



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## **MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2020**

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on January 17, 2020, at the City of Porterville, Council Chambers, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present:   John Corkins                       Eric Borba  
                          Geoffrey Galloway               Dyson Schneider  
                          Dennis Townsend                Steve Kisling  
                          Matthew Leider                    Steve Dalke (Alternate)  
                          Monte Reyes

Members Absent:   Curt Holmes

Others Present:

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Eric Borba announced the public comment period. Johnny Amaral of Friant Water Authority provided 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: One**

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding one potential item 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Executive Director Caudillo advised that there were no announcements.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Consider Approval to Join the Tulare County Farm Bureau

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on joining the Tulare County Farm Bureau. Director Kisling reported the finance committee recommended approving membership in all 3.

Director Kisling moved to approve joining the Tulare County Farm Bureau. Director Corkins seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

### Consider Approval to Join the Porterville Chamber of Commerce

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on joining the Porterville Chamber of Commerce.

Director Corkins moved to approve joining the Porterville Chamber of Commerce. Director Leider seconded. Director Reyes recused himself from the vote. The remaining directors approved unanimously.

### Consider Approval to Join the Tulare-Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on joining the Tulare-Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Director Corkins moved to approve joining the Tulare-Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Director Townsend seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a 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 reported that neither committee has met since the last Board meeting.

## 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 #8a is a copy of the financial statements.

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

### Consider and Approve Call for Funds

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on financial matters. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #8b, a description of the call for funds.

Director Kisling moved to approve the call for funds as presented in Agenda Item #8b. Director Corkins seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

## 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 #9a is a copy of his report.

### Consider Approval of TH&Co Scope of Work for Land Subsidence Management Plan Study

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #9b, a copy of the Scope of Work. Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided an overview of the Scope of Work.

Discussion ensued regarding cost, process on reports, timeline, and the peer review process.

Director Corkins moved to approve the Scope of Work for Land Subsidence Management Plan Study. Director Townsend seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

### Consider Approval of Contract and Scope of Work with Land IQ

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #9c, a copy of the Proposal. Consulting Engineer De Groot provided an overview of the proposal and cost estimate. If the entire subbasin contracts for the work, the cost will be 72 cents per acre.

Discussion ensued.

Director Corkins moved to approve the development of a contract with Land IQ. Director Leider seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

#### GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

##### Staff Report on Draft GSP (Staff Will Provide an Overview of Public Comments Received on the Draft Plan and Explain Proposed Revisions to the Final GSP Based on Such Comments)

Interim Executive Director Caudillo gave a presentation on the status of the draft GSP. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10a is a copy of his report. Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided a report on staff's recommendations on revisions to the draft GSP. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Mr. DeGroot's technical memorandum summarizing all substantive changes to the Plan and a matrix outlining how the recommended final GSP responds to public comments received.

Discussion ensued regarding drinking well failures.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot continued with his presentation on projects and management actions.

##### Consider Approval of Resolution 2020-01, to Approve and Adopt Final GSP (The Board Will Consider Whether to Adopt a Final GSP, Which Includes the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement, Based on Staff's Recommended Revisions as Presented During the Meeting. The Final GSP Incorporates the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement)

Chairman Borba invited the public to make comments on Mr. De Groot's presentation and the final GSP. No comments were received.

Interim Executive Director Caudillo referred the Board to Resolution 2020-001. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10b is a copy of the Resolution.

Director Corkins moved to approve the Resolution 2020-001 and to Approve and Adopt Final GSP. Director Kisling seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

##### Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 2 p.m. at City of Porterville Council Chambers (291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA)

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be a meeting, set for February 6, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

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