



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD OCTOBER 4, 2018

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on October 4, 2018, at the City of Porterville Coleman Conference Room, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present: Dyson Schneider Eric Borba
 Lorren Wheaton Cam Hamilton
 Steve Kisling Matt Leider
 John Corkins Curt Holmes

Members Absent: Mike Ennis

Others Present: Don Castle John Michael Domondon
 Tom O’Sullivan Tim Gobler
 Mark Merritt Sean Geivet
 Alan Becker John Konda
 Todd Turley Terry Schuler
 Jim Parsons William Walker
 Soapy Mulholland Bill Bennett
 David DeGroot Steve Drumright

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced public comment period. Comment was received from Stakeholder Committee member Bill Bennett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced he is still working on dates for a board retreat. The Tule Subbasin TAC will meet on December 19, 2018. Two groundwater workshops are coming up on Wednesday October 10, 2018 at Café 210 in Visalia, and Saturday October 27, 2018 at the Marriott.

MINUTES

Approval of September 6, 2018 Minutes

Director Schneider moved for approval of the September 6, 2018, regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Wheaton and the board unanimously approved the motion.

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director McAteer had nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive and Discuss Stakeholder Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the last Stakeholder Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is the Agenda of the meeting.

Discussion amongst the board ensued on the potential of additional technical support. The Stakeholder Committee plans to bring forward the need for additional technical support.

Receive and Discuss Executive Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the last Executive Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6b is the Agenda.

AMENDMENTS TO THE JPA & BYLAWS

Consider Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to Amend the Bylaws, Which Includes the Formation of a Finance Committee

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #7a, which provided a summary of the proposed changes to the bylaws, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Chairman Kisling of the Ad Hoc Committee formed to review the bylaws provided a summary. Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #7a Exhibit A, a copy of the draft revised bylaws, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and reviewed all proposed changes with the board. Upon motion by Director Corkins, seconded by Director Leider, and unanimously approved, the board accepted the proposed changes to the bylaws as presented in the agenda packet.

Consider Appointment of Three Directors to the Finance Committee

Executive Director McAteer recommended that the board appoint of three directors to the Finance Committee. Director Corkins moved Directors Kisling, Schneider, and Holmes be appointed to the Finance Committee. Director Leider seconded and the board unanimously approved.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

Consider Approval of Independent Auditor's Report & Audited Financial Statements from Inception Through June 30, 2018

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Independent Auditor's Report & Audited Financial Statements. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the auditor's report and audited financial statements.

Director Wheaton moved and Director Corkins seconded to approve the report as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

Review Financial Statements (Recently Paid Bills, P&L v. Budgeted, Balance Sheet, and Recent Deposits, Unpaid Bills)

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on current financial standing. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of the financial reports.

Consider Authorization to Pay the Bills

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the accounts payable. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Items #8c, a copy of the accounts payable.

Director Corkins moved and Director Leider seconded to approve payment of the bills. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Consider Approval for Second Quarterly Call for Funds

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the need for a second quarterly call for funds. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Items #8d, a copy of the proposed second quarterly call for funds.

Director Corkins moved and Director Holmes seconded to approve the second quarterly call for funds as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on the Tule Subbasin MOU Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of September 19, 2018

Executive Director McAteer reported on the latest Tule Subbasin TAC meeting on September 19, 2018, the Agenda of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided a report on the status of grant monies. Proposition 3 includes monies for SGMA.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding the process of receiving the grant monies.

Consider Approval of Tule Subbasin MOU Technical Advisory Committee Items:

a. 2018-2019 FY Budget

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9(b)(a), a copy of the proposed 2019 Tule Subbasin TAC Budget, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Director Corkins moved and Director Kisling seconded to approve the budget as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

b. Thomas Harder & Co. Scope of Work Proposal of September 17, 2018

McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9b(b), a copy of the proposed scope of work, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding Task 4 and timelines for GSP drafting.

Director Corkins moved and Director Holmes seconded to approve the scope of work as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

c. Thomas Harder & Co. Future Projection Scenarios (Scope of Work, Task 6) on 0-Year Ramp Down and Effects on Groundwater Elevation and Subsidence

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9b(c), a summary of the proposed future projection scenario proposed, attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The new scenario request is to run the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model on zero-year ramp down of groundwater pumping to project the effects on groundwater elevation and land subsidence.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided a summary of the need for the model.

Director Corkins moved and Director Leider seconded to approve the model run of the scenario as included in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

Report on Development of Future Projection Scenario Runs (Scope of Work, Task 6) and Incorporation of Projects (Descriptions due November 16, 2018) for Analysis

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9c, a copy of Harder's Model Scenario Request Form, attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Executive Director McAteer is working with Member Agencies and stakeholders to obtain information on various

projects and scenarios that can be incorporated into future projection scenario runs, to be undertaken by Thomas Harder using the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model.

Report on Development Timelines of GSPs by GSAs Within the Tule Subbasin

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9d, a copy of the Tule Subbasin GSAs combined timeline.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided a report on the status of ETGSA's GSP drafting.

Report on Drafting of Coordination Agreement and Tule Subbasin Monitoring Plan

Executive Director McAteer had nothing new to report.

Report on Meeting with Kern Groundwater Authority of September 28, 2018

Executive Director McAteer reported that representatives from all the Tule Subbasin GSA's, except Alpaugh GSA, and various stakeholders met with KGA to discuss coordination efforts amongst subbasins.

GSP DRAFTING

Report on Recommendations of the Executive and Stakeholder Committees, and Other Public Comment Received Regarding Policy Points and GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #10a, a summary of the recommendations received from the Executive and Stakeholder Committee meetings, as well as the Eastern Tule White Area Growers, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion of Policy Points (B-G); Board May Direct Staff on Next Steps

Executive Director McAteer provided a PowerPoint presentation on Policy Points B-G. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10b Exhibit A is a copy of his presentation.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Public comment was received from Don Castle and Tim Gobler.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding the recommendation from the White Area Group on Policy Point B, and how to define historical use/current need.

Public comment was received from Steve Drumright, Steve Dalke, and Tim Gobler.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided comment.

General Counsel Mauritsen provided a suggestion to start drafting Chapter 3 on sustainable management criteria, which may help aid in furthering the discussions on the policy points.

Public comment was received from Bill Bennet, Sean Geivet and Tom O'Sullivan

The board directed staff, legal and the consultant engineer to begin developing Chapters 3 and 5 of the GSP to allow for further discussion of the policy points.

STAKEHOLDERS OUTREACH AND COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing Outreach Efforts

Executive Director McAteer provided a report.

Consider Approval of Communication and Engagement Plan

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Discussion amongst the board ensued. It was noted that the Communication and Engagement Plan did not mention Rockford and Saucelito school districts and that these should be included.

Director Corkins moved and Director Kisling seconded to approve the Communication and Engagement Plan as presented in the agenda packet with recommendations noted. The board unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Postcard to be Sent to all Unique ETGSA Landowners

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Director Leider moved and Director Corkins seconded to approve the proposed postcard as presented by the Executive Director to ETGSA landowners. The board unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be a regular meeting, set for November 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce McAteer, Secretary to the Board