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Executive Committee

Thursday, July 6, 2017

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

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- I. Call to order – 2:00 pm
- II. Roll call - Eric Borba-Porterville Irrigation District; Steve Dalke; Sean Geivet-Porterville & Saucelito Irrigation Districts; Tim Allan-White Area; Keith Norris, Eric Limas-Tea Pot Dome Water District; Amanda Peisch-Derby, Matt Owens-Department of Water Resources; Bryce McAteer-EDF; Mike Young-University of Adelaide; Benjamin Magana-Richgrove CSD; Steve Drumright-Vandalia Water District; Costas Cecero-Kern-Tulare Water District; Jason Guthrie-Guthrie Investment Co.; John Konda-Konda Farms; Bill Wallace-FCF; Michael Knight, David Payne, Mike Reed, John Lollis-City of Porterville; Tom O’Sullivan-Stakeholder; Julia Inestroza-Stakeholder; Don Castle-Stakeholder; Aubrey Mauritson-ETGSA Attorney.
- III. Public Comment – Amanda Peisch-Derby and Matt Owens of the Department of Water Resources spoke about ETGSA’s representative at the Departments’ level for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan development. They also spoke about technical assistance, facilitation services, support, department involvement, and plans for future workshops. Time was spent discussing the department’s participation in the progress of the GSP before the due date.

Prof. Michael Young spoke about issues experienced in Australia and the importance of management systems, pre-approval of the plan, trade, share agreements, allocation systems and decision making. He further shared his thoughts of California's SGMA and the end results.

IV. Open issues

- a) Minutes – **Member Allan motioned for approval of the June 1, 2017 meeting minutes. Member Drumright seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b) Stakeholders Committee – Member Reed reported on the results of the Board of Directors meeting approving the presented roster of nominee's. Discussion needs to take place on such things as meeting dates, organization, structure, and length of terms. Stakeholder members need to be given SGMA guidelines concerning stakeholders. Also, the Board needs to appoint a director to chair this committee.
- c) Ad Hoc Committee Report – A memo and graph from the committee was shared with attendee's. Member Geivet shared history of the formation of the ad hoc committee and progress to date pertaining to the GSP. Wide-ranging discussion followed regarding various aspects of the plan and the end goals. The committee agreed to a recommendation to use alternate language for bullet point 1 of the memo, and they agreed to take the revised memo and graph to the Board of Directors.
- e) Budget – The committee received a report on the progress of the FY 2017/2018 fiscal budget development. It was noted that the budget should include components for E & O Insurance, and engineering consultation. A recommendation was made to present to the Board of Directors for approval.

V. New business

- a) Consideration of 4Creeks Engineering as the ETGSA consultant to help draft the GSP to the Board of Directors was discussed.

Member Geivet motioned to recommend approval by the Board of Directors of hiring 4Creeks Engineering per their proposal. Member Reed seconded. The motioned passed unanimously.

- b) Agenda for July 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting – Appoint a director or alternate to chair the Stakeholders Committee; Presentation by Michael Young regarding the roadmap; Budget presentation; approval of 4Creeks proposal; Executive Committee report; Overlap report; Stakeholders Committee report; and action on the Tulare County Auditor/Treasurer agreements.

VI. Other Business

- a) Open Discussion – Discussion returned to the implementation of alternate language for first bullet point of the Ad Hoc committee memo by Mr. McAteer.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.



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