



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
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AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD MAY 23, 2019**

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on May 23, 2019, at the City of Porterville Transit Main Purpose Conference Room, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Executive Members Present: John M. Domondon Mike Reed
 Denise England Steve Dalke
 Steve Etchegaray Eric Borba
 Sean Geivet Eric Limas
 Nick Keller Glen Fowler

Executive Members Absent: None

Stakeholder Members Present: John Konda Don Castle
 Tom O’Sullivan Matthew Leider
 Kathy Briano Julie Inestroza
 James Parsons Matt Watkins
 Jason Guthrie Sopac Mulholland

Stakeholder Members Absent: None

Others Present: Bryce McAteer Peter Harmon
 Aubrey Mauritson Matt Feaver
 Stacie Ann Silva Julie Allen
 David Payne Garrett Busch
 Steve Kisling Matt Feaver
 Todd Turley Ryan Jensen
 Joel Borges

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced that on June 5 and 6 in Fresno, the Groundwater Resources Association will be holding its second annual GSA conference. Additionally, on May 30, 2019, in Exeter, there will be a “Surviving SGMA” event that is open to the public.

MINUTES

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of April 18 2019

Committee member Domondon moved for approval of the April 18, 2019 Executive Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee member Geivet and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of Stakeholder Committee Minutes of April 25, 2019

Committee member O’Sullivan moved for approval of the April 25, 2019 Stakeholder Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee member Watkins and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing Outreach Efforts and Upcoming Events

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on outreach efforts and upcoming events. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of his report.

Committee member Dalke reported on KTWD’s SGMA outreach efforts.

Receive and Discuss ETGSA White Area Economic Impact Analysis

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on an Economic Impact Analysis prepared by the ETWAG group. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a copy of his report and, as Agenda Item #5.b Exhibit A, a copy of the ETWAG Analysis.

Committee member Konda commented on the analysis. Committee member Etchegaray arrived at this time and provided a verbal report on the analysis.

**Committee member Reed arrived at this time.*

Public comment was received from Julie Allen.

Discussion amongst the committees ensued regarding the analysis.

** Sopac Mulholland arrived at this time.*

ETGSA MEETINGS REVIEW

Report on ETGSA Board Meeting of May 2, 2019

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ETGSA board meeting of May 2, 2019. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of his report. Included in his report were Exhibit A, a copy of the 4Creeks Proposal for Development of a SGMA Web Application, and Exhibit B, a copy of the updated ETGSA Boundary Map.

Committee member Castle inquired as to other Data Management Systems in other subbasins.

TULE SUBBASIN COORDINATION

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on Tule Subbasin activities. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of his report.

Executive Director McAteer reported the historical water budgets had been finalized, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A. He reviewed the water budget with the Committees. Discussion ensued amongst the Committees on the existence of historical values for groundwater levels.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation. Discussion ensued regarding gross acreage in the Tule Subbasin.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation to Exhibit B, the draft subbasin monitoring sites, Exhibit C, a summary of projects and management actions.

Public comment was received from Julie Allen and Todd Turley.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation, to Exhibit D, results of the expanded land subsidence analysis. Staff recommends Tom Harder provided a technical memorandum as to whether an area of reduced pumping will arrest subsidence in the area of concern. Discussion ensued regarding the Deer Creek area. Discussion also ensued regarding the model results regarding the Tule River. Executive Director McAteer reported Tom Harder has been given direction to work through this apparent anomaly.

Committee member Castle inquired how Pixley ID plans to finance its project. Discussion ensued amongst the Committees.

Report on Inter-Basin & Regional Coordination

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on Inter-Basin and Regional Coordination. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of his report.

GSP DRAFTING

Report on ETGSA GSP Drafting; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the GSP drafting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of his report. Included in his report was Exhibit A, a map of the proposed ETGSA Management Areas.

Public comment was received from Ryan Jensen.

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of management areas and specifically a small water district currently being managed by the City of Porterville.

Committee member Castle noted the timeframe to submittal of GSPs and inquired as to what decisions need to be made. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding final steps and coordination with the other Tule Subbasin GSAs.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting (Stakeholder Committee) – Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Transit Multi-Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave., Ste. D, Porterville)

The next meeting of the Stakeholder Committee is set for June 13, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting (Executive Committee) – Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Transit Multi-Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave., Ste. D, Porterville)

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for June 20, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce G. McAteer, Executive Director