



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD APRIL 19, 2018

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on April 19, 2018, at the City of Porterville Coleman Conference Room, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present: Eric Borba Steve Drumright
Mike Reed Steven Dalke
Steve Etchegary Sean Geivet

Members Absent: Keith Norris
Denise England

Others Present: Aubrey Mauritsen Terry Schurer
Bill Bennett Bill Wallace
David DeGroot Matt Leider
Bill Samarin Julia Inestroza
Ryan Jensen Armando Leal
Michael Knight Jennifer Pitcher

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced the public comment period. No public comment was received.

OPEN ISSUES

Minutes - Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for March 15, 2018 Meeting

Committee member Etchegary moved for approval of the March 15, 2018 minutes, with the correction that “others present” be deleted from the draft as an attendance sheet was not taken for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Drumright and the board unanimously approved the motion with the corrections so indicated.

By-Laws – Review and Consider Recommending Draft By-Laws to the Board of Directors

Interim Director Geivet reported he has received a revised draft from counsel. The committee reviewed the draft Bylaws and directed counsel to make several revisions. Committee member

Reed moved and Committee member Drumright seconded to recommend the draft Bylaws to the board for approval with the revisions so noted. The committee unanimously approved.¹

Technical Advisory Committee – Discuss the Options for Developing a TAC and How it May be Tasked

The Chair pulled the item from discussion.

Policy Issues – Report, Review, and Discuss ETGSA Policy Points. May Take Action to Make a Recommendation to the Board of Directors

The Chair referred the committee to the policy points paper provided in the Agenda packet and attached hereto as Agenda Item # IV(d)(1). The Committee noted the policy points paper was discussed at the last committee meeting, with the last point being item (c), transitional pumping. Direction had been given to have discussion at the board level, however a board meeting had not taken place since the last committee meeting.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding transitional pumping.

Interim Executive Director Geivet directed the board to section (a) of the policy points paper, the “share system”. He directed the committee to a legal memorandum included in the packet and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #IV(d)(2). Discussion amongst the committee ensued. The committee will evaluate and consider the legal memorandum and come back for further discussion.

Interim Executive Director Geivet announced policy points (a)-(c) will be presented to the board, without any recommendation from the Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Tule Sub-Basin TAC – Review, Update, and Discuss Progress and Work Plans of the TAC. May Take Action to Make a Recommendation to Executive Committee Board of Directors

Interim Executive Director Geivet reported numerous Subbasin TAC meetings. He reported there is a need to establish a clear communication path moving forward as significant decisions need to be addressed at the Subbasin TAC level to move forward with the Coordination Agreement.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued.

Interim Director Geivet will plan to establish on the agenda a reoccurring report on Subbasin TAC activities and likely an action item for recommendations. Committee member Etchegary will attempt to attend the Subbasin TAC meetings along with Chairman Borba if he is unable.

¹ Interim Executive Director Geivet stepped out of the room for a brief period at this time.

Discussion of Agenda Items for May 3, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Interim Director Geivet announced the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be May 3, 2018. The committee discussed possible items to place on the agenda. Director Leider announced a request from the Stakeholder Committee to have Mike Long, a representative who worked on the “Arizona model”, do a presentation for the Tule Subbasin. David DeGroot also recommended Dr. Harder, the hydrologist who has done much work for the Tule Subbasin, give a presentation to the ETGSA board. Interim Director Geivet will work towards scheduling Dr. Harder and Mr. Long for a presentation to the ETGSA board.

In addition to the foregoing, the bylaws, a report on policy issues, and financial information and possibly a call for funds will be placed on the next board of director agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Geivet, Interim Executive Director