The Water Association of Kern County recently held an informational meeting on this subject and had a large turnout of growers interested in understanding the model and its pros and cons.

The Eastern Tule GSA is working with these two individuals to advance a discussion about the groundwater sharing model and its potential implementation for achieving locally determined SGMA goals. The Nicholas Institute at Duke University has released a 76-page working paper, titled **“Sharing Groundwater: A Robust Framework and Implementation Roadmap for Sustainable Groundwater Management in California”**. The concepts described in this working paper will be the focus of the 2-hour workshop on August 3, 2017.

Growers are invited to attend the informational meeting at 4:00pm on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Subsequent meetings will be convened through the Eastern Tule GSA, which includes the jurisdictions of City Of Porterville, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Teapot Dome Water District, Vandalia Water District, Terra Bella Irrigation District, Kern-Tulare Water District, and the County of Tulare (covering the white areas that may be outside any of the above mentioned authorities).

To find out more about the Eastern Tule GSA, visit the city of Porterville’s website at <http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/PublicWorks/easterntulegsa.cfm>.

To attend the August 3<sup>rd</sup> informational meeting, please RSVP to the Farm Bureau at 732-8301 before August 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Seating is limited.**

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**Executive Committee**

Thursday, July 6, 2017

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-----MINUTES-----

- I. Call to order – 2:00 pm
- II. Roll call - Eric Borba-Porterville Irrigation District; Steve Dalke; Sean Geivet-Porterville & Saucelito Irrigation Districts; Tim Allan-White Area; Keith Norris, Eric Limas-Tea Pot Dome Water District; Amanda Peisch-Derby, Matt Owens-Department of Water Resources; Bryce McAteer-EDF; Mike Young-University of Adelaide; Benjamin Magana-Richgrove CSD; Steve Drumright-Vandalia Water District; Costas Cecero-Kern-Tulare Water District; Jason Guthrie-Guthrie Investment Co.; John Konda-Konda Farms; Bill Wallace-FCF; Michael Knight, David Payne, Mike Reed, John Lollis-City of Porterville; Tom O’Sullivan-Stakeholder; Julia Inestroza-Stakeholder; Don Castle-Stakeholder; Aubrey Mauritson-ETGSA Attorney.
- III. Public Comment – Amanda Peisch-Derby and Matt Owens of the Department of Water Resources spoke about ETGSA’s representative at the Departments’ level for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan development. They also spoke about technical assistance, facilitation services, support, department involvement, and plans for future workshops. Time was spent discussing the department’s participation in the progress of the GSP before the due date.

Prof. Michael Young spoke about issues experienced in Australia and the importance of management systems, pre-approval of the plan, trade, share agreements, allocation systems and decision making. He further shared his thoughts of California's SGMA and the end results.

#### IV. Open issues

- a) Minutes – **Member Allan motioned for approval of the June 1, 2017 meeting minutes. Member Drumright seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b) Stakeholders Committee – Member Reed reported on the results of the Board of Directors meeting approving the presented roster of nominee's. Discussion needs to take place on such things as meeting dates, organization, structure, and length of terms. Stakeholder members need to be given SGMA guidelines concerning stakeholders. Also, the Board needs to appoint a director to chair this committee.
- c) Ad Hoc Committee Report – A memo and graph from the committee was shared with attendee's. Member Geivet shared history of the formation of the ad hoc committee and progress to date pertaining to the GSP. Wide-ranging discussion followed regarding various aspects of the plan and the end goals. The committee agreed to a recommendation to use alternate language for bullet point 1 of the memo, and they agreed to take the revised memo and graph to the Board of Directors.
- e) Budget – The committee received a report on the progress of the FY 2017/2018 fiscal budget development. It was noted that the budget should include components for E & O Insurance, and engineering consultation. A recommendation was made to present to the Board of Directors for approval.

#### V. New business

- a) Consideration of 4Creeks Engineering as the ETGSA consultant to help draft the GSP to the Board of Directors was discussed.

**Member Geivet motioned to recommend approval by the Board of Directors of hiring 4Creeks Engineering per their proposal. Member Reed seconded. The motioned passed unanimously.**

- b) Agenda for July 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting – Appoint a director or alternate to chair the Stakeholders Committee; Presentation by Michael Young regarding the roadmap; Budget presentation; approval of 4Creeks proposal; Executive Committee report; Overlap report; Stakeholders Committee report; and action on the Tulare County Auditor/Treasurer agreements.

VI. Other Business

- a) Open Discussion – Discussion returned to the implementation of alternate language for first bullet point of the Ad Hoc committee memo by Mr. McAteer.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.