



EASTERN TULE
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MINUTES OF THE ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD OCTOBER 25, 2018

At approximately, 2:02 p.m. on October 25, 2018, at the Porterville Public Library Community Room at 41 W. Thurman Ave, Porterville, CA, 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:

Don Castle
Tom O’Sullivan
Matthew Leider
Sopac Mulholland

Jason Guthrie
Bill Bennett
Ben Magana

Members Absent:

Jim Parsons
Matt Watkins
John Konda

Kathy Briano
Julia Inestroza

Others Present:

Bryce McAteer
Michael Knight
Mark Merritt
Stacie Ann Silva
John Domondon
Terry Schuler
Don Tucker
Richard Garcia
Tim Gobler
Ryan Jensen

Mike Reed
David Payne
Raymond Daniel
Armondo Leal
Vincent Sola
Rogelio Caudillo
David De Groot
Bill Wallace
Bill Samarin

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Leider announced the public comment period.

No public comment was received.

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MINUTES

Approval of Stakeholder Committee Minutes of October 11, 2018

Executive Director McAteer presented the Minutes of the October 11, 2018 Stakeholder Committee Meeting.

Member Mulholland moved for approval of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Castle and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

ETGSA MEETINGS REVIEW

Report on Finance Committee Meeting of October 16, 2018

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA Finance Committee Meeting of October 16th, 2018. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #4a, is a copy of the Agenda from the October 16th, 2018 committee meeting.

Report on Executive Committee Meeting of October 18, 2018

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA Executive Committee Meeting of October 18th, 2018. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #4b, is a copy of the Agenda from the October 18th, 2018 committee meeting.

Member Mulholland asked that a list of members present and absent at each committee be included in future committee reports.

TULE SUBBASIN COORDINATION

Report on ongoing coordination efforts between the Tule Subbasin GSAs

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on ongoing coordination efforts between the Tule Subbasin GSAs. He reported that the Tule Subbasin TAC is scheduled to meet again on December 19th, 2018 and that the GSAs are using the time prior to then to develop projects to be run in the Thomas Harder & Co (“TH&Co”) Groundwater Flow Model. The Draft Coordination Agreement is currently under review by the attorneys of each of the GSAs, and scheduled to be revised by Mid-November. Additionally, he reported that the GSA managers had met to discuss subsidence issues and that TH&Co will be providing a Scope of Work to the group in Mid-November that proposes further analysis on local linkages to subsidence.

Report on completion schedule for TH&Co Task Items related to groundwater flow model refinement and recalibration, reevaluation of Tule Subbasin Water Budget, and general subsidence analysis

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the TH&Co Task Items approved by the Tule Subbasin MOU Group and the intended completion schedule for those task items, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.b.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding what data was being provided to TH&Co and what entities were providing it to TH&Co.

Report on potential TH&Co Scope of Work related to local linkages to FKC subsidence; may **make a recommendation**

Executive Director McAteer provided a report, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.c, on a potential TH&Co Scope of Work that addresses local linkages to subsidence and is expected to be delivered to the Tule Subbasin MOU group for consideration in Mid-November.

Executive Director McAteer asked the committee to consider recommending that this Scope of Work be approved by the ETGSA Board of Directors.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the proposed scope of work.

Public comment was received from Bill Wallace

Member Bennett moved and member Castle seconded to recommended that the proposed scope of work be approved by the Board. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

GSP DRAFTING

Report on progress of GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the progress of GSP drafting, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.a. He directed the committee to Exhibit A, a copy of the Timeline for Draft GSP Creation previously approved by the Board, and reported that development was largely on track.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the coordination of the GSPs within the Tule Subbasin and what items would need to be coordinated. Additional discussion ensued regarding the subject of projects and management actions.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the size of recharge projects and other projects to be considered in future projection scenario model runs.

Public comment was received from Tim Gobler and Bill Samarin.

Presentation by Engineering Consultant (4-Creeks, Inc.) and Staff to review Tule Subbasin Water Budget, Tule Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model, Tule Subbasin Draft Monitoring Plan and additional information relevant to addressing sustainable groundwater management within ETGSA

Executive Director McAteer introduced Consulting Engineer David DeGroot of 4-Creeks, Inc. and began a presentation, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.b, reviewing TH&Co's work to date and other information relevant to addressing sustainable groundwater management within ETGSA.

David De Groot began the presentation with an overview of historical information and an overview of the preliminary water budget developed by Thomas Harder. Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the crop data and the inclusion of mountain block recharge.

Public comment was received from Bill Wallace.

David De Groot discussed the data sources that were used and incorporated into the water budget, noting that there are areas of broader and narrower resolution depending on data availability but that the current information provides adequate foundations for decision-making.

Public comment was received from Armando Leal and Bill Samarin.

David De Groot discussed the components of the water budget and those inflows and outflows that were incorporated into the preliminary sustainable yield estimate.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding different inflows and outflows and how they were used to estimate the sustainable yield.

Public comment was received from Stacie Ann Silva and Bill Samarin.

David De Groot presented the initial estimates of sustainable yield and compared them with estimated gross pumping within the GSAs. He noted that crop consumption was largely based on evapotranspiration data from Cal Poly ITRC and that the GSAs would be receiving a refined data set in the coming months. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding evapotranspiration and remote sensing data.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin, Armando Leal, and Vincent Sola.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding projects, rampdown to sustainable yield, and the potential for using initial implementation years primarily for monitoring as has been discussed in other GSAs.

Public comment was received from Bill Wallace and Tim Gobler.

Executive Director McAteer began his portion of the presentation that focused on providing more current information and a lay of the land of ETGSA. Maps of agency boundaries, population areas, public water systems, and cropland were presented, in addition to tables of cropped acres and graphs discussion consumptive water use by crops within the ETGSA.

Executive Director McAteer discussed existing recharge sites and areas of potential groundwater recharge suitability.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

David De Groot then began presenting on the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model and how it has been constructed. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the various aquifer layers within the model and in the subbasin.

David De Groot discussed the various scenarios that Thomas Harder had run and the preliminary results they had provided in terms of groundwater levels and subsidence. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the model's accuracy and what data was used in the area near the Friant Kern Canal.

Public Comment was received from Bill Samarin.

David De Groot presented current monitoring features and the proposed draft monitoring plan from Thomas Harder and Co. Discussion ensued amongst the committee on subsidence and data within the area near the Friant Kern Canal. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding direct injection and water quality issues related to direct injection.

Public comment was received from Armando Leal.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding subsidence monitoring.

Public comment was received from Mike Reed.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the information they had seen in the presentation. The presentation then concluded.

Consider workshop with Thomas Harder & Co; may **make a recommendation**

Executive Director McAteer reported that ETGSA had been unable to bring in TH&Co for today's Committee meeting due to the need for a contract and Board approval of the expenditure. He asked the Committee if they would still like to invite TH&Co to speak to the ETGSA and offered to propose a workshop, the details of which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.c, in early November to the Board for approval.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the need for a workshop and inviting all the committees and the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the information they had seen in the presentation.

Executive Director McAteer noted that TH&Co is now working to develop new information and that he anticipates TH&Co to be able to provide initial results related to his Task Items in early December. He recommended that a workshop be conducted after those results had been received. The Committee generally agreed that a workshop should be planned after these new results come in.

No recommendation was made.

Consider other technical work or support; may **make a recommendation**

Executive Director McAteer noted that the Committee had previously discussed additional technical work and support and asked if there were any outstanding areas that the Committee felt still needed to be addressed.

The committee generally felt that no additional technical work or support was needed at this time.

No recommendation was made.

Review Policy Points F-J; may **make a recommendation**

Executive Director McAteer directed the Committee to a presentation, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.e, regarding Policy Points F-J. He asked if the Committee would like to discuss the Policy Points.

Discussion on the policy points was tabled for a later date.

OUTREACH

Executive Director McAteer provided a report, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.a, regarding ongoing outreach within the ETGSA. He noted the postcard approved to be sent to all unique landowners within ETGSA was scheduled to be sent out at the end of the week. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #6 Exhibit A, a copy of the final postcard.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 8, 2018 at Transit Multi Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave, Suite D, Porterville)

Executive Director McAteer announced that the next regular meeting of the Stakeholder Committee will be on November 8, 2018 at 2pm and that the meeting location will take place at the Transit Multi Purpose Center.

Next Special Meeting – Thursday, November 22, 2018 at Transit Multi Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave, Suite D, Porterville); **may make a recommendation**

Executive Director McAteer noted that, per the recommendation of the Stakeholder Committee to meet on the 4th Thursday of every month, that the next special meeting would be scheduled on Thanksgiving Day. He recommended that this meeting be cancelled or rescheduled.

Member Castle moved and Member Bennett seconded to recommend that the November 22, 2018 stakeholder committee meeting be cancelled. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Leider adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce G. McAteer, Secretary to the Board