



Eastern Tule GSA - Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 2:25 pm

Roll call - Attendees: David Payne, Michael Knight, Mike Reed, City of Porterville; Keith Norris, Eric Limas, Tea Pot Dome Water District; Steve Drumright, Vandalia Water District; Sean Geivet, PID, SID, TBID; Aubrey Mauritson, Attorney; Eric Borba, Porterville Irrigation District; Tim Allan, Sun Pacific; Costas Cecero, Kern-Tulare Water District; Bill Wallace, Equinox Tree Farming; Denise England, Tulare County.

I. Open issues

Minutes – Approval of Executive Committee minutes for February 2, 2017 and March 2, 2017 meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Drumright to accept the minutes with two corrections for the March 2, 2017 minutes. 1) Mr. Drumright had retracted his motion regarding a moderator, and 2) Mr. Reed did not oppose the nomination of Mr. Borba as chair, and Mr. Reed as vice-chair. Mr. Norris seconded.

Discussion ensued, it was noted to pare down the minutes.

Ayes: Knight, Norris, Drumright, Geivet, Borba, Allan, Cecero.

Noes: None

Disposition: Passed

DWR filing to become a Groundwater Sustainable Agency (GSA) – Filing has occurred, so far no overlaps and the 90-days will expire June 6, 2017.

Stakeholders Committee – Four applications have been received as of this date, copies were handed out to the group. It was noted that there is a 120-day formation period; however Ms. Mauritson believes that undertaking has been met. Outreach efforts will continue through various media outlets.

Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Water Allocation System – Discussion of the plan including the water allocation system developed by the Duke Institute may be a guiding tool for preparing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, but it was agreed that we need to begin identifying the process now. Several committee members liked the idea to begin drafting up the plan by preparing an outline of the chapters and at each future meeting we address one of the chapters.

Discussion then turned to recharging and how and when it will be addressed in the GSP.

An agenda item for the Board of Directors will include a Skype session with Dr. Young of the Duke Institute and an action item for direction from the board regarding implementation of the creation of a GSP.

II. New business

Bylaws – Discussion with the committee and attorney in regards to the completion and implementation of Bylaws. Interaction between the board and committees was discussed and the Bylaws will describe the roles of each committee and who they report to. Also discussed, was the White area seat appointment to the Executive committee. Ms. Mauritsen will develop wording for inclusion in the Bylaws. Timing of the committee meeting dates was briefly discussed.

Discussion regarding a cost sharing formula/component needs to be developed and included in the Bylaws.

Budget – Mr. Reed was tasked with preparing for discussion a fiscal budget.

The next Executive committee is May 4, 2017.

Agenda for April 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting –

- Presentation by Dr. Young
- Action item – Direction to create our own GSP (Duke model)
- Media press release
- Discussion about groundwater recharge efforts
- Agreement Updates
- DWR notification

III. Other Business

Open Discussion - None

IV. Adjournment was at 4:45 pm.



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