



SEPTEMBER 21, 2017  
EASTERN TULE GSA MINUTES



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GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on September 21, 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             Curt Holmes  
                                 Lorren Wheaton               Cameron Hamilton  
                                 Matthew Leider

Directors Absent:     None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current Announcements

Matt Bixler from Ruddell, Cochran, Stanton & Bixler, LLP was present at the meeting today as legal counsel, temporarily sitting in for Aubrey Mauritson

Director Allan announced that there was a graduate student who is interested in performing work and studies related to water markets and subsidence issues. The executive committee was tasked with speaking to her to determine if she can provide any beneficial assistance.

Director Allan announced that he had been approached by a consultant who was interested in doing work for the ETGSA.

MINUTES

Approval of August 17, 2017 Minutes

Chairman Borba indicated that a correction to the August minutes was required as Cameron Hamilton attended the August meeting and Monte Reyes did not. With that change

Director Mike Ennis moved for approval of the August 17, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Cameron Hamilton 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 that there was a "discussion draft" of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan prepared by the ad hoc committee. That discussion draft was provided to the board members at the meeting and copies were made available to those members from the public that attended the meeting.

Sean Geivet made it clear that the discussion draft of the plan was just a starting point only. There is still a lot of work to do and a lot of decisions to be made. Mr. Geivet recommended that the board direct the executive committee to work with legal counsel, the engineer and the stakeholders committee, with the goal to ultimately bring back to the board a recommended plan for review and public comment.

The board agreed to send the discussion draft of the plan to the executive committee for continued work and comment by legal counsel, the engineering consultant, and the stakeholders committee.

### Receive and Discuss Stakeholder Committee Monthly Report

Secretary Reed reported the Stakeholder Committee held its first meeting on September 14, 2017. Matt Leider is the chair of that committee. A guideline was provided to the attendees regarding the stakeholders' role in the process. Part of SGMA is that everything is to be open and transparent, and the board is required to keep the public informed. One of the primary functions of the Stakeholder Committee is to facilitate communication with the public.

## EASTERN TULE GSA INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### Presentation on the Tule Subbasin Hydrogeological Conceptual Model and Water Budget by David DeGroot, 4Creeks Civil Engineering

David DeGroot, from 4Creeks Civil Engineering gave a presentation on the Tule Subbasin Hydrogeological Conceptual Model and Water Budget that was prepared by Hydrogeologist Thomas Harder. A copy of the pages from the Model that were shown at the meeting are attached hereto as Exhibit A. The complete Conceptual Model and Water Budget will be made available on the ETGSA website.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Approval of Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Subject to Legal Counsel Review and Approval

Secretary Reed presented the MOU to the Board, and explained specific sections of the MOU. The MOU is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Secretary Reed presented the Agreement to designate Lower Tule Irrigation District as a fiscal agent for the Tule Subbasin GSAs (the "Agreement"). The Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

After discussion of the MOU and the Agreement, Director Ennis moved to approve the MOU and the Agreement, subject to legal counsel review. The motion was seconded by Director Leider 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 October 19, 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,

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Mike Reed, Secretary