



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
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AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD JULY 2, 2019**

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on July 2, 2019, at the City of Porterville Council Chambers, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Eric Borba
Steve Kisling
Edwin Wheaton
Matthew Leider
Monte Reyes
Eric Limas (Alternate)
Curt Holmes
John Corkins
Dennis Townsend

Members Absent: Dyson Schneider

Others Present: Bryce McAteer
Aubrey Mauritson
Stacie Ann Silva
Don Wright
Geoff Vanden Heuvel
Mike Reed
Sean Geivet
Charmin Costa
Don Castle
John M. Domodon
Tom O’Sullivan
Todd Turley
Mike Knight
David DeGroot

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba called for public comment.

Public comment was received from Don Wright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced that meeting-related materials were available in the back of the chambers. He also announced that the next Tule Subbasin TAC meeting is scheduled for 2pm on July 17, 2019 at the Heritage Center.

MINUTES

Approval of June 6, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes

Executive Director McAteer presented the board with the minutes of the June 6, 2019 Workshop Meeting.

Director Corkins moved for approval of the June 6, 2018 workshop meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Leider and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of June 6, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Director McAteer presented the board with the minutes of the June 6, 2019 regular board meeting.

Director Corkins moved for approval of the June 6, 2019 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Leider and the board unanimously approved the motion.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

Review the Financial Statements; Consider Ratification of Bills Paid and Approval of Bills to be Paid

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on current financial standing and accounts payable. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a, is a copy of the financial reports and accounts payable.

Director Kisling moved and Director Leider seconded to ratify the bills paid and approve bills to be paid. The board unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Quarterly Call for Funds

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Quarterly Call for Funds. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of his report and, as Exhibit A, a copy of the First Quarterly Call for funds for FY 2019/2020.

Director Kisling moved to approve the call for funds for the first quarter amount for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Holmes. Thereafter, the motion was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT:
[Government Code Section 54947]
Title: Executive Director

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding the evaluation of the Executive Director.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The board of directors came back into open session. Chairman Borba reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

ADMINISTRATION

Review Agency Insurance renewals and alternative Insurance Proposal

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Agency's insurance renewal and alternative proposal. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of his report and, as Exhibit A, a copy of the alternative insurance proposal.

No action was taken.

Report on status of General Plan Referral Application for the Draft GSP

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the status of General Plan Referral Application for the Draft GSP. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a copy of his report. He discussed that, following legal review, ETGSA had not moved forward on submitting a GPR application.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on recent outreach and community engagement efforts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the Finance Committee Monthly report. The Executive Director also gave a verbal report on the meeting of the Finance Committee held today, wherein he reported that the Finance Committee had recommended keeping the current insurance provider and policy, recommended approval of payment of the bills, and approval of a quarterly call for funds.

Receive Stakeholder Committee Monthly Report

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the Stakeholder Committee Monthly report.

Receive Executive Committee Monthly Report

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7c is a copy of the Executive Committee Monthly report.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co's task items. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of his report. Included in his report were Exhibit A, a TH&Co figure describing a proposed subsidence monitoring area, as Exhibit B, a presentation describing basin setting updates, and as Exhibit C, TH&Co Scope of Work for Contractor Bid Services re: Drilling and Construction of Monitoring Wells (dated June 28, 2019).

Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the updated sustainable yield number and the projected volumes of transitional pumping within ETGSA.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided comment on the components of the Tule Subbasin sustainable yield

Discussion continued amongst the Board regarding the updates to the Basin Setting document.

Public comment was received from Stacie Ann Silva.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the calculation of the sustainable yield and how return flows had been incorporated.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided comment on the future projected water budget and areas to be further investigated and refined prior to finalization

Report on Regional Stakeholder Coordination

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on regional stakeholder coordination, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9b.

GSP DRAFTING

Report on Progress of ETGSA GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the progress of the drafting of the GSP. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10a is a copy of his report.

Public comment was received from Don Wright.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding completion of the GSP.

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided comment on completion of the draft GSP.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be a regular meeting, set for August 13, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce G. McAteer, Secretary to the Board