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**Special Meeting of the
Authority Board of
Directors**

Monday, December 16, 2019
Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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Rogelio Caudillo
Interim Executive Director

Aubrey Mauritson
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City of Porterville
City Council Chambers
291 N. Main St.
Porterville, California 93257

-----AGENDA-----

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1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes or the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name for the record.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES

- a. **ACTION** – Approval of November 7, 2019 Meeting of the Board Minutes

5. STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a. Report on ongoing ETGSA outreach efforts.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports.
b. Receive Joint Executive and Stakeholder Committee Meeting Monthly Report.

7. **BILLS AND WARRANTS**

- a. **ACTION** – 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.

8. **TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS**

- a. Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items.

9. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)**

- a. Staff Report for draft GSP including brief presentation on the GSP Adoption Process and GSP content.
- b. Public Hearing for Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Comments by individuals and entities will be limited to three minutes or as may be reasonable as determined by the conducting officer. No action will be taken.

10. **CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:**
[Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]
Number of Potential Cases: Three

11. **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

- a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

12. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 2 p.m. at City of Porterville Council Chambers (291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA).

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the GSA Authority to provide a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the GSA Authority. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the GSA. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, facsimile, or written correspondence to the GSA Authority Secretary or to the City of Porterville Public Works Department (559) 791-7804, at least 48 hours before a public GSA meeting.



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MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2019

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on November 7, 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 Mauritsen
Val Guzman
Don Castle
Trelawney Bullis
David Payne
John M. Domondon

Stacie Ann Silva
Alan Becker
Brad Samuelson
Michael Roberts
John Matthisen
Bill Samarin

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced the public comment period. Bill Samarin presented public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Executive Director Caudillo announced that a workshop will be held next week at Porterville College on November 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Caudillo also announced that ETGSA now has its own office number.

MINUTES

Approval of October 3, 2019 Special Meetings of the Board Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the October 3, 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. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of the Finance Committee Monthly report. The Finance Committee also met today.

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 #6b is a copy of the Joint Stakeholder and Executive Committee Monthly report.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

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. The finance committee recommends payment of the accounts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the financial statements.

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

Update on Fiscal Year 2019 Audit with Cuttone & Mastro

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2019 audit with Cuttone & Mastro. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the Auditor's Report.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provide a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of his report.

Report on Inter-Basin and Other Regional Stakeholder Coordination

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provide a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of his report.

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.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: Three

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding three potential items of anticipated litigation.

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.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 5, 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 December 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Interim Executive Director



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Agenda Item 5.a

Report on ongoing ETGSA outreach efforts

Staff Report to the ETGSA Board of Directors

Subject: Summary of November Outreach
Submitted By: Interim Executive Director
Recommended Action: n/a (report is for informational purposes)

Executive Summary:

In addition to its regular Board and Committee Meetings and email correspondence to its Interested Parties List, ETGSA continues to conduct community outreach regarding SGMA, ETGSA, and the development of ETGSA's Draft GSP through a variety of events and other media.

A summary of ETGSA's outreach efforts in October is provided below:

- November 1, 2019 (Event) – ETGSA Interim Executive Director attended the Porterville Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffee community event.
- November 13, 2019 (Event) – ETGSA Interim Executive Director held a Workshop for the Community on the ETGSA GSP draft at Porterville College.
- November 14, 2019 (Meeting) – ETGSA Interim Executive Director gave a presentation on the ETGSA GSP draft for the Exchange Club of Porterville.
- December 3, 2019 (Meeting) – ETGSA Interim Executive Director attended the City of Porterville's City Council Meeting and participated in an update on the GSP given to the City Council and residents in attendance.
- December 6, 2019 (Event) – ETGSA Interim Executive Director attended the Porterville Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffee and City of Porterville's State of the City community event.

Background:

SGMA requires that, "The groundwater sustainability agency shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans..." (WAT § 10723.2). ETGSA undertakes outreach efforts, both individually and in collaboration with regional partners, to ensure that these interests are



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considered and provided with information pertinent and relevant to SGMA and the development of ETGSA's GSP. The ETGSA Board of Directors adopted a Communication and Engagement Plan on October 5, 2018 that serves as a living guide to ETGSA's outreach efforts.

ETGSA's Board and Committee meetings occur on a regular basis and, save for closed session as permitted pursuant the Brown Act, are open to the public.

ETGSA continues to encourage its stakeholders to engage the Agency with other opportunities for outreach.

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Attachments: n/a



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Agenda Item 6.a

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

Staff Report to the ETGSA Board of Directors

Subject: Summary of Most Recent ETGSA Finance Committee Meetings

Submitted By: Interim Executive Director

Recommended Action: n/a (report is for informational purposes)

Executive Summary:

Meeting #1 - The ETGSA Finance Committee met on November 15, 2019. Below is a summary of the meeting:

Summary of Actions Taken -

- Approved Minutes of November 7, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting. (Unanimous)
- Approved Reconciliation of Financial Statements with County of Tulare. (Unanimous)
- Approved payment of the bills (Unanimous)

Meeting #2 - The ETGSA Finance Committee met on December 5, 2019. Below is a summary of the meeting:

Summary of Actions Taken -

- Approved Minutes of November 15, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting. (Unanimous)
- Approved payment of the bills (Unanimous)

Meeting #3 - A report on the Meeting of the ETGSA Finance Committee, scheduled to be held on December 16, 2019, will be given verbally.

Background:

n/a

Fiscal Impact:

n/a



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Attachments:

n/a



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Agenda Item 6.b

Receive Joint Executive and Stakeholder Committees Meeting Monthly Report

Staff Report to the ETGSA Board of Directors

Subject: Summary of Joint Executive & Stakeholder Committees meeting held October 17, 2019

Submitted By: Interim Executive Director

Recommended Action: n/a (report is for informational purposes)

Executive Summary: The ETGSA Executive and Stakeholder Committees met jointly on October 17, 2019 and both committees decided to cancel committee meetings for the month of November.

Background:

n/a

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Attachments:

n/a



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Agenda Item 7.a

Review the Financial Statements; consider ratification of bills paid and approval of bills to be paid

Staff Report to the ETGSA Board of Directors

Subject: ETGSA Financial Statements and Bills (Paid and to be Paid)
Submitted By: Interim Executive Director
Recommended Action: *Move to ratify the bills paid and approve the bills to be paid*

Executive Summary:

n/a

Background:

n/a

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Attachments:

- Exhibit A: ETGSA Financial Statements (Unaudited)
 - Note – To be distributed on the day of the Board Meeting



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Agenda Item 8.a

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

Staff Report to the ETGSA Board of Directors

Subject: Updates Regarding Tule Subbasin Coordination and Task Items

Submitted By: Interim Executive Director

Recommended Action: n/a (report is for informational purposes)

Executive Summary:

Coordination and TH&Co Task Items – Thomas Harder and Company and the Tule Subbasin GSA Staff met on November 26 & 27, 2019 to discuss updates and next steps related to various scopes of work being undertaken by TH&Co.

Below is a summary of the updates, anticipated deliverables, and associated Exhibits:

- The staff from ETGSA, LTRID GSA, Pixley GSA, DEID GSA, TCWA, and Alpaugh GSA got together to comment on and discuss the Draft Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement and Draft GSPs.
- Presentation by Land IQ.
- Presentation by USDA for Loan Fund Projects.
- Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Grants Status updates.
 - Proposition 68 Grant submitted.
- The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 2:00pm (Location TBD).

Background:

ETGSA is member to the Tule Subbasin MOU Group. This group consists of the various GSAs overlying the Tule Subbasin. More information can be found at: www.tulesgma.com

The Tule Subbasin GSAs have collectively engaged and contracted TH&Co to undertake various scopes of work to assist them in the completion of their GSPs, Coordination Agreement, and



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various technical matters that must be addressed in a coordinated Subbasin manner. Additionally, R.L. Schafer serves as the Tule Subbasin Coordinator and David De Groot/4Creeks serves as Technical Lead/Grant Lead/Secretary. Lower Tule River Irrigation District serves as Fiscal Agent to the Tule Subbasin MOU Group.

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Attachments:

n/a



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Agenda Item 9.a

Staff Report for Draft GSP including brief presentation on the GSP Adoption Process and GSP content

Staff Report to the ETGSA Board of Directors

Subject: GSP Adoption Process and GSP Content
Submitted By: Interim Executive Director
Recommended Action: n/a (report is for information purposes)

Executive Summary:

- Report will be given verbally.

Background:

n/a

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Attachments:

n/a