



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE OF THE ETGSA BOARD RETREAT HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2018

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At approximately, 8:00 a.m. on November 1, 2018, at Research for Hire, 1696 S. Leggett St., Porterville, California, Chairman Borba called to order the meeting of the Board Retreat of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present: Eric Borba  
Steve Kisling  
Dyson Schneider  
Steve Dalke (Alternate)  
John Corkins  
Sean Geivet (Alternate)

Matthew Leider  
Lorren Wheaton  
Cameron Hamilton  
Bill Bennett (Alternate)  
Steve Drumright (Alternate)

Members Absent: Mike Ennis  
Curt Holmes

Others Present: Don Castle  
Mark Merritt  
Don Tucker

Stacie Ann Silva  
Jennifer Pitcher  
David DeGroot

### CLOSED SESSION

[Government Code Section 54947]  
Title: Executive Director

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, met and discussed the job performance of the Executive Director.

### CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

The board of directors came back into open session. Chairman Borba stated there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## BROWN ACT REVIEW

### Legal Counsel Will Provide a Review of Brown Act Requirements

Legal Counsel Aubrey Mauritson provided a report on the Brown Act Requirements. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5 is a copy of her presentation.

## BYLAWS, JPA, AND AGENCY STRUCTURE REVIEW

### Staff and Legal Counsel Will Provide a Review of the Current Organizational Structure of the ETGSA

Executive Director McAteer provided a summary of the current organizational structure of the Agency. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6 is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

## ETGSA “LAY OF THE LAND” DATA REVIEW

### Engineering Consultant and Staff Will Provide a Review of the Tule Subbasin Water Budget, the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model, Tule Subbasin Draft Monitoring Plan, and Other Information Relevant to Addressing Sustainable Groundwater Management Within the ETGSA

Consulting Engineer DeGroot and Executive Director McAteer provided a presentation on the Water Budget/Data Review & Current Lay of the Land. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7 is a copy of their PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion amongst the board ensued. Questions were raised regarding the calculation of return flow, mountain block recharge, the ability to bank water, and issues related to subsidence.

## GSP DEVELOPMENT STUDY SESSION

### Study Session to Discuss the Drafting of the GSP and Review Substantive Policy Considerations Related to Potential Projects and Management Actions

Executive Director McAteer provided a presentation on next steps to consider for the development of the draft GSP and policy considerations related to the Policy Points which had been distributed numerous times. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8 is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Director Corkins also provided a handout with his thoughts on how to move progress forward on GSP development. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8 Attachment A is a copy of his handout.

Discussion amongst the board ensued. Specifically, discussion regarding the need to curb development of non-irrigated ag lands was discussed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryce McAteer, Executive Director