

***EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY JOINT  
POWERS AUTHORITY***

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City of Porterville  
Porterville Irrigation District  
Saucelito Irrigation District  
Teapot Dome Water District  
Vandalia Water District  
Terra Bella Irrigation District  
Kern-Tulare Water District



**Meeting of the  
ETGSA Stakeholders  
Committee**

Thursday, January 14, 2021  
**Convenes at 2:00 p.m.**

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GSA Chairman

Steve Kisling  
GSA Vice-Chairman

Aubrey Mauritson  
Legal Counsel

Rogelio Caudillo  
General Manager

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-----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Committee consideration. Any person addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes or the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please state your name for the record.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4. MINUTES**

- a. **ACTION** - Approve the October 22, 2020 Special Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholders Committee Minutes.

**5. POLICY ISSUES**

- a. Report and update on ETGSA Meetings.
- b. Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing.

**6. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. Next Regular Stakeholders Committee Meeting– Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2pm.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Agenda Item #4.a**  
**Exhibit A**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE  
HELD OCTOBER 22, 2020**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on October 22, 2020, Chairman Bill Bennett called to order a special 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:	Bill Bennett	Julie Inestroza
	Matt Watkins	Sopac Mulholland
	Jason Guthrie	Don Castle
	Tom O'Sullivan	James Parsons
Stakeholder Members Absent:	Kathy Briano	Matthew Leider
	John Konda	

ROLL CALL

Chairman Bennett called roll call as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announced the October 1, 2020, public hearing on the proposed groundwater extraction fee.

MINUTES

Approve the August 27, 2020 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes

Committee member O’Sullivan moved for approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2020 Special Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee together Agenda Item 4.b, the September 10, 2020 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee. The motion was seconded by Committee member Castle. The remaining committee members unanimously approved the motion by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Committee member Watkins  
Committee member Parsons  
Committee member O’Sullivan  
Committee member Inestroza  
Committee member Guthrie  
Committee member Castle

Opposed: None

#### TULE SUBBASIN & REGIONAL ITEMS

##### Update on Aquilogic & Thomas Harder work on Subsidence

General Manager Caudillo provided a report to the committee on presentations given Aquilogic and Thomas Harder at the Subbasin TAC Meeting regarding Land Subsidence in the Tule Subbasin.

Chairman Bennett the committee for discussion.

Committee member Watkins provided a follow up to GM’s report on the Subbasin TAC meeting.

Committee member Mulholland joined meeting at approximately at 2:20pm.

David de Groot provided comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Castle provided comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Castle proposes motion for recommendation for the Board to consider the outside influence around the FKC in any proposal of monetary offer. Motion is seconded by Committee member Guthrie. Chairman Bennett calls for a roll call vote:

In Favor:

Committee member Watkins  
Committee member O’Sullivan  
Committee member Mulholland

Committee member Inestroza  
Committee member Guthrie  
Committee member Castle

## POLICY ISSUES

### Report on ETGSA Resolution 2020-02 & Groundwater Extraction Fee

General Manager Caudillo presented to the committee ETGSA Resolution 2020-02, attached hereto as Agenda Item 6.a, Exhibit A, and reported on staff recommendations.

Chairman Bennett asked David de Groot for additional details and opened floor for discussion.

De Groot comments on technical details of the Resolution.

Committee member Castle provided comment.

Discussion ensued.

De Groot provides comment.

Chairman Bennett provides comment

Discussion ensued with De Groot regarding the allocation in the resolution and the Board's direction.

### Discussion Regarding ETGSA WY Allocations Cheat Sheet

General Manager Caudillo presented to the committee ETGSA WY Allocations Cheat Sheet, attached hereto as Agenda Item 6.b, Exhibit A, and reported on Board approval.

Chairman Bennett the committee for discussion.

Committee member Guthrie provided comment.

Discussion ensued.

Stacie Ann Silva provided comment.

Chairman Bennett provided comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Castle provided comment.

Ryan Jensen provided comment.

Allan Lombardi provided comment

Discussion ensued regarding the Allocations Cheat Sheet. Discussion ensued regarding the approved fees and penalties.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting will be on November 12, 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



# ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Meeting

## January 14, 2021

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### Agenda Item 5.a

## Report and Update on ETGSA Meetings.

### Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

**Subject:** ETGSA Meetings

**Submitted By:** General Manager

**Recommended Action:** *N/A – For Informational Purposes.*

#### Executive Summary:

November 5, 2020 – Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Approved of 4Creeks Scope of Work for Administration Services for ETGSA.
- Approved imposing a groundwater extraction fee of \$4.92 for the Greater Tule Management Area for the water year 2021, except for riparian corridors and for 2 acres or less, assuming two-acre feet of groundwater per year are being consumed and directed staff to begin invoicing for sustainable yield and transitional pumping in February 2021.
- Thomas Harder presented on response Aquilologic comment to DWR on ETGSA GSP.

November 13, 2020 – Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Closed Session only. Nothing to report.

December 3, 2020 – Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Approved the ETGSA Groundwater Banking Policy.
- Review and Discussion of ETGSA Rules and Regulations and directed ITRC proposal to be reviewed by Finance Committee for participation.
- Received update on ETGSA Groundwater Management Zone Ad-Hoc work.

January 7, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Appointment of Agency Officers and Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.
- Approved the Proposal for ITRC-METRIC ETc relationship to Land IQ ETc together with Eastern Tule White Area Growers.



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- Approved ETGSA contribution to Water Blueprint for the SJV to identify excess/flood water supplies.
- Presentation by Joel Kimmelshue of Land IQ on Consumptive Use/Precipitation.
- Report from 4Creeks staff on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing.
- Report from Closed Session:
  - “Chairman Borba reported the ETGSA board unanimously approved a Settlement Agreement with FWA and Arvin Edison Water Storage District, contingent on the remaining parties’ final approval. Once the other parties have approved, the document will be made publicly available.”

### **Background:**

The ETGSA Board of Directors approved the adoption of the ETGSA Rules & Regulations on August 6, 2020. In addition, the Board instructed staff to have the ETGSA Stakeholder & Executive Committees review the document and comments received.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

n/a

### **Attachments:**

n/a





# ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Meeting

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### Agenda Item 5.b

## Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

### Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

**Subject:** ETGSA Invoicing & Accounting

**Submitted By:** General Manager

**Recommended Action:** *N/A – For Informational Purposes.*

**Executive Summary:**

Report will be provided by 4Creeks staff.

**Background:**

n/a

**Fiscal Impact:**

n/a

**Attachments:**

n/a