



*EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY*

## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD MAY 21, 2020**

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At approximately 2:00 p.m. on May 21, 2020, Chairman Borba called to order a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District. 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.

Executive Members Present:            John M. Domondon            Eric Limas  
   Steve Dalke                        Michael Knight  
   Sean Geivet                        Eric Borba  
   Steve Etchegaray                Denise England  
   Nick Keller

Executive Members Absent:            Glenn Fowler

Others Present:

### ROLL CALL:

Committee member Dalke  
Committee member Domondon  
Committee member Etchegaray  
Committee member Geivet  
Committee member Keller  
Committee member Limas  
Committee member Knight  
Chairman Borba

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced public the comment period. Bill Samarin provided public comment.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that there were no announcements.

### MINUTES

Approve the April 16, 2020 Meeting of the ETGSA Executive Committee Minutes

Committee member Domondon moved for approval of the April 16, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee member Knight and carried unanimously by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Committee member Dalke  
Committee member Domondon  
Committee member Etchegaray  
Committee member Geivet  
Committee member Keller  
Committee member Limas  
Committee member Knight  
Committee member England

Opposed: None.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

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

General Manager Caudillo gave a report on the recommendation on the appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Tule Subbasin TAC. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued regarding potential recommendations to the TAC.

Committee member Geivet moved to recommend (1) the appointment of Committee member Etchegaray as ETGSA's Member of the TAC, and (2) the appointment of Matthew Watkins as alternate. Committee member Dalke seconded. The motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Committee member Dalke  
Committee member Domondon  
Committee member Etchegaray  
Committee member Geivet  
Committee member Keller  
Committee member Limas  
Committee member Knight

Committee member England

Opposed: None.

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 transfers by Thomas Harder.

Committee member Limas provided a review of the scope of work.

Discussion ensued regarding the scope of work, specifically the cost estimate and incorporating other areas within the Tule Subbasin.

Public Comment was received from Todd Turley.

Discussion ensued regarding the analysis of potential exchanges and the timeline. The Committee's reception of the proposal was generally positive, with a request that the timeline be clarified.

POLICY ISSUES

Review and Discussion of ETGSA "Landowner Groundwater Cheat Sheet"

General Manager Caudillo gave a report on the Landowner Groundwater Cheat Sheet. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a, Exhibit A, is a copy of the revised Cheat Sheet. The revised version indicated that native sustainable yield allocations may be transferred. In addition, there is an emphasis on flexibility by permitting landowners to prioritize specific water sources for use. With respect to transitional water, fallowed lands would not be removed under the proposed allocation methodology. Initially one-year allocations were proposed. Some suggestions were received in favor of a five-year block allocation. The recommendation of staff is to make one initial three-year block allocation, followed by annual one-year allocations. Fees on sustainable yield and precipitation will be used to cover fixed costs. The invoice period reflected on the "Cheat Sheet" has been updated to reflect an annual, as opposed to monthly, period.

Bill Samarin provided public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria and processes to be used in identifying irrigated acreage.

Todd Turley provided public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing and duration of allocations.

The consensus of the committee members was that the “Cheat Sheet” should be presented to the Board of Directors.

Review and Discussion of DRAFT ETGSA Groundwater Banking and Recharge Policy

General Counsel Mauritson referred the committee to Agenda Item #6b, Exhibit A, a copy of a draft Groundwater Banking and Recharge Policy. She reviewed the document.

Todd Turley provided public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding transfers of stored water and historical local policies.

Bill Samarin provided public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding flood water, use of existing facilities, existing district policies, and the responsibility for accounting.

Bill Bennett provided public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the trade-offs associated with a five-year period for beneficial use.

Geoff Vanden Heuvel provided public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 2 pm

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for June 18, 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,

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Chairman Eric Borba