



OCTOBER 19, 2017 EASTERN
TULE GSA MINUTES



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD OCTOBER 19, 2017

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on October 19, 2017, at the City of Porterville Council Chambers, Eric Borba, Chairman 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 Tim Allan
 Mike Ennis Steven Kisling
 Dyson Schneider Steven Dalke (Alternate)
 Lorren Wheaton Cameron Hamilton
 Matthew Leider

Directors Absent: Curt Holmes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba opened the meeting for public comment. Public comment was received from John Corkins and Bill Samarin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current Announcements

Secretary Reed told the Board that he was collecting current, proper contact information for each of the Board members and Committee members.

MINUTES

Approval of September 21, 2017 Minutes

Director Leider moved for approval of the September 21, 2017 minutes with a correction of a portion of the minutes regarding the receipt and discussion of the Stakeholder Committee Monthly Report. The motion was seconded by Director Ennis and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive and Discuss Executive Committee Monthly Report

Secretary Reed provided a monthly report to the Board on recent activities of the Executive Committee. He reported the Executive Committee has discussed pathways of communication between it and the Board, as well as the potential of utilizing a graduate student for studies on transitional pumping. A proposed contract between the ETGSA and student will likely be brought before the board next month for approval.

Receive and Discuss Stakeholder Committee Monthly Report

Secretary Reed reported that the Stakeholder Committee held its last meeting on October 12, 2017. He reported that the Stakeholder Committee is trying to work through the wording of a mission statement. The Stakeholder Committee also discussed preparation of Bylaws for the Committee and discussed the governance structure under the GSA.

ADMINISTRATION

Interim Executive Director – Consider Appointing Sean P. Geivet as the Interim Executive Director and Secretary of the Board

Secretary Reed announced that the Executive Committee had discussed the hiring of an interim Executive Director to be responsible for the administration of ETGSA on an interim basis. The Executive Committee recommends Sean P. Geivet be retained as the interim Executive Director.

The board discussed the appointment.

Director Allan moved to appoint Sean Geivet as the Interim Executive Director and Secretary of the Board and to change the address of the ETGSA to 24790 Avenue 95, Terra Bella, CA 93270 (the Terra Bella Irrigation District Office Address). The motion was seconded by Director Ennis and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Technical Advisory Committee – Consider Establishing a Technical Advisory Committee

Secretary Reed discussed the potential initial and continuing role of a Technical Advisory Committee for ETGSA.

Public comment was received from Mr. Corkins.

Director Leider moved that the Executive Committee be directed to analyze and consider the formation of a TAC, including a budget and how the TAC would be formed, and to report back to the Board with recommendations. The motion was seconded by Director Ennis and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Letters of Support for Grant Applications for Prop. 1 Monies

Secretary Reed reported the ETGSA had received requests for letters of support for Prop. 1 Monies.

Public comment was received from Mr. Ryan Jensen with the Community Water Center. Mr. Jensen requested a letter of support for a grant of category 1 money from Prop. 1. The Community Water Center is asking for grant funding to work with five GSAs within the Tule subbasin to assist with coordination and facilitation with severely disadvantaged communities in the context of the creation and implementation of the GSP. The Community Water Center has not yet determined its budget for the indicated project. The deadline for submitting the letter of support is November 6, 2017.

Mr. Geivet also announced that ETGSA had received another recent request for a letter of support for a grant application from the Lower Tule River Irrigation District for category 2 monies from Prop. 1.

Director Ennis moved to approve of a letter to be sent in support of Community Water Center and Lower Tule River Irrigation District's grant applications. The motion was seconded by Director Wheaton 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 November 16, 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,

Mike Reed, Secretary