

Director Corkins moved for approval of the November 1, 2018 Board Retreat Minutes, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4.a. The motion was seconded by Director Leider and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of November 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the November 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4.b. The motion was seconded by Director Leider and the board unanimously approved the motion.

ADMINISTRATION

Report on Application to Join Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Executive Director McAteer reported that ACWA had approved the ETGSA's membership.

Consider Approval of Executive Director Speaking Engagement Invitations (South Valley SGMA Practitioners Roundtable on December 18, 2018; Fresno State Water Symposium on January 24, 2018)

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on invitations for him to speak at various events.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Director Ennis moved and Director Corkins seconded to approve the Executive Director to speak at the events reported, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Consider Directing Staff to Find an Alternative Location for Future Board Meetings

Executive Director McAteer reported there had been some discussion in the past from the board regarding finding a new location for board meetings.

Discussion amongst the board ensued. Directors Corkins indicated he would see if the fairgrounds are available in the event that capacity at City Hall is exceeded.

Consider Appointment of a Vice Chair to the Stakeholder Committee

Executive Director McAteer reported there has been discussion about the need for a Vice Chair of the Stakeholder Committee and that, per ETGSA's current Bylaws, a Director or Alternate Director may be appointed. Director Leider reported that with the numerous meetings of the Stakeholder Committee, that he needed a Vice Chair to help share duties. Director Leider moved to appoint Bill Bennett as Vice Chair of the Stakeholder Committee. Director Corkins seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive and Discuss Finance Committee Monthly Report

Executive Director McAteer reported on the last two meetings of the Finance Committee. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.a is a copy of the Executive Director's Report.

Receive and Discuss Stakeholder Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the last two meetings of the Stakeholder Committee. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.b is a copy of the Executive Director's Report.

Receive and Discuss Executive Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the last Executive Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.c is a copy of the Executive Director's Report.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

Consider Ratification of the Special Districts Financial Transactions Report

Executive Director McAteer presented to the Board the Special Districts Financial Transactions Report completed and submitted to the State Controller by Cuttone & Mastro CPAs on behalf of ETGSA. A copy of the report is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.a. He noted that the Finance Committee had recommended ratification of the document by the Board.

Director Kisling moved and Director Ennis seconded to ratify the report as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Review Financial Statements

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA's current financial standing. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.b is a copy of the financial statements.

Consider Ratification of Bills Paid and Consider Approval of Bills to be Paid

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the accounts payable, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Items #7.c.

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

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Coordination Agreement Drafting and TH&Co Task Items

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the current status of the Coordination Agreement and Thomas Harder & Company's ("TH&Co") progress on their Task Items for the Tule Subbasin MOU Group. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.a is a copy of his report.

Report on Final Scenarios Proposed by ETGSA for Tule Subbasin Future Projection Scenario Runs

Executive Director McAteer began a presentation reporting on the scenarios finalized by the Executive Committee and proposed by ETGSA to be run in the TH&Co's groundwater flow model as part of the Tule Subbasin MOU Group's future projection scenario runs. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.b is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding the other Tule Subbasin GSAs and the volume of overdraft they may be considering permitting.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding land fallowing and addressing subsidence along the Friant-Kern Canal.

Public comment was received from Peter Harman and Bill Morgan.

Consider Approval of TH&Co Scope of Work from November 14, 2018 Regarding a Detailed Analysis of Land Subsidence Along the Friant-Kern Canal

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #8.c, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, the proposed scope of work by Thomas Harder.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided comment regarding the Tule Subbasin MOU Group budget and the current financial standing of the Group.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding the study area and analyses proposed by the scope of work.

Public comment was received from Peter Harman.

Director Corkins moved and Director Holmes seconded to approve the proposed scope of work as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved the motion.

GSP DRAFTING

Report on Progress of ETGSA GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9.a, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of Staff's report on the progress of ETGSA's draft GSP development.

Report on Recommendations of the Executive and Stakeholder Committees, and Other Public Comment Received Regarding Policy Points and GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #9.b, a summary of the recommendations received from the Executive and Stakeholder Committees, as well as other public comment received, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion of ETGSA Policy Points; Board May Direct Staff on Next Steps

Executive Director McAteer reported to the Board that staff had prepared recommendations on the policy points, based on stakeholder input and Committee recommendations, in the form of a memorandum, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9.c Attachment A. The Executive Director then began a presentation, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9.c Exhibit A, describing the recommendations made in the memorandum.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding the pooled distribution of sustainable yield shares.

*Director Hamilton left at this time.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding mitigating transfer impacts and the potential of using distance from a source point instead of specific exchange zones. Discussion also ensued regarding the desire to include no restrictions of any kind in at least the first five years until sufficient data is gathered.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Director Corkins inquired as to whether the committees had discussed the concept of historical use. Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding how to define historical use. Legal counsel provided comment on the discussions to date, the difficulty in defining historical use, and the willingness to discuss any proposals anyone may have on a definition.

Executive Director McAteer noted historical use was discussed at the committee level as part of the transitional water discussion.

Discussion amongst the board continued regarding historical use.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

Discussion amongst the board continued.

Public comment was received from Ryan Jensen.

Discussion amongst the board continued.

Director Kisling moved and Director Corkins seconded to direct staff to start drafting the GSP with the concepts outlined in the memorandum.

Discussion amongst the board continued regarding the desire of some to not place any restrictions on transfers.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot reported on the progress of other Tule Subbasin GSAs, staff's desire and need to meet GSP development deadlines, and the need for direction from the Board in drafting the GSP.

The board unanimously approved the motion as presented by Director Kisling.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing Outreach Efforts

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA's ongoing outreach efforts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10.a is a copy of his report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday, January 3, 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 January 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce McAteer, Secretary to the Board