

MINUTES
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EASTERN TULE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Authority Board of Directors
City of Porterville Council Chambers
291 N. Main St., Porterville, California
Thursday, February 23, 2017 - Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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ROLL CALL: A. Monte Reyes, Matthew Leider, Mike Ennis, Dyson Schneider, Curt Homes, Eric Borba, Steven Kisling, Lorren Wheaton.

Chair Mr. Borba called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm on Thursday, February 23, 2017.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Current Announcements

Sustainability Groundwater Management – Groundwater Sustainability Plan training at the Agri-Business Center in Tulare, CA on March 17, 2017, from 8:30 am to noon. A round-table discussion on the GSA, open to interested parties.

An Eastern Tule GSA website is available through the City of Porterville. Future information on the site will include the Board members, alternates, staff, agenda's, minutes, etc.

<http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/PublicWorks/easterntulegsa.cfm>

Best Management Practices (BMPs) – Available on the City's website. DWR has posted the final version of the BMPs which includes five categories designed to achieve sustainable groundwater management. A meeting was held on February 22 of the Tule Subbasin SGMA to review the BMP's, which will be used to establish a GSP.

Eastern Tule GSA Logo – The Executive committee is working on several logo options for letterhead, website and other documentation specific to the Eastern Tule GSA. It is planned to have this item on the next agenda for discussion, presentation of new ideas, and/or adoption of a logo.

3. GOVERNING BOARD ADMINISTRATION:

A draft application, and description, for the Stakeholder committee was presented to the Board for approval of appointments to the Stakeholder Committee (JPA Section 4.01a). A couple of revisions were noted. The Stakeholder committee must be formed within 120 days of the formation of the Agency. It was noted that a Board director can be appointed to chair the committee. Agency attorney suggested that the application be put out to the public to see what kind of applicants we receive and then go through the process of setting criteria to appoint members.

A motion was made by Steven Kisling to approve the application. Seconded by Mike Ennis.

Ayes: Reyes, Kisley, Ennis, Wheaton, Schneider, Holmes, Leider, Borba
Noes: None
Disposition: Passed

One person needs to be appointed to the Board of Directors for the "White Area" representative. This appointment is to be made by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. Ms. England reported that three applications have been received and passed on to Mr. Ennis and Mr. Vander Poel. They will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for appointment by March 1, 2017.

4. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ELECTION:

This is the time and place for the Public Hearing to elect to become a GSA for Eastern Tule and file a notice to the Department of Water Resources of such election. The letter was reviewed by the Board along with the exhibits.

The Public Hearing was opened at 2:17 pm.

Mr. Henry Owen of Ducor, California, expressed concerns regarding "White Area" farmers in Eastern Tule Subbasin only receiving one acre foot of surface water to irrigate, vs. the farmers on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley receiving one acre foot of surface water and one acre foot of well water. Mr. Owen feels that all should be treated equally.

The Public Hearing was closed at 2:20 pm.

It was moved by Mr. Ennis and seconded by Mr. Holmes, to formally adopt Resolution 01-2017.

Ayes: Reyes, Kisley, Ennis, Wheaton, Schneider, Holmes, Leider, Borba
Noes: None
Disposition: Passed

Mr. Reed reviewed the boundary map, pointing out the eight agencies, water companies, irrigation districts, and the white areas that are outside the common areas, within the ETGSA.

5. **COMMITTEE FORMATION:**

The Stakeholder Committee description and application was reviewed earlier in this meeting. The Board agreed to direct these items to be placed on the ETGSA website, located within the City of Porterville's website under Public Works Department. One possible mechanism to reach out to stakeholders is through the Farm Bureau. The City of Porterville will collect the applications.

6. **AGENCY BYLAWS:**

Executive committee, at their last meeting February 2, 2017, discussed the formation of the Bylaws. They have not made any progress at this point, but continue to work on the document.

7. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is March 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Regular meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Mr. Ennis and seconded by Mr. Leider to hold the next meeting of the ETGSA Board of Directors on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Ayes: Reyes, Kisley, Ennis, Wheaton, Schneider, Holmes, Leider, Borba
Noes: None
Disposition: Passed

8. **CLOSED SESSION:**

No items to discuss

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

This meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 2:30 pm.



Michael K. Reed, Secretary
Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability
Agency