



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD JULY 19, 2018**

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on July 19, 2018, at the City of Porterville Transit Main Purpose Conference Room, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Executive Members Present:	Steve Drumright Costas Cercero Steve Etchegaray	Mike Reed Eric Borba Eric Limas
Executive Members Absent:	Sean Geivet	
Stakeholder Members Present:	Jason Guthrie John Konda Matt Watkins Kathy Briano Sopac Mulholland	Ben Magana Bill Bennett Tom O’Sullivan Don Castle
Stakeholder Members Absent:	James Parsons Julie Inestroza	
Others Present:	John Corkins Aubrey Mauritson Bill Samarin Alan Becker Armando Leal Greg Woodard Michael Knight	Steve Kisling Vincent Sola Dale Brogan David DeGroot Bruce Howarth Jennifer Pitcher

INTRODUCTIONS

All committee members present introduced themselves, as well as members of the public. Bryce McAteer introduced himself as the newly appointed Executive Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for May 17, 2018 Meeting and the Stakeholder Committee Minutes for June 14, 2018 Meeting

Chairman Borba announced the Executive Committee minutes for May 17, 2018 are before the committee for consideration. The Stakeholder Committee minutes will be brought before the committee and their next meeting.

Executive Committee member Drumright moved for approval of the May 17, 2018 Executive Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Executive Committee member Cecero and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Discuss Goals and Objectives for:

Executive Director McAteer provided a brief report on the status of the ETGSA and requested feedback from committee members as well as the public on GSA formation issues, GSP development and development of the Coordination Agreement.

1. Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Comment was received from committee members and the public on the structure of the GSA. Comment was made regarding a lack of representation on the board of directors for small disadvantaged communities.

2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Comment was received from committee members and the public on development of the GSP. Some noted a draft GSP does not currently exist. Much work has already been done on the policy points paper previously circulated, and those efforts should continue to move forward.

Comments were received regarding the need to clarify the roles of the advisory committees.

Comments were also received regarding the preparation of a timeline to accomplish certain tasks for the GSP.

Comments were received regarding a need for better communication between subbasin meetings and activities and the ETGSA.

3. Coordination Agreement

Committee member Drumright reported a Tule Subbasin TAC meeting took place the day prior. Discussion is underway regarding the Coordination Agreement. Legal counsel reported she is currently tasked with reorganizing a draft Coordination Agreement presented by the Tule Subbasin TAC. She will be working to bring the information to the board of directors and committees in a format that is legible and easy to comprehend.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued. Public comment was received on the progress of the Coordination Agreement.

Public comment was also received regarding whether or not the transfer of groundwater between GSAs would be addressed in the Coordination Agreement.

Discussion amongst the Committee ensued.

Executive Director McAteer reported that outreach will be critical throughout the GSP development process and he will work immediately to buttress past efforts. He will begin work immediately on a timeline for GSP development and will work with legal counsel on clarification of committee communications.

OPEN ISSUES

Policy Issues – Report, Review, and Discuss ETGSA Policy Points. May Take Action to Make a Recommendation to the Board of Directors

Executive Director McAteer provided a brief report on the status of the policy points paper. The committees recommended to hold off on discussions to give the newly appointed Executive Director a chance to get up to speed. Board of Director John Corkins reported the White Area nonprofit group will be providing some suggestions to Executive Director McAteer on the policy points.

Tule Sub-Basin TAC – Review, Update, and Discuss Progress and Work Plans of the TAC. May Take Action to Make a Recommendation to the Board of Directors

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. As previously reported, the Tule Subbasin TAC met the day prior. The Coordination Agreement is meant to coordinate data and methodologies, efforts by the subbasin as a whole, and the sustainability goal of the subbasin. On August 15, 2018, Dr. Harder will be presenting to the Tule Subbasin TAC results from his latest model run as well as providing a report on subsidence. Sustainable management criteria was also discussed at the TAC meeting, where further discussion has been delayed until Dr. Harder provides his report. A report was also provided on various grants.

Consulting engineer David DeGroot also provided comment on the Tule Subbasin TAC meeting. He reported Dr. Harder's results will be a starting place for the subbasin. Efforts will continue to refine the model.

Public comments were received.

Discussion of Agenda Items for August 2, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Executive Director McAteer recommended the following to be included on the August 2, 2018 agenda including: potential amendments to bylaws to hold monthly meetings, updating the official address of the ETGSA, and understanding the flowing of communications from committees to the board; approval of a master calendar of meetings; development of a timeline for GSP development; and Coordination Agreement elements for discussion and potential recommendation.

Discussion amongst the Committees ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce G. McAteer, Executive Director