

***EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
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**Stakeholder
Committee**

Thursday, December 14, 2017

City of Porterville
Coleman Conference Rm.
291 N. Main St.
Porterville, California

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- I. Chairman Leider called the meeting to order at 1:13PM.
- II. Roll call – Matt Watkins, Stakeholder; Don Castle, Stakeholder; Matt Leider, Chairman; Bill Bennett, Stakeholder; Jason Guthrie, Stakeholder; James L Parsons, Stakeholder; Julia Inestroza (on the phone), Stakeholder; Michael K. Reed, City staff; Sopac Mulholland, Stakeholder; Tom O’Sullivan; Kathy Briano, Stakeholder; Ben Magana, Stakeholder.
- III. Public Comment

Mr. William Samarin announced that he is recording the meeting.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Minutes – **It was moved by Don Castle and seconded by James Parson, to approve the minutes of November 9, 2017, as written, the motion passed unanimously.**
 - b. Stakeholders Committee – Interim Executive Director Geivet reported that there has been no change to the roles as discussed in previous meetings.
 - c. ETGSA Bylaws – Interim Executive Director Geivet reported that no progress has been made on this subject.

V. New Business

- a) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development – Mr. David DeGroot, 4-Creeks Engineering, gave a presentation on two different models used in California to regulate groundwater use. One from the Chino basin and one from Orange County. Discussion ensued.

The committee took up the discussion of how to move forward in developing the GSP. The Committee discussed a number of different models for regulating groundwater from a share system represented by the “Australia Model” to a more agency driven model favored by other GSA’s in the Sub-basin. The consensus is to continue to move forward developing a share system based GSP while continuing to study other alternative models for regulating groundwater use. There was a motion by Bill Bennett and seconded by Matt Watkins to recommend moving forward drafting the GSP through an Ad Hoc Committee made up of two representatives from Stakeholder Committee and two representatives of the Executive Committee.

- b) Arizona Model – Mr. Bill Bennett gave a brief presentation on his understanding of how Arizona went about regulating groundwater use. Discussion ensued. At the conclusion of the discussion it was the consensus of the committee to have Mr. DeGroot compare and contrast the Arizona model with the two he presented today.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.

