



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD JANUARY 3, 2019

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on January 3, 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: Dyson Schneider                      Eric Borba  
                         Lorren Wheaton                                      Matt Leider  
                         Steve Kisling    Monte Reyes  
                         John Corkins    Steve Dalke (Alternate)

Members Absent: Mike Ennis                                      Curt Holmes

Others Present: Bryce McAteer                                      Stacie Ann Silva  
                         Aubrey Mauritson    Garrett Busch  
                         David DeGroot    Perry Wall  
                         Sean Geivet    Alan Becker  
                         Eric Limas    Norma Garcia  
                         John Michael Domondon                                      Eric Limas  
                         Bill Samarin    Mike Reed  
                         Matthew Watkins    Mike Knight  
                         Bill Bennett    Terry Schuler  
                         Mark Merritt

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced that agenda packets are available online and copies of the Agenda could be found on a table at the back of the Council Chambers. Outreach materials describing SGMA and ETGSA, available in both English and Spanish, were also available at the back table. Executive Director McAteer announced Form 700s will be due on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## MINUTES

### Approval of December 6, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the December 6, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, with the correction to remove the duplication of Terry Schuler's name. The motion was seconded by Director Leider. Director Reyes abstained from voting. The board unanimously approved the motion.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Election of Agency Officers and Appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Agency Committees

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the election of Agency Officers and the appointment of the Agency's Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. The current slate of officers was included in the Agenda packet and marked as Agenda Item #5.a, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Corkins moved to elect and appoint the current slate as listed in the agenda packet. Director Leider seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

### Consider Approval of Executive Director Speaking Engagement Invitations (World Ag Expo, Tentatively March 13, 2018)

Executive Director McAteer provided a summary of the request to speak at the World Ag Expo. No action was taken by the board. Direction was given to engage in these activities as needed without board approval.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Receive and Discuss Finance Committee Monthly Report

Executive Director McAteer reported on the two most recent Finance Committee meetings. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.a is a copy of his report.

### Receive and Discuss Stakeholder Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the most recently held Stakeholder Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.b is a copy of his report.

### Receive and Discuss Executive Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the most recently held Executive Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.c is a copy of his report.

## BILLS AND WARRANTS

### Review Financial Statements

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

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

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the accounts payable and bills previously paid. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Items #7.b, is a copy of the accounts payable and bills previously paid.

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

## TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

### Report on South Valley SGMA Practitioners Roundtable Event (December 18, 2018)

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the South Valley SGMA Practitioners Roundtable event held on December 18, 2018. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.a is a copy of his report, a copy of the agenda as Agenda Item #8.a Exhibit A, and a copy of the Tulare Lake Basin dashboard as Agenda Item #8.a Exhibit B.

Discussion ensued regarding attendance at the event and discussion of other subbasins' approaches to GSP development.

### Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement Drafting

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement Drafting. Consulting Engineer DeGroot and General Counsel Mauritson provided a summary of the status of the Coordination Agreement. Sustainable management criteria will be discussed over the few couple of months.

### Report on progress of TH&Co Tule Subbasin Task Items

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on Mr. Harder's Task Items and model runs. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.c is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued regarding a five-year status quo model run and the five scenarios being run as part of Task 3. Executive Director McAteer noted that the five scenarios being run were recalibrations of the initial four previously run by TH&Co and one additional scenario that had been previously approved by the Tule Subbasin GSAs, with the intent of using these general

scenarios as bookends and guides for Sustainable Management Criteria development. Discussion ensued regarding other subbasins' positions regarding the need for five years of data before making any decisions.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot commented that data will continue to be collected throughout the entire process. Subsidence in Tule Subbasin is driving this subbasin to move differently than others.

Review and discuss proposed process for coordination of Sustainable Management Criteria and draft GSPs

Executive Director McAteer provided a presentation on the process proposed for coordination of sustainable management criteria and draft GSPs within the Tule Subbasin. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.d is a copy of his presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the credibility of one hydrogeologist and what the plan will be should Mr. Harder determine several wells are the cause of the subsidence issue on the Friant Kern Canal.

Executive Director McAteer reported the purpose of the model runs is to identify issues and guide the subbasin towards appropriately considering and scoping potential projects or management actions that could be implemented to resolve those issues once their cause has been properly defined.

Public comment was received from Sean Geivet.

General Counsel Mauritsen commented that we first need to receive the results from Mr. Harder's work, and then develop a plan moving forward.

Discussion ensued regarding data collection, the interpretation of such data, and Mr. Harder's timeframe for returning results.

GSP DRAFTING

Report on Progress of ETGSA GSP Drafting and Consider Approval of Adjustments to Draft GSP Creation Schedule

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 GSP development, and Agenda Item #9.a Exhibit A, a copy of the updated Draft GSP Creation schedule recommended by staff.

Director Corkins moved and Director Kisling seconded to approve the updated GSP Creation Schedule. The board unanimously approved the motion.

### Report on Anticipated and Requested Future Policy Discussions

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the anticipated and requested future policy discussions for ETGSA's GSP development. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9.b is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued regarding transfers and the potential limitations or restrictions of transfers. Discussion ensued regarding the desire to place no limitations on transfers. Discussion also ensued regarding the potential development of management areas and specifically the areas overlying the Santa Margarita aquifer.

The board provided direction to Executive Director McAteer in his report to refer to the topic of transfers as "evaluating transfer impacts" as opposed to "mitigating transfer impacts".

### STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Report on Ongoing Outreach Efforts and Upcoming Events

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

Discussion ensued regarding the general mailer previously sent out to landowners within the ETGSA.

#### Consider approval of sending outreach letter to public water systems within ETGSA

Executive Director McAteer referred the Board to Agenda Item #10.b, a draft outreach letter proposed to be sent to public water systems operating within the ETGSA.

Executive Director McAteer noted that 4Creeks had identified 88 public water systems that likely operate within or partially within the ETGSA. He recommended that this outreach letter be sent to those public water systems, and that the cost would be approximately \$300.

Director Corkins moved to approve the sending of an outreach letter to the public water systems identified in the ETGSA. Director Wheaton seconded and the board unanimously approved the motion.

### NEXT MEETING DATE

#### Next Regular Meeting- Thursday, February 7, 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 February 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryce McAteer, Secretary to the Board