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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD MAY 14, 2020**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on May 14, 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 Julia Inestroza
 Jason Guthrie Sopac Mulholland
 Don Castle Tom O'Sullivan

Stakeholder Members Absent: Kathy Briano John Konda

ROLL CALL

Chairman Bennett called roll call as follows:

Chairman Bill Bennett
Committee member Castle
Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member Mulholland
Committee member O'Sullivan
Committee member Parsons
Committee member Watkins

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that there were no announcements.

MINUTES

Approve the April 9, 2020 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes

It was noted that an amendment is needed to reflect Committee member Parsons' attendance. Committee member O'Sullivan moved for approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2020 Meeting of the Stakeholder Committee, as amended. The motion was seconded by Committee member Watkins. The remaining committee members unanimously approved the motion by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member O'Sullivan
Committee member Parsons
Committee member Mulholland
Committee member Watkins
Committee member Castle

Opposed: None.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Discussion and Potential Recommendation on Appointment of Member & Alternate to Tule Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). *(Stakeholder Committee May Make a Recommendation to the Board of Directors on Appointment of Individual to the Tule Subbasin (TAC)*

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the potential recommendation on the appointment of a member and alternate member to the Tule Subbasin TAC. Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a summary of the Tule Subbasin TAC, its formation, and its purpose. Mr. De Groot estimated that the TAC would meet quarterly.

Discussion ensued regarding the TAC.

Committee member Castle recommended Steve Etchegaray.

Committee member Parsons moved to recommend the appointment of Steve Etchegaray. Committee member Watkins seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by way of the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Committee member Castle
Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member Mulholland
Committee member O'Sullivan

Committee member Parsons
Committee member Watkins

Discussion ensued regarding Steve Etchegaray's position on the Executive Committee.

Discussion on Scope of Work and Cost Estimate to Conduct an Analysis of Potential Water Exchanges and Transfers by Thomas Harder

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the scope of work and cost estimate to conduct an analysis of potential water exchanges and transfer by Thomas Harder. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b, is a copy of the scope of work. Consulting Engineer De Groot provided an overview of the proposed work. He advised that some GSAs have expressed interest in being able to transfer groundwater pursuant to their plans. A pilot study has been proposed.

Sean Geivet provided comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the parameters of the study and the cost.

Eric Limas provided comment.

The committee's discussion was favorable toward the prospect of participating in the study.

POLICY ISSUES

Review and Discussion of ETGSA "Landowner Groundwater Cheat Sheet"

Chairman Bennett referred the committee to the cheat sheet. Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a presentation on ETGSA Landowner Groundwater Cheat Sheet. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of the revised Cheat Sheet.

Committee member Watkins provided comment regarding charges for total precipitation and sustainable yield.

Consulting Engineer De Groot explained the various options available to water users in terms of measurement and source prioritization.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing and logistics of invoicing and billing.

Comment was received from Bill Samarin.

Discussion ensued regarding landowner options and flexibility related to prioritization.

Review and Discussion of DRAFT ETGSA Groundwater Banking and Recharge Policy

General Counsel Mauritson provided a presentation on the Draft ETGSA Groundwater Banking and Recharge Policy.

Discussion ensued regarding time limits, rules related to the recapture of surface water, and landowner flexibility.

Discussion ensued regarding existing facilities

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Stakeholder Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 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,

Chairman Bill Bennett