



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MARCH 7, 2019

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on March 7, 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: Dennis Townsend                      Matt Leider  
                                 Monte Reyes    Lorren Wheaton  
                                 Eric Borba    Steve Dalke (Alternate)  
                                 Steve Kisling    John Corkins

Members Absent: Dyson Schneider                      Curt Holmes

Others Present: Bryce McAteer                                      John Domondon  
                                 Aubrey Mauritson    Mike Knight  
                                 Don Castle    Stacie Ann Silva  
                                 Alan Becker    John Konda  
                                 Tom O’Sullivan    Armando Leal

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced outreach materials were located in the back as well as a sign in sheet. Staff is attending a number of events. All meeting information is online under the meetings calendar. SB 559 (Hurtado) has been introduced which would allocate \$400 million of the general fund to Friant Kern Canal subsidence repairs and ACA 3 (Mathis) which would allocate 2% of the general fund to water projects. Army Corps announced it expected the Lake Success Enlargement Project to be completed by 2023. On April 2, 2019, an outreach event will take place regarding the extensometer.

## MINUTES

### Approval of February 7, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the February 7, 2019 board meeting minutes, with the correction that Director Wheaton was absent. The motion was seconded by Director Wheaton. Director Reyes abstained from voting. The remaining board members unanimously approved the motion.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Report on ETGSA's Request to Join the Advisory Group of the Tule River Basin IRWMP Group

Executive Director McAteer reported the ETGSA had been approved to join the IRWMP group.

### Consider Approval of Printer Agreement with Cline's Business Equipment, Inc.

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a copy of the Agreement. Director Kisling reported the Finance Committee recommended approval.

Discussion ensued amongst the board regarding the Finance Committee's authority and the need to bring items for board approval. Direction was given for the Finance Committee to handle matters within the monetary limits previously established.

Director Corkins moved to approve the Agreement. Director Leider seconded and the board unanimously approved.

### Consider Approval of Resolution 2019-001, "RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A NON-MATERIAL GSA BOUNDARY CHANGE"

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the request from Richgrove CSD and Delano-Earlimart ID. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5c is a copy of his report and a copy of Resolution 2019-001.

Director Dalke moved to adopt Resolution 2019-001 as presented in the agenda packet. Director Corkins seconded and the board unanimously approved.

## STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Report on Ongoing ETGSA 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 Attachment Item 6a is a copy of the report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Receive Finance Committee Monthly Report

Executive Director McAteer reported on the Finance Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is his report of the meeting.

### Receive Joint Meeting of the Executive and Stakeholder Committee Reports

Executive Director McAteer reported on the last Executive and Stakeholder Committee meetings. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is his report of the meetings.

Discussion ensued amongst the board regarding formation of management areas and monitoring zones.

## BILLS AND WARRANTS

### Review Financial Statements

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on current financial standing. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a, is a copy of the financial reports.

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

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the accounts payable. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Items #8b, is a copy of the accounts payable.

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

## TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

### Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Tule Subbasin Task Items

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Tule Subbasin Task Items. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued regarding the release of Tom Harder's model run on the area of subsidence.

### Report on Draft Subbasin Sustainability Goal and Undesirable Results

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the draft subbasin sustainability goal and undesirable results. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9b is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued regarding definitions of undesirable results, coordination, and how to quantify. General Counsel Mauritson and Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided comment on said topics.

Discussion amongst the board ensued regarding potential GSP amendments.

### Report on Updated Draft Historical Tule Subbasin Water Budget and Updated Estimated Draft Sustainable Yield

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the updated draft historical Tule Subbasin water budget and updated estimated draft sustainable yield. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9c is a copy of his report.

### Report on Inter-basin and Other Regional Stakeholder Coordination

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on inter-basin coordination. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9d is a copy of his report.

Chairman Borba briefly discussed the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint being prepared by Friant Water Authority. Estimates are currently that there is a two million acre-foot deficit in the Central Valley. The Blueprint attempts to identify whether or not there is sufficient water to overcome the overdraft. Several projects have been identified with the largest impact being a new biological opinion issued by the Bureau of Reclamation.

## GSP DRAFTING

### Report on Progress of ETGSA GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer referred the board to Agenda Item #10a, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of Staff's report on the progress of GSP development.

Review Status and Progress on GSP Policy Matters

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10b is a copy of his report.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: Two

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding two potential items of anticipated litigation.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The board of directors came back into open session. Chairman Borba reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday, April 4, 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 April 4, 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