



EASTERN TULE  
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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD APRIL 11, 2019

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At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on April 11, 2019, at the City of Porterville Transit Main Purpose Conference Room, Chairman Matt Leider, called to order a meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

**Members Present:**

John Konda	Bill Bennett
Tom O’Sullivan	Don Castle
Matthew Leider	Matt Watkins
Kathy Briano	Jason Guthrie

**Stakeholder Members Absent:**

Sopac Mulholland	Ben Magana
James Parsons	Julia Inestroza

**Others Present:**

Bryce McAteer	Peter Harman
Andrew Hart	Richard Garcia
Alan Becker	John M. Domondon
David Payne	Julie Allen
Michael Reed	Trent Sherman
Armando Leal	

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Matt Leider announced the public comment period. No public comment was received.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced that the next TAC Meeting of the Tule Subbasin MOU Group was scheduled for next Wednesday (April 17, 2019) at 2pm at the Lower Tule Offices. Additionally, the Executive Committee of the ETGSA will be meeting next Thursday (April 18, 2019) at 2pm at the Transit Multi Purpose Center.

### MINUTES

Approval of March 28, 2019 Stakeholder Committee Special Meeting

Member Watkins moved for approval of the March 28, 2019 Stakeholder Committee Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Member O’Sullivan. Member Konda abstained from the motion. The remainder of the committee members voted to unanimously approve motion, and the motion carried.

## STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Report on ongoing outreach efforts

Executive Director McAteer referred the committee to Agenda Item #5.a, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of his report on ongoing outreach efforts during the months of March and April.

## ETGSA MEETINGS REVIEW

### Report on ETGSA Executive Committee Special Meeting of April 2, 2019

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA executive committee special meeting of April 2, 2019. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.a is a copy of his report.

Public comment was received from Mike Reed

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the vote on reporting prices paid for transfers and whether or not a committee member appointed by multiple member agencies received multiple votes. Executive Director McAteer relayed that he had inquired about the question with Legal Counsel, and that Legal Counsel stated that the bylaws currently read that each member receives only one vote.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding whether not reporting prices paid as a result of transfers would diminish transparency of a market

Public comment was received from Mike Reed

Discussion ensued regarding how other entities handled these sorts of transfers, and whether or not they required the prices be reported. The Executive Director noted that several adjudicated systems do require that prices paid be reported, but that other agencies that provide for transfers do not require such reporting.

Public comment was received from John Michael Domondon.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the balance of transparency and confidentiality. The Executive Director discussed his recommendation that prices paid for transfers should be reported. Additional discussion ensued as to whether a public agency was required to ensure such reporting.

Public comment was received from Julie Allen.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding how individuals might still report the actual prices paid, even if given the opportunity, and how enforceable such reporting might be. Additional discussion ensued regarding the need to increase the transparency and robustness of a market.

Public comment was received from Mike Reed and Peter Harman.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee that members of the committee should provide their recommendations and report on the discussions had to the Board during the Board's next meeting

Public comment was received from Mike Reed.

Discussion ensued regarding how some of the recommendations made by the committees were different, and the role of each committee in representing different stakeholders across the ETGSA. It was requested that the Executive Director ask Legal Counsel whether the ETGSA has a legal obligation to require that prices paid as a result of transfer be reported.

#### Report on ETGSA Board Meeting of March 7, 2019

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA board meeting of April 4, 2019. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6.b is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the seat on the Stakeholder Committee for Richgrove CSD, and whether it would be removed now that Richgrove CSD was moving to DEIDGSA. The Executive Director reported that he was working with Legal Counsel on any necessary updates to the Bylaws.

#### TULE SUBBASIN COORDINATION

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

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on ongoing coordination activities. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.a is a copy of his report. Included in his report was Exhibit A, a presentation describing the current timeline for Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co deliverables.

Public comment was received from Julie Allen.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding projects and management actions, and when they might be reviewed.

##### Report on Inter-Basin & Regional Coordination

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on various inter-basin and regional coordination efforts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7.b is a copy of his report and, as Exhibit A, a copy of the draft white paper on the SJV Blueprint.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the SJV Blueprint initiative, and becoming more involved in the effort.

## GSP DRAFTING

### Report on ETGSA GSP Drafting; may make a recommendation.

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA's GSP drafting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.a is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding whether or not the committees might wish to review and administrative draft. Additional discussion ensued regarding resolving potential disagreements between Tule Subbasin GSAs, and the process of doing so both before and after releasing the Draft GSP.

The Executive Director suggested that he bring back outlines or the table of contents of draft GSP sections to the committees for review, noting that the major policy items had been and are continuing to be discussed at the committee level.

Public comment was received from John Michael Domondon.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the ongoing work by Thomas Harder & Company on subsidence along the Friant-Kern Canal.

The Executive Director said he would bring back outlines of the completed draft GSP sections at the next Stakeholder Committee meeting for their review.

### Discuss and Consider New GSP Policy Matters; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the new GSP policy matters and the recommendations received to date. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8.b is a copy of his report on the new policy matters.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the topic of historical use, and how to move forward on the subject.

Public comment was received from John Michael Domondon.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the recommendations received to date on all the policy matters. The Executive Director noted that the Stakeholder Committee had provided recommendations to all the policy matters, save for those that staff was still waiting on new data

in order to properly address the matters. There was discussion amongst the committee regarding recharge credits and whether or not they wished to provide a recommendation. The Executive Director suggested a recommendation on the subject may not be necessary, so long as the committee agreed that the ETGSA should provide recharge credits to eligibility recharge projects; additional details would likely need to be worked out through an environmental and technical review process at a later date.

The pros and cons of different allocation formulas were discussed by the committee, and they requested that staff bring back more detailed information regarding the distribution of the sustainable yield and transitional volume options. Additional discussion ensued regarding the discussions by the Eastern Tule White Area Growers group, and how there were different concepts on the subject.

Public comment was received from Julie Allen.

The Executive Director said he would work to bring back a couple of numerical models that conceptualized potential allocation distributions at the next meeting for further discussion.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting (Stakeholder Committee) – Thursday, May 11, 2019 at Transit Multi-Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave., Ste. D, Porterville); may make a recommendation

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding scheduling an additional meeting in the month of April.

Member Konda moved to schedule a Special Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee on April 25, 2019. Member Castle seconded the motion. Member Bennett voted no on the motion. The remainder of the committee unanimously approved the motion, and the motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Leider adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryce G. McAteer, Secretary to the Board