



JUNE 15, 2017 EASTERN  
TULE GSA MINUTES



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GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD JUNE 15, 2017

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on June 15, 2017, at the City of Porterville Council Chambers, Eric Borba, Chair of the Eastern Tule GSA, called to order a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Directors Present:     Eric Borba                     Matthew Leider  
                                 Steven Kisling                 Dyson Schneider  
                                 Lorren Wheaton               Curt Holmes  
                                 Tim Allan

Directors Absent:     Cameron Hamilton  
                                 Mike Ennis

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Bryce McAteer, assistant to Michael Young from the University of Adelaide in Australia, introduced himself.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Current Announcements

Secretary Reed reported he is working with legal counsel on the GSP Notice of Intent. Michael Young and Bryce McAteer are currently in California and a meeting was expected to be scheduled. The Tule Subbasin MOU group has been working with a consultant towards efforts needed for the Coordination Agreement, including a water model. Lastly, updated GIS information is available on the City of Porterville’s website.

### MINUTES

#### Approval of May 25, 2017 Minutes

Director Kisling moved for approval of the May 25, 2017 minutes, with a correction that Alternate Director Norris was present at the board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Holmes. The board unanimously approved the motion.

## GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE

### Discussion Regarding the Entire Tule Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation Status

Secretary Reed reported that the Tule Subbasin is currently comprised of six GSAs. On June 6, 2017, the County of Tulare held a public hearing to become a GSA for any and all “unmanaged areas”. The Tule Subbasin currently has one overlap area.

Alternate Director Sean Geivet, also provided a report on the County of Tulare public hearing. The Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved staff’s recommendation for the County to be a GSA for all unmanaged areas.

### Discussion Regarding the Eastern Tule GSA’s Notification to the Department of Water Resources

Secretary Reed provided an update on the ETGSA’s notification to the Department of Water Resources. As of June 6, 2017, the ETGSA was designated “exclusive” by DWR.

## COMMITTEE FORMATION AND REPORTS

### Receive and Discuss Executive Committee Monthly Report

Secretary Reed provided a monthly report to the board on recent activities of the Executive Committee. The committee worked on processes for the board of director meeting agendas as well as reviewing applications to the Stakeholder Committee.

### Consider and Approve Recommendations from Executive Committee for Appointments to Stakeholder Committee

Secretary Reed provided a report to the board on the status of the Stakeholder Committee formation. The Executive Committee recommended the following applicants be appointed to the Stakeholder Committee:

1. James Parsons, on behalf of Ducor Community Services District;
2. Ben Magana, on behalf of Richgrove Community Services District;
3. Sopac Mulholland, representing environmental interests;
4. John Konda, representing agricultural interests;
5. William P. Bennett, representing agricultural interests;
6. Julia Inestroza, representing agricultural interests;
7. Matthew Watkins, representing agricultural interests;
8. Jason L. Guthrie, representing agricultural interests;
9. Tom O’Sullivan, representing agricultural interests;
10. Kathy Briano, representing agricultural interests; and
11. Don Castle, representing agricultural interests.

Director Kisling moved to approve the eleven recommendations as stated above. Director Lieder seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Approval of Tulare County Treasure and Auditor Agreements per Article V of the Eastern Tule GSA Joint Powers Authority Agreement

Secretary Reed directed the board to copies of the County of Tulare Treasurer and Auditor Agreements, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a. Director Holmes moved for approval of the Agreements. Director Allan seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

#### AGENCY BUDGET

##### Update of 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget GSA

Secretary Reed provided a status update of the 2017-2018 budget. Alternate Director Geivet reported he was working on a draft budget and expected to share it with the Executive Committee at their July meeting. After review by the Executive Committee, the budget will be brought back to the board likely at the July meeting.

##### Consider Approval of Distribution Reimbursement Request Among the Members of the Eastern Tule Joint Powers Authority Based on the Cost Distribution Method Approved by the Board on May 25, 2017

Secretary Reed reported during the May 25, 2017 board meeting the board of directors approved a cost sharing agreement based on acreage. Director Kisling moved for approval of the distribution reimbursement request among the members of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority. Director Leider seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

#### SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the board of directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority is July 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the board of directors, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Reed, Secretary