




EASTERN TULE  
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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD APRIL 9, 2020

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2020, Chairman Bennett called to order a meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 and social distancing directives, the meeting was conducted by teleconference only, with no physical location for the meeting.

Stakeholder Members Present:

James Parsons	Bill Bennett
Matt Watkins	Julie Inestroza
Jason Guthrie	Sopac Mulholland
John Konda	Tom O'Sullivan
Don Castle 	

Stakeholder Members Absent: Kathy Briano

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Rogelio Caudillo announced that DWR has extended the public comment period for ETGSA's GSP to June 3, 2020.

### MINUTES

#### Approve the March 12, 2020 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes

Committee member Mulholland moved for approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2020 Meeting of the Stakeholder Committee. The motion was seconded by Committee member Konda. The remaining committee members unanimously approved the motion by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:  
Jason Guthrie  
Julie Inestroza  
Matt Watkins

Abstentions:

Don Castle  
Tom O'Sullivan

Opposed: None.

## TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

### Update on Friant Water Authority Preliminary Financial Impact Analysis of Transitional Groundwater Pumping Technical Memorandum.

Doug DeFlicht provided a report on updates to the Memorandum.

## POLICY ISSUES

### Discussion Regarding ETGSA Groundwater Financial and Accounting System

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a presentation on the accounting system for ETGSA. He advised that comments and feedback are welcome.

Discussion ensued regarding the treatment of established plantings.

Consulting Engineer De Groot explained the basis for calculating allocations, and use of allocated water under the prospective accounting system. He also discussed carryover and transferability of allocations.

Discussion ensued regarding carryover and transferability. Concerns were raised regarding a prospective water market. Discussion ensued concerning the relationship between the prospective market and the rules and regulations.

Discussion ensued concerning transferability of allocations.

Public comment received from Garret Busch.

Discussion ensued concerning the characteristics of transitional water allocations. Discussion ensued regarding annual and multi-year allocations.

Trelawney Bullis provided public comment.

Discussion ensued concerning the differences between land that is actively being farmed and land that is not. Discussion ensued concerning lands being farmed and irrigated, but which are not part of the ILRP. Discussion ensued concerning fallowing and allocations for new agricultural production. Discussion ensued concerning potential mechanisms for carrying over allocations. Discussion ensued regarding recharge and groundwater banking policies.

Trelawney Bullis provided public comment.

Discussion ensued concerning the authority of the districts concerning surface water.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Stakeholder Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Bill Bennett