



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2018

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on November 1, 2018, at the City of Porterville, Council Chambers, 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    Mike Ennis  
                         Steven Dalke (Alternate)

Members Absent: Curt Holmes

Others Present: Bryce McAteer                                      Don Castle  
                         Alan Becker    John M. Domondon  
                         Daniel Payne     Mark Merritt  
                         Eric Limas     Dennis Townsend  
                         Seamus Guerin    Liesbet Olaerts  
                         Terry Schuler     Ryan Jensen  
                         Bill Wallace     Sopac Mulholland  
                         Bill Bennett    Bill Samarin  
                         Sean Geivet     Matt Watkins  
                         Steve Drumright

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Board Shall Adopt the Agenda, or Approve Amendments to the Agenda and Adopt the Agenda with the Approved Amendments

Director Corkins moved and Director Ennis seconded to approve the Agenda. The board unanimously approved the motion.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced UC Davis is conducting a study on groundwater recharge though over-irrigation and is looking to partner with interested alfalfa growers.

## MINUTES

### Approval of October 4, 2018 Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the October 4, 2018, regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Wheaton and the board unanimously approved the motion.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Consider Approval of TH&Co Scope of Work for As-Needed Presentations, Technical Assistance, and ETGSA-Specific Groundwater Flow Model Scenario Runs

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #6a, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, the proposed scope of work by Thomas Harder.

Director Leider moved and Director Corkins seconded to approve the proposed scope of work as presented in the agenda packet.

Discussion amongst the board ensued on the budget for the proposed work. Director McAteer reported the current budget includes estimates for this proposed scope of work.

After further discussion, the board unanimously approved the motion.

### Consider Approval to Join Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Executive Director McAteer provided a summary of ACWA and recommended the ETGSA join as a member. The summary provided and the membership application are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Items #6.b and #6.b Exhibit A, respectively.

Discussion amongst the board ensued. Public comment was received from Sean Geivet.

Director Corkins moved and Director Leider seconded to approve joining ACWA. The board unanimously approved the motion.

### Appoint Chairman of the Finance Committee

Executive Director McAteer recommended the board consider and appoint a Chairman to the Finance Committee.

Director Corkins moved Director Kisling serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. Director Ennis seconded and the board unanimously approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Receive and Discuss Finance Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer provided reports on the Finance Committee meeting of October 16, 2018 and November 1, 2018, which met prior to the Board meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a and #7a Exhibit is the report and Agenda for the October 16, 2018 Finance Committee meeting.

### Receive and Discuss Stakeholder Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the October 11, 2018 and October 25, 2018 Stakeholder Committee meetings. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b, Item #7b Exhibit A, and Item #7b Exhibit B is the report on these meetings and their Agendas, respectively.

### Receive and Discuss Executive Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the last Executive Committee meeting, held October 18, 2018. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7c and #7c Exhibit A is the report on the meeting and the Agenda, respectively.

## BILLS AND WARRANTS

### Report on Conversion from Non-Bookkeeping to Bookkeeping District with County of Tulare

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on ETGSA's conversion from non-bookkeeping to bookkeeping district with the County of Tulare.

### Consider Ratification of Update to ETGSA Account Numbers

Executive Director McAteer reported that with the changes in status with the County to a "bookkeeping district", new account numbers were required. He asked the board ratify the change in account numbers.

Director Kisling moved and Director Corkins seconded to ratify the change in the account numbers. The board unanimously approved.

### Consider Approval of ETGSA Financial Policy

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #8c, a copy of the proposed Financial Policy.

Director Kisling reported that the Finance Committee wanted to make clear that, per the proposed policy, the Finance Committee would have the ability to both approve payments and not approve payments for any items of concern and allow the board to be the ultimate decision maker. The proposed policy gives discretion to the Finance Committee to approve expenditures of up to \$10,000.00, but does not mean that it will always do so.

Director Corkins moved to approve the Financial Policy as presented in the agenda packet, with two revisions to remove the term “Staff” from the fourth paragraph of Section 9 and correcting “Count of Tulare” to “County of Tulare” in the fifth paragraph of Section 9. Director Ennis seconded and the board unanimously approved.

#### Consider Approval of List of Authorized Signers

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #8d, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a list of proposed approved signers, as requested by the County of Tulare. He noted the Finance Committee had recommended that the Board Chair, Board Vice Chair, Secretary, and Members of the Finance Committee be made authorized signers.

Director Corkins moved and Director Leider seconded to approve the list of authorized signers as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

#### Review the Financial Statements

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

#### Consider Ratification of Bills Paid

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ratification of bills paid. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #8f, a copy of bills paid.

Director Kisling moved and Director Ennis seconded to approve the ratification of the bills. The board unanimously approved the motion.

#### Consider Approval of Bills to be Paid

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the bills to be paid. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #8g, a copy of the accounts payable.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding the arrangement with TBID’s payment of the Executive Director’s salary.

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

#### TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Drafting of Coordination Agreement and Tule Subbasin Monitoring Plan

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the current status of the Coordination Agreement. The GSA attorneys are reviewing along with Thomas Harder. Mr. Harder plans to have an updated monitoring plan by mid-November.

Report on TH&Co Completion Schedule for Tule Subbasin Task Items 1-6.

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9b, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a list of Thomas Harder's task items and time frames for completion.

Consider Recommending that Executive Director Finalize with the Executive Committee the ETGSA Model Scenario Runs for Submission to TH&Co

Executive Director McAteer provided the Board with a report, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9c, summarizing TH&Co's request that the Tule Subbasin GSAs provide them with project and management action description in order to run model future projection scenarios via the groundwater flow model. Additionally, Executive Director McAteer provided the Board with the model scenario request forms provided by TH&Co, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9c Exhibit A, and a presentation detailing the process by which ETGSA was preparing scenarios to be submitted to TH&Co and the scenarios staff has currently proposed, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9c Exhibit B. Executive Director McAteer recommended that the Executive Committee finalize these scenarios with staff at its next meeting.

The board directed staff to submit the model run scenarios to the Executive Committee for finalization.

Consider Approval of Revised Scope of Work for TH&Co Model Adjustments in Tri-County Area

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9d, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of Thomas Harder's proposed scope of work. He reported Tri-County GSA had previously hired Ken Schmidt, who has now disclosed he may have relevant data related to the Corcoran Clay. The Subbasin GSA Managers have discussed whether to have Thomas Harder review and possibly incorporate the data. Thomas Harder recommended he evaluate the work Ken Schmidt had done and see whether or not the information should be incorporated into the model. The evaluation process was estimated to be approximately half of the cost proposed in the Scope of Work, and any incorporation of new data was estimated to cost the remaining half.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Public comment was received from Sean Geivet and Don Castle.

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

Report on Executed TH&Co Scope of Work to Investigate Local Linkages to Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence; May Consider Action

Executive Director McAteer provided a report, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9e, noting that Thomas Harder will present a new scope of work to the Tule Subbasin GSAs for consideration around the linkage to the FKC subsidence issue. No action was taken by the board.

GSP DRAFTING

Report on Progress of ETGSA GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #10a, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of Staff's report on the progress of GSP development, and Item #10a Exhibit A, a copy of the draft GSP creation schedule previously approved by the Board.

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 #10b, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a summary of the recommendations received from the Executive and Stakeholder Committee meetings, as well as the Eastern Tule White Area Growers (attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10b Exhibit A).

Discussion of ETGSA Policy Points; Board May Direct Staff on Next Steps

Executive Director McAteer provided a brief presentation of the policy points. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10c is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Policy Point B

Director Corkins moved to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation regarding Policy Point B. Director Leider seconded.

Discussion amongst the board ensued. It was discussed that as new information is generated, or other issues arise, the board may direct staff to make changes in direction as necessary.

After further discussion, the board unanimously approved the motion.

Policy Points C and J

Director Corkins moved to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation on Policy Points C and J. Director Ennis seconded and the board unanimously approved the motion.

### Policy Point D

Director Corkins moved to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation regarding Policy Point D, but that the total block of water to be allocated should include historical use. Director Ennis seconded.

Discussion amongst the board ensued on the concept of historical use and how to define it.

Public comment was received from Sean Geivet, Matt Watkins, Bill Bennett, and Steve Drumright.

The Stakeholder Committee comments received included directing staff to incorporate historical use in some manner, the types of data available to develop historical use, and concerns regarding areas may have laid fallow for a period of time but historically have been farmed.

The board then directed Executive Director McAteer to take the concept of historical use back to the Stakeholder and Executive Committees for further discussion and possible recommendation.

Public comment was received from Sopac Mulholland.

Discussion amongst the board continued on the difficulties associated with defining historical use.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

After further discussion, the board unanimously approved the motion.

### Policy Point E

Director Corkins moved the board adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation regarding Policy Point E. Director Ennis seconded and the board unanimously approved.

## STAKEHOLDERS OUTREACH AND COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

### Report on Ongoing Outreach Efforts

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Mailers had been delayed due to the election season. Outreach efforts continue. Mr. Sarge Green, from CSU Fresno has offered to provide a presentation on groundwater recharge at no cost. Dr. Daniel Howes, from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, also offered to speak on ET calculation at no cost. Executive Director McAteer will provide a presentation on SGMA to the local Rotary Club.

### NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be a regular meeting, set for December 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryce McAteer, Executive Director