



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
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MINUTES OF THE ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD OCTOBER 11, 2018

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on October 11, 2018, at the Transit Multi Purpose Center at 15 E. Thurman Ave, Suite D, 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	Jason Guthrie
Kathy Briano	Bill Bennett
John Konda	Matt Watkins
Matthew Leider	Julia Inestroza
Jim Parsons	

Members Absent:

Sopac Mulholland	Ben Magana
Tom O’Sullivan	

Others Present:

Bryce McAteer	Mark Merritt
David Payne	John Michael Domondon
Aaron Attebery	Phil Pierre
Armando Leal	Rajadi Candillo
Terry Schuler	Lee Knudtson
Sean Geivet	Don Wright
Jenifer Pitcher	Michael Knight
Michael Reed	Don Tucker
Bill Samarin	Coleman Neebles
Tim Gobler	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Leider announced the public comment period.

Public comment was received by Lee Knudtson.

MINUTES

DRAFT

Approval of Stakeholder Committee Minutes of September 27, 2018

Executive Director McAteer presented the Minutes of the September 27, 2018 Stakeholder Committee Meeting.

Member John Konda moved for approval of the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Jim Parsons and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

BOARD MEETING REVIEW

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

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding changes to the Bylaws, lack of Board action on the policy points, funding of the agency, and the involvement of Community Services Districts.

Public Comment was received from Mike Reed.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the Board Retreat.

GSP DRAFTING

Discuss need for additional technical support; may **make a recommendation**

Executive Director McAteer began a discussion regarding additional technical support and what support and information would be beneficial to the Committee as it seeks to provide recommendations related to GSP drafting and development to the Board.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding understanding the data from the Thomas Harder & Co water budget and other information related to the hydrology within the ETGSA.

Consulting Engineer Don Tucker provided a summary of the data and technical support that is currently available through 4-Creeks. Tucker noted that significant amounts of data are being collected for the Tule Subbasin GSAs to assist them in future analyses and needs related to SGMA.

Members Konda and Bennet mentioned bringing in new technical support, specifically noting Hargis & Associates. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding technical support during committee meetings, data gaps, reviewing the work done to date by Thomas Harder & Co, and what information would be beneficial to inform committee discussions related to policy points. Further discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the effects of pumping from the deeper aquifer.

Public comment was received from Sean Geivet.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee related to funding the agency and the cost of seeking additional technical support.

Public comment was received from Terry Schulz.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding Hargis & Associates and their work related to the Beckman Instruments Superfund Site.

Public Comment received from Sean Geivet, Mike Knight, and Lee Knudtson.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding well depths and new data.

Public comment was received from Don Wright and Sean Geivet.

Further discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding what information was currently available and what data gaps still exist. Member Konda recommended that the Executive and Stakeholder committees be invited to the Board Retreat. Member Leider recommended that the Retreat include Thomas Harder.

Public comment was received from Mike Reed.

Discussion amongst the committee resumed regarding questions to ask Thomas Harder.

Public Comment from Coleman Neebles and Bill Samarin.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding inviting the committees to the Board Retreat and asking Thomas Harder for additional information.

Public comment was received from Tim Gobler.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the making of recommendations to the Board and insurance coverage.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

**The Committee took a recess at 3:26pm; The Committee resumed at 3:30pm.

Member Watkins moved to recommend that Thomas Harder be brought in to speak to the Stakeholder Committee and/or at the Board Retreat, depending on availability, to provide information related to his work in the Tule Subbasin and an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and that the Executive and Stakeholder Committees be expressly invited to the Board Retreat. Member Konda seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

Task committee member with providing monthly Policy Point Discussion Report to the Board

Chairman Leider requested that the Committee task a member of the committee with providing a monthly report to the Board of Directors regarding the Policy Point Discussions.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding whom should be tasked, other ways of reporting the discussion to the Board, and the purpose of the minutes.

Public comment was received from Don Wright and Julie Allen.

No recommendations were made.

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

Executive Director McAteer provided a PowerPoint presentation on policy points F-J. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.c is a copy of the presentation.

** Member Watkins left at this time.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding historical groundwater levels within the Eastern Tule GSA.

Public comment was received from Sean Geivet.

Member Castle asked if ETGSA could provide stakeholders with a form or method by which to supply questions to Thomas Harder.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin and Mike Reed.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding reviewing the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

Discussion regarding other Projects & Management Actions

Executive Director McAteer referred the committee to Agenda Item #5.d, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and noted that the ETGSA is working to consider other projects and management actions that can be incorporated into scenario projection runs in the Thomas Harder & Co Tule Subbasin groundwater flow model. He noted that Thomas Harder & Co has asked each of the Tule Subbasin GSAs to provide them with forms that identify projects to be included in these scenario runs. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.d Exhibit A is an example of this form.

OUTREACH

Executive Director McAteer referred the committee to Agenda Item #6, a summary of items related to ETGSA outreach, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Executive Director McAteer noted that the Board had approved a final postcard to be sent to the all unique landowners within ETGSA, and that the postcard is likely to be sent by the end of October. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #6 Exhibit A, a copy of the final postcard.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Special Meeting – Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Porterville Public Library (41 W. Thurman Ave, Porterville)

Executive Director McAteer announced that the next special meeting of the Stakeholder Committee will be on October 25, 2018 at 2pm and that the meeting location will be at the Porterville Public Library.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Leider adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce G. McAteer, Secretary to the Board