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**Meeting of the
Stakeholder
Committee**

Thursday, September 14, 2017

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

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- I. Chair Leider called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.
- II. Those present stated their names for roll call: Mike Reed, Secretary of the ETGSA; John Konda, Stakeholder; Julia Inestroza, Stakeholder; ~~John~~ Tom Sullivan, Stakeholder; Matt Watkins, Stakeholder; Kathy Briano, Stakeholder; Matt Leider, Chair & GSA Board Representative; Bill Wallace, Land Owner; Bill Samarin, Land Owner; Unintelligible; Sean Geivet, GSA Executive Committee; Jim Parsons, Ducor Community Services; Todd Turley, Land Owner; Don Castle, Stakeholder. Attendees from the Sign-In Sheet – Terry Schuler; Adriana Renteria, Community Water Services.
- III. Oral Communication – Mr. Reed shared that Board and Committee meetings are conducted under the “Brown Act,” and he explained the requirements regarding the requirements to post meeting agenda’s 72-hours prior to the meeting. It is a violation of the act should a majority of the Stakeholders committee gather together outside of the meeting venue. Also discussed was a brown act violation involving a series of emails between a majority of committee members, eg using “reply all” to send a comment back to the original sender is a violation of the act. However, the Executive committee encourages the Stakeholders to communicate with outside individuals about SGMA status.

Mr. Reed brought attention to and shared the presentation given at the ETGSA Board meeting by Mr. David DeGroot that demonstrates what the ETGSA is about and how we interact with other GSA's within the Tule Subbasin. He further spoke of the requirements of SGMA, Coordination Agreements, MOU's, GSP's "Plans", map of the Tule Subbasin, structure and outreach. Mr. R.L. Schafer is the facilitator of the Tule Subbasin SGMA. Small communities within the boundaries of, such as Ducor Community and Richgrove Community Service Districts, ETGSA are included and covered by its Plan. It was shared that grant monies are available to develop Plan's and to develop the Coordination Agreement (a new MOU) for the six agencies of the Subbasin. He further spoke of on-going work on the model and the need for more reliable data, the role of the Stakeholders, and preparing the Plans. ETGSA has notified the Department of Water Resources of its commencement of the plan and it is due January 30, 2020. Implementation of the plan and annual reporting begins, and sustainability is expected in 2040.

IV. New business

- a) Stakeholders Committee – Discussion of Roles and Goals. A draft copy of the Department of Water Resource's (DWR) Stakeholder Communication and Engagement was handed out to the committee. As of this date, it continues to show "draft" on DWR's website. The website also includes other resources for Stakeholders. SGMA defines the role of the stakeholders as those who should provide guidelines to the Board for approval. The committee is advisory.
- b) Ad Hoc Committee Report – Progression of Groundwater Sustainable Plan and Water Allocation System. The Ad Hoc committee has reached a point in the Plan/Water Allocation System for ETGSA's and public input. It is felt that the plan should contain policies that DWR will approve, and appendices that are flexible to this local GSA and can be revised without DWR approval. The document is currently with the attorney and will then be taken to the Board for action or return to committee's for further revisions. It was further discussed that Stakeholders will be the voice of land owners and other entities, and help in the creation of the appendices.

- c) Thomas Harder and Company “Hydrogeological Conceptual Model and Water Budget of the Tule Subbbasin” Report – Discussion, purpose and availability of report. The Stakeholders committee was brought up to date on the availability of the report and permission is being sought from the Tule Subbasin Board and the writer to release it publicly.
- d) Bylaws – Discussion with the committee regarding Bylaws implementation schedule. Mr. Reed reported the attorney representing ETGSA is working on the Bylaws. It will address the role of the Stakeholders committee, the role of the Executive committee, and the flow of communication.

V. Other Business

- a) Open Discussion – A question and answer period commenced.
- b) The next meeting of the Stakeholders committee will be October 12, 2017 beginning at 1 pm at the City of Porterville’s Jay C Coleman conference room, 291 N. Main Street, Porterville.
- c) Committee members shared their backgrounds.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.