



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD APRIL 4, 2019

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on April 4, 2019, 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: Eric Borba
 Lorren Wheaton
 Steve Kisling
 John Corkins
 Curt Holmes

 Matt Leider
 Dennis Townsend
 Daniel Penaloza (Alternate)
 Dyson Schneider

Members Absent: Monte Reyes

Others Present: Bryce McAteer
 Aubrey Mauritson
 John Domondon
 Alan Becker
 Eric Limas
 Lawrence O’Leary
 Sean Geivet

 Mike Knight
 David Payne
 Don Castle
 Val Guzman
 Stacie Ann Silva
 Mike Reed
 Bill Bennett

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

**Councilman Penaloza arrived at this time.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced that various fliers describing the ETGSA and upcoming outreach events were in the back of the room near the sign-in table. The Tule Subbasin MOU Group meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Approval of March 7, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Director Kisling moved for approval of the March 7, 2019 board meeting minutes with the correction on page 2 revising “board member” to “board members”. The motion was seconded by Director Corkins. The board unanimously approved the motion.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Approval of Letter of Support for SB 559

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on SB 559, a draft letter of support for the Bill, and an informational flier provided by Senator Hurtado’s office; these materials are attached hereto and incorporated by reference, respectively, as Agenda Item #5.a, Exhibit A, and Exhibit B. The Executive Director asked the Board to approve sending the letter of support for SB 559.

Director Corkins moved for approval of the letter of support. Director Leider seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Report on Tule Subbasin GSA Non-Material Boundary Modifications

Executive Director McAteer reported on the status of the Tule Subbasin GSA non-material boundary modifications. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.b is a copy of the report and, as Agenda Item #5.b Exhibit A, a copy of the potential boundary adjustments necessary between ETGSA and LTRID GSA. The Executive Director noted that he would bring back final recommended actions for Board action likely in May.

Consider Authorizing Staff to Undertake Non-Material Boundary Change Between ETGSA and DEID GSA

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on staff undertaking a non-material boundary change between ETGSA and DEID GSA. Attached hereto and incorporated by references as Agenda Item #5c is a copy of the staff report and, as Exhibit A, the proposed change. Staff noted that the Board had already provided a resolution of support in favor of the non-materials change. Director Corkins moved to authorize staff to undertake the non-material boundary change between ETGSA and DEID GSA. Director Townsend seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Consider Authorizing Staff to Apply for and Acquire a Business Credit Card for Incidental Expenses and Authorizing Executive Director as the Card Holder

Executive Director McAteer reported on applying for and acquiring a business card for incidental expenses and authorizing him as the card holder. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5d is a copy of his report.

Director Kisling moved to authorize staff to apply for and acquire a business card with a limit of \$10,000.00.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee.

Director Holmes seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

Discuss and Consider ETGSA Office Manager Employee Position

Executive Director McAteer reported on the ETGSA Office Manager employee position. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #5e is a copy of his report and, as Exhibit B, the draft employment opportunity description.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding the budget. Members of the Finance Committee reported that they had discussed a salary range of \$50,000-\$70,000. Discussion also ensued regarding the need for an office location and/or revised rental agreement with increased staff. The Executive Director suggested that he would work on these items while looking for an individual to fill the position. Discussion ensued regarding the process of advertising for a candidate, allowing staff and then the Finance Committee to make initial recommendations with the board ultimately hiring staff.

Director Kisling moved to authorize the search for a candidate for the position ETGSA Office Manager, with a proposed salary range of \$50,000 to \$70,000, and an advertising budget of \$1,000. Director Corkins seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the action item to be taken by the board.

The board then unanimously approved the motion.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ongoing outreach efforts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.a is a copy of the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Report

Executive Director McAteer reported on the Finance Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.a is his report of the meeting.

Receive Executive Committee Monthly Report

Executive Director McAteer reported on the Executive Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.b is his report of the meeting.

Receive Stakeholder Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the Stakeholder Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.c is his report of the meeting.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

Review Financial Statements; Consider Ratification of Bills Paid and Approval of Bills to be Paid

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Agency's current financial standing and accounts payable. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.a is a copy of the report and, as Exhibit A, a copy of the financial statements and accounts payable.

Director Kisling moved and Director Holmes seconded to ratify the bills previously paid and to approve payment of the bills. The board unanimously approved the motion.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Tule Subbasin Task Items

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Tule Subbasin Task Items. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of his report and, as Exhibit A, a copy of the timeline for Tule Subbasin Coordination.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided additional information on ongoing work. The Tule Subbasin had received Proposition 1 grant monies for TH&Co's work and the Cal Poly IRTC program. A preliminary data set has just become available, but it needs to be refined. In addition, grant monies were received for monitoring wells. Locations are being identified for the wells.

Discussion ensued regarding locations of monitoring wells.

Report on Inter-basin and Other Regional Stakeholder Coordination

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the inter-basin and other regional stakeholder coordination. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9b is a copy of his report and, as Exhibit A, a copy of the Draft White Paper on the SJV Blueprint.

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.

Discussion ensued regarding draft chapters being circulated to the board and to the public.

Review Status and Progress on GSP Policy Matters

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the status of committee recommendations on GSP Policy Matters. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10b is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued regarding urban areas and funding.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] Number of Potential Cases: Two

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding two potential items of anticipated litigation.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The board of directors came back into open session. Executive Director McAteer reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday, May 2, 2019 at City of Porterville Council Chambers (291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA)

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be a regular meeting, set for May 2, 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, Executive Director