



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
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JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD DECEMBER 20, 2018

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on December 20, 2018, at the City of Porterville Transit Multi-Purpose Center, 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: Mike Reed Steve Etchegaray
Sean Geivet Denise England
Eric Borba Steve Dalke
Eric Limas

Members Absent: Steve Drumright

Others Present: Bryce McAteer Aubrey Mauritson
Don Castle John M. Domondon
David Payne Terry Schuler
Stacie Ann Silva Garrett Busch
Bill Samarin Phil Pierre
Mehmet McMillan Bill Morgan

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced the public comment period. Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

MINUTES

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for November 15, 2018 Meeting

Committee member England moved for approval of the November 15, 2018 Minutes, with the correction that Committee member Dalke should be removed from “others present”. The motion was seconded by Committee member Dalke and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

ETGSA MEETINGS REVIEW

Report on ETGSA Board Meeting of December 6, 2018

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the December 6, 2018, Board meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #4.a is a copy of his report.

Report on Stakeholder Committee Meeting of December 13, 2018

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the December 13, 2018, Stakeholder Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #4.b is a copy of his report.

TULE SUBBASIN COORDINATION

Report on Coordination Agreement Drafting, TH&Co Task Items, and TH&Co Land Subsidence Analysis; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the drafting of the Coordination Agreement, TH&Co Task Items, and TH&Co land subsidence analysis. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of his report and, as Agenda Item #5.a Exhibit A, a copy of Thomas Harder & Company's Subsidence Analysis Proposal.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding Mr. Harder's model and new data. Discussion also ensued regarding the proposed reevaluation of sustainable yield and the managers' meeting.

Public comment was received from John Corkins.

Discussion ensued regarding timeframes being delayed and data being delayed. It was anticipated that, by mid-January, there will be updated scenario results.

Public comment was received from Bill Morgan.

Executive Director McAteer referred the Committee to Mr. Harder's proposal and the components of the canal subsidence analysis. He reported that results for this analysis are expected by the end of February.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

Discussion ensued regarding financial support to fix the canal.

Discussion ensued regarding the maps included in the agenda packet. Executive Director McAteer reviewed with the Committee Mr. Harder's delineation of various areas into "Water Budget Areas", described how these were utilized in the groundwater flow model, and discussed adjustments to those areas within the study area around the Friant Kern Canal.

Additional discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding boundary flows.

GSP DRAFTING

Discussion Progress of GSP Drafting, Board Direction on Policy Points, and Future Topics of Policy Deliberation; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the progress of GSP drafting, board direction on policy points, and future topics of policy deliberation. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.a is a copy of his report and, as Agenda Item #6.a Exhibit A, a copy of the Draft GSP Creation Schedule and, as Agenda item #6.b Exhibit B, a copy of the presentation presented to the Committee that was previously presented to the Board of Directors at their regular December board meeting.

Executive Director McAteer noted that the Board had directed staff to begin developing the draft GSP using the concepts described in a Memo provided to the Board at their December Board meeting, the contents of which were described in the presentation. Executive Director McAteer then reviewed the Staff Policy Point Recommendations presentation with the Committee.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding well registration, well use permits, and potential fees charged by the Agency.

Public comment was received from Bill Morgan.

Discussion ensued regarding transitional allocations, shares, and restrictions related to well registrations.

Discussion ensued regarding transfers and the illustrated transfer zones. Staff noted that providing for transfers of groundwater were a part of Staff's recommendations, but that the mechanisms described were things to be considered if undesirable results occur in the future.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

Discussions ensued regarding the percentages of leave behind. It was suggested that a general or subbasin leave-behind be considered in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the process of communication between the committees and the board.

Discussion ensued regarding the slide regarding wells and monitoring of use. Discussion ensued regarding well density.

Public comment was received from Terry Schuler.

Executive Director McAteer continued his presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Harder's model and precipitation.

Public comment was received from Bill Morgan.

Executive Director McAteer continued his presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding management areas and their purpose.

Public comment received was from Stacie Ann Silva.

Discussion ensued regarding setting aside the slides on transfers and management areas for the time being. Executive Director McAteer reported future policy issues will need to come back before the Committees.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

Discussion ensued regarding the most recent Stakeholder Committee meeting.

Committee member Geivet moved to endorse the staff recommendations as presented. Committee member Dalke seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding specific details of the staff recommendation and that those details could be determined at a later date. Specifically, there was disagreement with the limitation on transfers to geographic areas.

The Committee then voted on the motion made by Member Geivet. The majority of the Committee voted to approve the motion, Member Etchegaray voted no, and there were no abstentions. The motion was approved.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report and Discuss Ongoing Outreach Activities and Events

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.a is a copy of his report.

Public comment was received from Terry Schuler.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Transit Multi-Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave., Ste. D, Porterville)

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for January 17, 2019, 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