



Eastern Tule GSA - Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017

- I. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm.
- II. Roll call – Attendees: David Payne, Michael Knight & Mike Reed – City of Porterville; Keith Norris & Eric Limas – Teapot Dome Water District; Tim Allan, Sun Pacific (White Area); Steve Drumright – Vandalia Water District; Sean Geivet – Porterville, Saucelito & Terra Bella Irrigation Districts; Denise England – County of Tulare; Steve Dalke & Costas Cecero – Kern-Tulare Water District.

By telephone: Amanda Peisch – Department of Water Resources

Julia Inestroza – TENALU; Bill Bennett – Broadview Citrus; Sopac Mulholland – Sequoia Riverlands Trust; Terry Schuler; Bill Wallace.

- III. Open issues

Minutes – Approval of Executive Committee minutes for April 6, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Geivet to approve the April 6, 2017 minutes, with a comment to remove Ms. Mauritson from the voting members as she is the ETGSA Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Drumright.

Ayes: Reed, Norris, Limas, Allan, Drumright, Geivet, Cecero, England

Noes: None

Disposition: Passed

DWR filing to become a Groundwater Sustainable Agency (GSA) – Mr. Reed reported that as of yesterday, everything looks good, and there are no overlaps. Our application is scheduled to be approved June 6 as an official GSA.

Ms. England reported that facilitation services are available through CCT. On May 16, the County Board of Supervisors will be scheduling a Public Hearing for June 6 for the County to become the GSA for overlapped areas and that will be deemed unmanaged areas on June 30.

The city is working on a GIS map and will make it parcel specific for this GSA.

Amanda Peisch introduced herself as the Region Coordinator for the Department of Water Resources and she is located in the South Central Office in Fresno. Currently, she is tracking all the GSA formations. Eventually, her position will move toward GSA's needs for technical assistance with their GSP's. She spoke of start-up requirements-notifications for the GSP in regards to the DWR, more precisely, Section 353.6 in the GSP regulations, in SGMA regulations it is Section 10725.2. Ms. Peisch spoke of funding availability for Facilitation Support Services which includes collaboration, stakeholder engagement, communication plans, meetings and workshops facilitation, assistant with coordination agreement. Also available is Prop 1 solicitation funds. DWR can also share draft GSP's as they are developed with department staff to assist in addressing any noted issues, questions, and/or concerns.

Stakeholders Committee – Eleven applications have been received as of this date. Mr. Reed will send all applications to the Executive Committee members as soon as possible and Ms. Ratta will from then forward. This item will be on the BOD's agenda May 25, 2017. Committee members will meet shortly before the BOD's meeting to develop recommendations to the Board. A matrix of the applicants will be developed listing interests and experience.

Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Water Allocation System – The committee discussed the Technical Committee for the Tule Subbasin. Mr. Drumright has considered this topic intently and shared that the Roadmap is a pro forma GSP and we should start there. Mr. Young is expected in California late May and early June. Ms. Peisch will make sure a DWR representative attend the next meeting. Discussion around the establishment of a smaller subgroup to begin the merger of the roadmap with the DWR GSP outline arose, this group would focus only on the GSP development. Those requesting to participate include Geivet, Reed, Allan and Dalke. The subgroup would then present to the Executive Committee. Discussion turned to water allocation and many ideas and thoughts were shared.

Groundwater Recharging – Discussed a public notification to the media and incorporates a statement from the Chairman of the BOD's.

Bylaws – Discussed the status of the draft bylaws provided by Ms. Mauritsen.

IV. New business

Budget – Discussed the development of the budget, Mr. Reed shared what he created and where he got information to help him. He also noted some overlaps between the city and a couple of irrigation districts. It was felt that the presented budget was high and that ETGSA would not need technical and hydrologist assistance, which will bring the bottom line into a manageable amount. Mr. Geivet offered to put a budget together.

Agenda for May 25, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting – Committee members shared items they feel should be on the Board agenda:

Budget Discussion

Stakeholder Committee – Criteria, direction for prioritizing recommendations from the Executive Committee

GSP Discussion

V. Other Business

The committee re-discussed the GSP.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.