



EASTERN TULE
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MINUTES OF THE ETGSA BOARD WORKSHOP HELD JUNE 6, 019

At approximately, 9:00 a.m. on June 6, 2019, at Research for Hire, 1696 S. Leggett St., Porterville, California, Chairman Borba called to order the meeting of the Board Workshop of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present: Eric Borba
Steve Kisling
Dyson Schneider
Matthew Leider
Pete Vander Poel (Alternate)
Monte Reyes
John Corkins

Members Absent: Dennis Townsend
Curt Holmes
Loren Wheaton

Others Present: Bryce McAteer
Sean Geivet
Garrett Busch
Michael Knight
Phil Pierre
Aubrey Mauritson
Nick Keller
Tim Gobler
Mike Reed
John Michael Domondon

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

BROWN ACT REVIEW

Legal Counsel Will Provide a Review of Brown Act Requirements

Legal Counsel, Aubrey Mauritson, provide a report on the Brown Act Requirements. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A is a copy of her presentation.

**Monte Reyes arrived at this time.*

AGENCY STRUCTURE, DRAFT FY20 BUDGET, AND FUTURE FUNDING

Staff and Legal Counsel Will Provide a Review of the Current Organizational Structure of the ETGSA, Discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, and Describe Future Agency Funding Options

Executive Director McAteer and Legal Counsel Aubrey Mauritson provided a report on the current organizational structure, draft Fiscal Year 2020 budget, and future funding. The report was part of the Exhibit B presentation, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

**Matt Leider arrived during this Agenda Item.*

Discussion ensued regarding the Proposition 218 process for groundwater extractions.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation. Discussion ensued regarding ETGSA's budget compared to other neighboring GSAs. The following topics were also discussed: the possibility of sharing responsibilities with the budget; costs of 218 election; reserve accounts; and membership and blueprint for Friant.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation on future funding. Discussion ensued regarding future funding of the ETGSA – specifically proposition 218 procedures and processes.

GSP DEVELOPMENT STUDY SESSION

Study Session to Discuss the Drafting of the GSP and Review Substantive Policy Considerations Related to Potential Projects and Management Actions

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B, to discuss the current drafting of the GSP and substantive policy considerations. Additionally, he distributed a summary matrix of committee recommendations on various policy matters, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit C.

Discussion ensued regarding monitoring wells and the monitoring plan.

Executive Director McAteer continued his presentation. Discussion ensued regarding sustainable yield within the subbasin and pace of ramp down.

Public comment was received from Tim Gobbler.

Executive Director McAteer continued his presentation. Discussion ensued regarding previous recommendations by the board and future recommendations by the board necessary for GSP completion. Discussion ensued regarding transparency issues regarding prices paid on private transactions of water.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation. Discussion ensued regarding the example interim nominal fee & set-aside slide of the presentation.

After taking a short break, the board reconvened. Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation on policy discussions related to allocations. Discussion ensued regarding the consolidation of several public water systems with the City of Porterville.

Executive Director McAteer continued his presentation with historical and future estimated production. Discussion ensued regarding a dormant sustainable yield pool.

Public comment was received from Tim Gobbler.

Discussion ensued regarding the grower group proposal for distribution of the sustainable yield. Discussion ensued regarding allocations to non-irrigated lands and property values. Discussion ensued regarding gross acreage and historic use in the Tule Subbasin and the feasibility of various approaches. Discussion ensued regarding the Mojave and Antelope adjudicated basins.

Executive Director McAteer continued his presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the board's previous recommendations, the concept of a municipal pool, and what plans neighboring GSAs are planning to do regarding transitional water.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce McAteer, Executive Director