

Item # 6.a - Minutes

Eastern Tule Groundwater
Sustainability Authority

March 16, 2017



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, March 16, 2017 - Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Cameron Hamilton, Matthew Leider, Mike Ennis, Dyson Schneider, Curt Holmes, Eric Borba, Steven Kising and Lorren Wheaton

Chair, Mr. Borba, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

None

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Current Announcements

South Valley SGMA Practitioners Roundtable II – March 17, 2017, 8:30 am to 12 noon, International Agri-Center Heritage Complex, Tulare, CA

ETGSA Website -

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

The website is still under construction, however there are items listed, including organizational chart, and Best Management Practices (BMPs) (DWR have posted final version of the BMPs which includes five categories designed to achieve sustainable groundwater management).

4. **GOVERNING BOARD ADMINISTRATION:**

Stakeholder Committee Appointments – Mike Reed presented the description and application for the appointments to the Stakeholder Committee (JPA Section 4.01a). The JPA states there are reserved seats on the committee for the Ducor Community Services District and Richgrove Community Services District.

A motion was made by Matthew Leider that two seats of the Stakeholders Committee are reserved for a representative from each of the Community Services Districts, Ducor and Richgrove. Seconded by Cameron Hamilton.

**Ayes: Hamilton, Kisling, Ennis, Wheaton, Schneider, Holmes, Leider, Borba
Noes: None
Disposition: Passed**

"White Area" Board of Director Appointment – Mike Ennis reported that the Tulare County Board of Supervisor's appointed Tim Allan, as the Director, and John Corkins, as the Alternate. Tim Allan introduced himself to everyone, he stated that he is the Water Resources Manager for Sun Pacific. They are reaching out to engage all the land owners in the White Area. He comes from an engineering background and before that he was a consultant.

5. **AGENCY BYLAWS:**

Directors reviewed the draft bylaws contained in the agenda packet, and comments/input was requested by the next Board meeting. The Executive committee, at their next meeting, will be delving into the details of the bylaws, for example, the committee will be discussing how the Stakeholders and Executive committee's will interact below the board. Another topic will be cost sharing. As far as the bylaws go, there is no immediate deadline for adoption. It is best to get all items in at once, so that repeated approvals by the Board is not necessary. Progression of this item will be brought back to the Board and comments will be invited at that time. Attorney Mauritson stated that the budget issues will be separate from the bylaws. Mike Reed made note that cost sharing, is of utmost importance. Keep in mind any policy ideas or concerns you have so they can be worked into the draft document. For clarity, a cost sharing component can be part of the bylaws without dollars attached to it. Aubrey Mauritson shared that if the Board wanted to get the bylaws adopted immediately, as a whole, then amendments can be brought before the Board at future dates.

6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE & ACTION ITEMS:**

Minutes - GSA Meeting of January 19, 2017 & February 23, 2017.

After noting that Kisling was spelled wrong in both documents and Cameron Hamilton abstained from the February 23, 2017 meeting, a motion

was made by Eric Borba and seconded by Mike Ennis to approve the GSA Board Minutes of January 19, 2017 and February 23, 2017.

Ayes: Hamilton, Kisling, Ennis, Wheaton, Schneider, Holmes, Leider, Borba
Noes: None
Disposition: Passed

Status Report – Eastern Tule Status Report. The City of Porterville received an e-mail on March 8, 2017, from the State of California saying they accepted our Tule Subbasin GSA formation application. Our application is currently within the 90-day overlap notification period. To date, there does not appear to be any overlapping areas. The application submittal process was completed online

Mike Reed mentioned that we still need some email addresses and phone-numbers for the attorney to file the Roster of Public Agencies form with the Secretary of State. Aubrey Mauritsen reported that she just received all that information a couple of hours before this meeting. Form 700 needs to be completed and turned in Mike Reed for each Director. It was noted that these documents are public information. In an email, Mike Reed provided a link to the Form 700 documents, which can be completed online and the appropriate forms (not the entire document) can be printed out for your convenience. The due date is April 3, 2017.

Eastern Tule GSA Logo – The Board discussed the logo's offered by staff. The top center and the bottom center appeared to be the most popular.

A motion was made by Matthew Leider and seconded by Curt Holmes to approve the top center as the official logo for the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency.



Ayes: Hamilton, Kisling, Ennis, Wheaton, Schneider, Holmes, Leider, Borba
Noes: None
Disposition: Passed

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Transition from GSA Formation to Groundwater Sustainability Plans

Tule Subbasin MOU Members Interaction History and Progression - David DeGroot of 4-Creeks made a presentation regarding the overall Tule Subbasin, and past and present movement towards unified Coordination Agreement and Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). In essence, 4-Creeks is working to bring all the individual GSA Plans together and coordinate all Plans with common elements for when there are submitted to DWR. Discussion followed clarifying points of Mr. DeGroots' presentation.

Potential Eastern Tule GSA Groundwater Allocation System – The Duke Institute Groundwater Allocation Roadmap was shared with the Board and they were asked to review it. This roadmap talks about water accountability, e.g. a banking system, tracking, transferring rights, leasing/sale of water and contains flexibility when creating a GSP. Dr. Mike Young, a co-creator of the roadmap, was recommended to assist ETGSA with the development of our GSP.

8. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:**

GSA Authority Meeting - Next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 2:00pm.

9. **ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

None

10. **CLOSED SESSION:**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm

