



EASTERN TULE
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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2020

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2020, at the City of Porterville Transit Main Purpose Conference Room, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Executive Members Present: John M. Domondon Eric Limas
 Steve Dalke Glenn Fowler
 Sean Geivet Eric Borba
 Denise England

Executive Members Absent: Steve Etchegaray Nick Keller
 Michael Knight

Others Present: Rebecca Berg Garrett Busch
 Geoff Vanden Heuvel Don Castle

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced public the comment period. No public comment was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Executive Director Caudillo announced that the time period has commenced for public comment with DWR on ETGSA’s GSP.

MINUTES

Approve the October 17, 2019 Special Joint Meeting of the ETGSA Executive and Stakeholder Committee Minutes

Committee member England moved for approval of the October 17, 2019 special joint meeting of the Executive and Stakeholder Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee member Domondon and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

ETGSA MEETINGS REVIEW

Report on ETGSA Board Meetings

Interim Executive Director Caudillo referred the committee to Agenda Item #5a, a report on the ETGSA Board Meetings. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of the report.

Report on February 13, 2020 ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Meeting

Interim Executive Director Caudillo referred the committee to Agenda Item #5b, a report on the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Meeting of February 13, 2020. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a copy of the report.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing Outreach Efforts and Upcoming Events

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on the ongoing outreach efforts and upcoming events. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #6a is a copy of his report.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Report GSP and Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on the GSP and Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the report.

POLICY ISSUES

Discussion Regarding Potential ETGSA Recharge Policy

Interim Executive Director Caudillo provided a report on the potential ETGSA recharge policy

Discussion ensued regarding the process and interest in a recharge policy. Discussion ensued regarding the use of Land IQ and accounting functions. Discussion ensued regarding movement of water between GSAs. Discussion continued regarding the importance of establishing standards for recharge and banking.

Public comment was received from Garret Busch.

Discussion continued regarding the importance of recharge projects. Direction was provided to legal counsel to being development of a recharge and banking policy.

Discussion ensued regarding previously recommended ETGSA policies, prioritization and the need for flexibility.

Public comment was received from Bill Bennet and Don Castle.

Discussion ensued regarding water accounting and the process for adopting rules and regulations.

Discussion ensued concerning the status of engagement of Land IQ.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Transit Multi-Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave., Ste. D, Porterville)

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for March 19, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Eric Borba