



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2019

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on October 3, 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”).

Members Present: John Corkins  
Geoffrey Galloway  
Dennis Townsend  
Matthew Leider  
Curt Holmes

Eric Borba  
Michael Knight (alternate)  
Dyson Schneider  
Steve Kisling

Members Absent: Monte Reyes

Others Present: Rogelio Caudillo  
Aubrey Mauritson  
Val Guzman  
Don Castle  
Tom O’Sullivan  
Eric Lima

Allen Reyes  
Bill Wallace  
John Konda  
Johnny Amaral  
Brad S.  
Sean Geivet

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced the public comment period. Johnny Amaral provided public comment.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Executive Director Caudillo announced that SB 559 has been changed to a two-year bill. He also announced that SB 1 has been vetoed.

### MINUTES

#### Approval of September 5, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the September 5, 2019 special board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Leider, and unanimously approved.

## STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on the ongoing ETGSA outreach efforts.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Consider Approval of TH&Co Proposal to Update, Refine, and Recalibrate the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on the TH&Co proposal to update, refine, and recalibrate the Tule Subbasin groundwater flow model. Attached hereto and incorporated hereby by reference is Agenda Item #5a is a copy of the proposal. Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided a report. Annual reports by GSAs are due April 1, 2020. This scope of work also qualifies for potential grant funding. The cost is shared by other GSAs within the subbasin based on acreage.

Discussion ensued regarding ETGSA's share of funding and grant funding.

Director Corkins moved to approve the TH&Co proposal. Director Schneider seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

### Consider Approval of OACYS Proposal for Hosted Voice Service for ETGSA Office Located at 881 W. Morton Avenue, Suite D, Porterville, CA 93257

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on OACYS proposal for hosted voice service. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #5b, a copy of the proposal.

Director Corkins moved to approve the OACYS proposal. Director Leider seconded and the board unanimously approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Receive Joint Executive and Stakeholder Committee Meeting Monthly Report

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

### Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the Finance Committee Monthly report. The Finance Committee also met today.

## BILLS AND WARRANTS

### Consider Approval of Independent Auditor's Report & Audited Financial Statements from Inception Through June 30, 2018

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the auditor's report.

Director Corkins moved to approve the auditor's report. Director Kisling seconded and the board unanimously approved.

### Review the Financial Statements; Consider Ratification of Bills Paid and Approval of Bills to be Paid. Materials Be Distributed on the Day of the Board Meeting.

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on current financial standing and accounts payable. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of the financial statements.

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

### Consider Approval for Quarterly Call of Funds

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on the Quarterly Call for Funds. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8c is a copy of his report and a copy of the Second Quarterly Call for funds for FY 2019/2020.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the Call and Finance Committee recommendations.

Director Kisling moved to approve the call for funds for the second quarter amount for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Schneider. The board unanimously approved.

## TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

### Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

Consulting Engineer DeGroot reported that Mr. Harder is working on refining data, and continues to refine water budget components and items, which are the subject of ongoing discussions.

### Consider Approval of the 2019-2020 Tule Subbasin Budget

Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided a report on the 2019-2020 Tule Subbasin Budget. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9b, a copy of the Tule Subbasin 2019-2020 draft budget.

Discussion ensued regarding grant funding and oversight. In addition, discussion was held concerning well installation, budgeting, and costs of monitoring wells.

Director Corkins moved for approval of the 2019-2020 Tule Subbasin Budget. The motion was seconded by Director Leider and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Letter of Support for Tule the Subbasin Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on the letter of support for Tule the Subbasin Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9c, a draft copy of the letter.

Director Corkins moved for approval of the grant. The motion was seconded by Director Holmes and unanimously approved.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

Status on Draft GSP Public Comment Period and Update on Future Workshops

Interim Executive Director Caudillo gave a presentation on the status of the draft GSP public comment period and update on future workshops. The public hearing will be held on December 16, 2019. The draft GSP is available for public comment. Mr. Caudillo has received several inquiries concerning access to the agreement. Flash drives are available at the ETGSA office. A workshop on the draft plan will be held by the committees on October 17, 2019.

DISCUSS FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GSP

Discuss Future Ordinances and/or Rules and Regulations for the Agency. Direction May be Given to Staff, Discuss Satellite Monitoring, Meters and Other Mechanisms

Mr. Caudillo provided an overview of committee requests for these agenda items. Counsel Mauritson gave a presentation on potential future ordinances and/or rules and regulations for the agency.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for regulations and directing staff to provide analysis.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot gave a presentation on the satellite monitoring, meters, and other mechanisms in connection with the draft GSP and Coordination Agreement. Mr. DeGroot also reported on current data collection and steps moving forward.

Public comment was received from Don Castle and Eric Limas.

The Board directed staff to look into translation of policy into legal terms, and to provide an update at next board meeting. At that time, an ad hoc committee may be formed.

Comment was received from Sean Geivet.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for measurement as soon as possible

Discussion ensued regarding the effect of rules and regulations upon the quantities identified in the draft GSP.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot advised that he is working toward more clearly defining and communicating the potential quantities contained in the draft GSP.

Discussion ensued regarding water usage.

Comment was received from Sean Geivet.

Discussion ensued regarding the consumptive use of East Tule.

#### Discuss Future Financing of the Agency

Counsel Mauritson gave a presentation on the status of the future financing of the agency.

The Board directed staff to prepare a memo on funding options, and to present the memo to the Finance Committee.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 2 p.m. at City of Porterville Council Chambers (291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA)

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be a regular meeting, set for November 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

#### 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 Mauritson regarding public employment.

#### 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rogelio Caudillo, Interim Executive Director