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MINUTES OF THE ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD AUGUST 9, 2018

At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on August 9, 2018, at the ETGSA Offices at 881 W. Morton Avenue, Porterville, Chairman Matthew Leider, called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Bill Bennett Don Castle Julie Inestroza Matthew Leider Jim Parsons	Kathy Briano Jason Guthrie John Konda Tom O’Sullivan Matt Watkins
Members Absent:	Sopac Mulholland	Ben Magana
Others Present:	Michael Knight Dale Brogan Terry Schuler Bill Samarin	Bill Wallace Ryan Jensen Sean Geivet John Domodoro

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Leider announced the public comment period.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

MINUTES

Approval of July 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Executive Director McAteer presented the Minutes of the June 14, 2018 Stakeholder Committee Meeting and the July 19, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Stakeholder and Executive Committees.

Member Tom O’Sullivan moved for approval of both the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Don Castle and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

BOARD MEETING:

Review – Review of August 2 Board Meeting and actions taken

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Board of Directors Meeting. He noted certain administrative decisions, changes in the Bylaws, and made note of other actions taken that would be further discussed at the Stakeholder Committee meeting.

Schedule – Master Calendar of Regular ETGSA Meetings (FY19) – Review approved Master Calendar

Executive Director McAteer presented the Master Regular Calendar of Meetings, which was approved by the Board on August 2, 2018 (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4.b). He mentioned that he would bring back to the Board a recommendation to change the Stakeholder Meeting location back to the City of Porterville Multi Purpose Transit center, due to the need for more space.

Discussion ensued amongst committee regarding reaching out to the Porterville Recorder and sharing with them the Master Calendar to help further public outreach.

Schedule – Draft Timeline for GSP Creation – Review Draft Timeline for GSP Creation and make recommendations to the Board

Executive Director McAteer presented a Draft Timeline for GSP Creation (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4.c). Discussion ensued amongst the Members. Minor corrections to the dates were suggested.

Member Tom O’Sullivan moved that the Committee recommend that the Draft Timeline be adopted by the Board “as amended.” Member John Konda seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

POLICY ISSUES

Draft Updated Policy Points – Review Draft Updated Policy Points and make recommendations to the Board for edits and other policy points or questions to be considered

Executive Director McAteer presented a Draft of Updated Policy Points that the Board had sent to the Committee for review and recommendation (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.a). The Board had requested that the Committee recommend any changes to the Policy Points to be considered.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee. A recommendation was made that Policy Point A be amended so as to affirm that the “shares” were not to be separated from the land.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

Discussion ensued amongst the Members regarding the “shared system”. The consensus among the members was that ETGSA was continuing to move forward in considering a market-based system for managing and accounting for groundwater within its jurisdiction.

A recommendation was made that the Eastern Tule White Area Growers, Inc. be added as a separate “Group” from which the Board would receive recommendations.

Public comment was received from Dale Brogan

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee on Policy Points C and D, with recommendations made to include discussion on the rate at which allocations would be made (e.g. annual allocations, five-year allocations, etc.), discussion of a Buffer allocation, and discussion around a transitional volume as opposed to a transitional period. Executive Director McAteer noted that Policy Point D.a.ii included a question around a transitional volume as opposed to a transitional period.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding surface water, recharge, banking, and carry-over of allocations of water. Executive Director McAteer directed the Committee to Policy Point J, which addressed the banking of allocations and recharged water. Executive Director McAteer noted that TH&Co did have numbers on hydraulic conductivity and that his data could likely be used to extrapolate appropriate hydrologic loss.

Public comment was received from Bill Wallace and Dale Brogan.

Member Julia Inestroza asked if there should be a deadline proposed for when recommendations should come to the Board for consideration. Executive Director McAteer noted that it would line up with the proposed GSP Timeline previously discussed. Member John Konda asked how outside groups would be kept informed. Executive Director McAteer noted that ETGSA continues to work on its outreach efforts and that he is communication with other community groups interested in participating in the process.

Public comment was received from Ryan Jensen.

Member Don Castle moved that the Committee recommend the Updated Policy Points to the Board, as amended to include the aforementioned considerations. Chairman Leider seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously approved.

OUTREACH

ETGSA Website – Review of recent updates to website and discuss potential developments

Executive Director McAteer reported that the website was undergoing continual development. He pointed out that an “Interested Parties” sign-up form was now available online and that

subscribers would receive updates regarding the ETGSA's meetings and developments (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.a).

Draft Mailer – Review Draft Mailer, discuss methods of outreach to stakeholders not within Member Agency boundaries, and make recommendations to the Board

Executive Director McAteer presented a Draft Mailer to the Committee for consideration (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.b). He reported that a local consulting firm had given him a quote for mailing these to all the APNs in ETGSA, and the price came out to be over \$30,000. Discussion ensued around the price and ways to fund postal media.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin and Ryan Jensen.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the creation of a social media presence.

Events, Programs, and Workshops – Discuss potential composition, style, and scheduling of ETGSA Outreach Programs and make recommendations to the Board

Executive Director McAteer asked that a discussion ensue so as to provide guidance around developing new outreach programs around SGMA and ETGSA.

Discussion amongst the Committee ensued regarding the sending of correspondence to all Member Agencies, CSDs, and other water service agencies asking they provide their customers with regular updates around SGMA and that SGMA be placed on each of their Board Agendas.

Discussion amongst the Committee ensued regarding the topic of seeking professional facilitation services to assist ETGSA in the development and undertaking of its outreach activities. Discussion amongst the Committee ensued regarding the funding of these services

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

Matt Watkins recommended that the Stakeholder Committee recommend that the Board seek Professional Assistance for Engagement and Communication and that a budget item be provided for that purpose. John Konda seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved.

TULE SUB-BASIN TAC

Report - Review, update, and discuss progress and work plans of the TAC; may take action to make recommendations to Board of Directors

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Tule Subbasin MOU TAC and noted that members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 at 2pm at the LTRID offices.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee around the Outline of the draft Coordination Agreement that Legal Counsel Mauritson was preparing (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.a).

Draft Discussion Papers – Review Draft Discussion Papers and make recommendations to the Board regarding the development of the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement

Executive Director McAteer provided the Committee with Draft Discussion Papers regarding the development of the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.b). The purpose of the Papers is to inform stakeholders and the broader public of how the Coordination Agreement is being developed and provide them with further information regarding their contents. Discussion amongst the Committee ensued, with a consensus in favor of the papers and a request to consider a “layman’s terms” version.

Public comment was received from Ryan Jensen.

Member Matt Watkins moved that Discussion Papers be fully developed and placed publicly on ETGSA’s website with the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer. Member Bill Bennett seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

Agenda Items – Recommend agenda items to be included on the Agenda of the September 6, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Executive Director McAteer asked the Committee if they would wish to add any items to the Agenda of the upcoming Board Meeting. No items were recommended.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Committee, Member Tom O’Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting and Chairman Leider seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved and Chairman Leider adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce G. McAteer, Secretary to the Board