

***EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY JOINT
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Vandalia Water District

Terra Bella Irrigation District

Kern-Tulare Water District

Executive Committee

Thursday, October 5, 2017

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

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- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Borba.
- II. Roll call – Mike Reed – City of Porterville, Steve Dalke – Kern-Tulare Water District, Sean Geivet - Porterville, Saucelito & Terra Bella Irrigation Districts, Steve Drumright – Vandalia Water District, Keith Norris-Teapot Dome Water District, Eric Borba, Porterville Irrigation District, Michael Knight – City of Porterville, John Corkins – Stakeholders, David DeGroot – 4Creeks Engineering, Eric Limas – Tea Pot Dome Irrigation District, Tom O’Sullivan – Stakeholders, Unintelligible, Unintelligible, Julia Inestroza – Stakeholders, Jason Guthrie – Stakeholders, John Konda – Stakeholders, Don Castle – Stakeholders, Olga Samarin, Bill Samarin, Denise England – Tulare County, Terry Schuler, Tim Allan, white area representative, Bill Wallace.
- III. Public Comments and Announcements

Tim Allan introduced Liz DaBramo from UC Berkely who is working on a research project regarding GSA’s, GSP’s, water resources, and policy development.

Bill Samarin from Terra Bella spoke of his concerns with the GSP.

IV. Open issues

- a) Minutes – **Member Geivet motioned to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2017, Member Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. New business

a) Joint Committee Meeting – Member Reed summarized the presentation of Mr. Mike Young and Mr. Bryce McAteer on October 4, 2017, who discussed the progression of the GSP, implementation of an allocation system/sharing system. Member Geivet reported on the release of the GSP, it's status and distribution, and where do we go from here. He further spoke about dates for plan and infrastructure completion. A suggestion was made to appoint a small group of experts to a Technical Advisory Committee, e.g.. In addition, discussion revolved around the definition of “stakeholders” and the committee’s goal, and who should be responsible for reach-out. A flow-chart was quickly developed and shared.

A motion was made by Member Geivet and seconded by Member Drumright to form an ad hoc committee to be defined by the Executive Committee, consisting of Denise England, Steve Drumright and Sean Geivet for the purpose of completing the Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee returned to their discussion of the Technical Advisory Committee and the position make-up of the members, e.g. and engineer, hydrogeologist, legal counsel, agricultural academic and land use planner.

b) Consider allowing a Graduate Student to prepare a dissertation regarding the GSP progression for the Eastern Tule GSA – Liz DeBromo shared with the committee the research she is planning for her dissertation. Several people made suggestions for her to explore and provide guidance on transition. Costs for her work was discussed, and a recommendation will be offered to the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Member Geivet and seconded by Member Reed to recommend the Board of Directors to approve a stipend for graduate student Liz DeBromo to provide guidance on the transition to a water share system. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Discussion regarding the appointment of an Eastern Tule GSA General Manager - The committee discussed the appointment of a General Manager, and the needs of the ETGSA for a full-time manager and clerical support. It was suggested recommend to the Board of Directors to approve hiring an interim manager and staff, who will assist in the preparation of the RFP for a permanent manager, including a job description and salary, and the day-to-day operations of the GSA.

Member Dalke moved to amend the budget for a general manager position and Member Geivet agreed to accept the interim manager position and Member England agreed to accept the clerical. Member Etchegaray seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

d) Agenda for October 19, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

- Approval of a Technical Advisory Committee;
- Tasking an Ad Hoc committee to complete the Bylaws;
- Graduate Student stipend and budget amendment; and
- Appointment of interim general manager Sean Geivet.

VI. Other Business

a) Open Discussion – Member Reed brought up the status of the MOU, Member England reported on this subject.

VII. Adjournment was at 3:35 pm.

Sean Geivet, Interim General Manager